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country which does not plan aggression nor does it contravene in any respect the Charter of the United Nations. For these reasons the Canadian Government must categorically deny the accuracy and validity of the conclusions made in the declaration of the Government of the U.S.S.R. concerning the North Atlantic Treaty.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

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AIRBORNE TRAINING: The Royal Canadian Regiment has been selected to commence airborne training on May 23, it was announced at Army Headquarters on April 6. This is the second Active Force unit to take to the air since the war. The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry was the first.

Training will be in two distinct phases: parachute training and airtransported training, conducted concurrently. Parachute training will be voluntary as in the case of the PPCLI. Jump training will take place at the Canadian Joint Air Training Centre at Rivers, Man., while airtransported training will be carried out at the unit's home base at Brockville, Ont., and at Rivers.

CANADA -- U.S. CANCER CAMPAIGN: In a move unprecedented in peacetime the federal health agencies of Canada and the United States are joining to sponsor an international campaign to tell the people of both countries the story of cancer research.

Announcement of the joint effort, which involves production of a motion picture and supporting informational materials, was made here by the Minister of National Health and Welfare, Mr. Martin. Simultaneous announcement was made in Washington by Oscar R. Ewing, Federal Security Administrator, speaking for the National Cancer Institute of the United States Public Health Service.

EMPLOYMENT STRENGTHENING: The advent of spring has stimulated employment activity in many fields, the Minister of Labour, Mr. Mitchell, stated on April 7 in commenting on the current employment picture.

Labour needs on the farms and in the cities are expanding as agricultural and construction activity gets underway. Shipping, too, will shortly absorb several thousand workers as

soon as the ice clears and the lake ports open.

Seasonal unemployment passed its peak more than a month ago, Mr. Mitchell said. Since then, more than 25,000 additional workers had secured jobs, and even greater increases in employment were anticipated during the coming months. It was expected that labour shortages would again dominate the employment scene this summer. Once again, in many cases, the task would be to find sufficient workers for the jobs available.

Although the unusual weather conditions this winter caused some setbacks by holding up logging and sawmill operations and causing hydro-electric power shortages, the recent favourable weather had given a boost to many industries, explained Mr. Mitchell.

At the Head of the Lakes, from Port Arthur and Fort William single men were being moved into farm jobs in central Ontario and the Canadian National Railways had commenced organization of maintenance gangs.

Western logging and sawmill operations were picking up rapidly. In the East, winter cutting and hauling had ended and spring drives would start shortly. Woodsmen who would not take part in driving operations were returning to farms or moving to cities to take jobs in construction and transportation.

"All in all", concluded the Minister, "with the levelling off, and even drop in the prices of many consumer goods, as well as the substantial decline in income taxes, most workers can look forward to a further improvement in their standard of living."

RADIO RULING: Authorization for the use of portions of frequency bands in the 1800 to 2000 kilocycle region of the radio spectrum by Canadian amateur experimental stations was announced on April 7 by the Minister of Transport, Mr. Chevrier.

In making the announcement the Minister stated that the release of the additional outlets to Canadian radio amateurs would be restricted to continuous wave radiotelegraphy and radiotelephony. Another condition involves low power output in order to ensure non-interference with public and safety services operating on adjacent channels, such as Loran, or any government or commercial coast, land, ship or aircraft station.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR: Firms sending products to the Canadian International Trade Fair, via ocean transport are to get a reduction in freight rates, Mr. C. Laferle, Chairman of the Transportation and Customs Committee, Canadian International Trade Fair, advises.

By shipping his products back in the same carrier that brought them to the Trade Fair, the exhibitor will get a fifty per cent reduction of the return freight charges. Firms whose products are bulky, like some of the heavy

machinery exhibits, or who have a long ocean voyage, like Australian firms, will achieve a considerable saving under this new favourable rate.

These new rates were agreed upon at conferences of the steamship companies concerned.

MODERN BREWERY EXHIBIT: A working model of a modern Canadian brewery will be on display at the Canadian International Trade Fair, Exhibition Grounds, Toronto, May 30 to June 10. Illustrating the brewing process from the raw material stage to the shipping of the product, the display will feature a three-dimensional, specially-illuminated flow chart of the process with a synchronized voice and musical accompaniment.

The culmination of six months of work the display will have miniature working models of equipment, workers, trucks, conveyors and will be presented before a backdrop of the agricultural source of the ingredients, hops, barley and water.

WAGE RATES UP 13 P.C.: The preliminary index of wage rates calculated by the Research and Statistics Branch of the Department of Labour for 1948 was 196.3, it was announced on April 6 by the Minister of Labour, Mr. Mitchell.

This was an increase of 13 per cent over 1947 and 96 per cent over the 1939 level, Mr. Mitchell pointed out.

Increases over 1947 in the main industrial divisions ranged from 7.4 per cent in Service (laundries) to 17.4 per cent in the Transportation and Communication group; the increase of 17 cents per hour received by the railway employees was the dominating influence on the movement of this latter group. In Manufacturing, the increase was 12.6 per cent.

The following table shows, for the six principal industrial divisions and the general average, index numbers for 1947 and 1948 with percentage increases. The index is on the base of rates in 1939 as 100.

	1947	1948 (prel.)
GENERAL AVERAGE	173.7	196.3
Logging	195.1	218.8
Mining	161.7	182.1
Manufacturing	183.3	206.4
Construction	155.0	176.3
Transportation and Communication	149.3	175.3
Service	170.5	183.2

The data apply to the pay period preceding October 1 in each year except in the case of logging, Eastern Canada, where the date is February 1 in both years and construction where the date is July 1 in 1947.

EXTEND V.D. CONTROL: As part of a continuing nation-wide effort to stamp out venereal disease the federal Government has earmarked \$60,000 from its national health grants to pay costs of penicillin treatment for V.D. cases in Ontario, the Minister of National Health and Welfare, Mr. Martin, said on April 7.

This service was begun in April, 1948, by the Ontario Department of Health, Mr. Martin explained. Under the national health plan the costs of operation in 1948-49 will be met from federal funds.

MR. STONE'S APPOINTMENT: The Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs announced on April 8 the appointment of Mr. Thomas Archibald Stone as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Canada to Finland. Mr. Stone, whose appointment as Canadian Minister to Sweden was announced on February 28, will hold these two posts concurrently. He will reside in Stockholm and will make periodic visits to Helsinki. Finland established a Legation at Ottawa in January, 1948.

The Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs also announced that Mr. Edward Joseph Garland, who has been Canadian Minister in Norway since 1947, will be Canadian Minister to Iceland also. He will not establish a permanent legation at Reykjavik, but will visit Iceland from time to time. Direct diplomatic relations between Canada and Iceland were established when Mr. Thor Thors, Minister of Iceland in Washington, was accredited also as Minister of Iceland at Ottawa.

WORLD BREADGRAIN CROP: The world breadgrain harvest in 1948 is estimated by the United States Department of Agriculture at an aggregate of 8.1 billion bushels of wheat and rye as compared with 7.3 billion in the preceding year, according to the monthly review of the wheat situation by the Bureau of Statistics. This is slightly larger than the 1935-39 average and about 10 per cent larger than in 1947.

Wheat production is placed at 6.4 billion bushels compared with 5.8 billion in 1947; and rye, 1.7 billion bushels compared with 1.5 billion. Last year's wheat production was slightly above the 1935-39 period, due principally to substantial increases in the acreage and yield of wheat in the United States. Some increase was also indicated for Australia, Asia and Africa.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION: Canada's index number of industrial production in January, on the base 1935-39=100, stood at 178.9, a drop of 6.8 points from the December level, but 1.1 points above January last year, according to the March issue of the Canadian Statistical Review by the Bureau of Statistics.