

SECURITY TRANSACTIONS: Security transactions between Canada and other countries in July resulted in a sales balance of \$10,200,000, the highest monthly sales balance since June, 1946. This net inflow of capital was greater than in the first six months of this year or in the whole of 1949. Transactions in 1947 and 1948 produced net outflows of capital.

This inflow in July chiefly took the form of increased sales of Canadian bonds to United States investors and larger liquidations of Canadian holdings of United States securities. At the same time, repurchases of Canadian securities from the United Kingdom were less than in earlier months.

JULY TRANSACTIONS

As a consequence of July transactions, cumulative net sales to all countries at the end of seven months were increased to \$19,400,000, with net sales of \$30,500,000 to the United States. This situation stands in contrast to that which prevailed at the end of the corresponding period last year, when cumulative sales and purchases were almost evenly divided in a lower volume of trading.

Net sales to the United States increased in July to \$10,600,000, of which more than half was made up of net sales of Canadian securities and slightly less than half of United States securities. Total sales to the United States at \$26,800,000 were higher than in previous months this year except March and June. Purchases dropped sharply to \$16,200,000 from \$27,100,000 in June, with notable declines in purchases of Canadian bonds and United States stocks. In these two groups of securities there were the largest expansions in sales and the resulting sales balances were the principal form of capital inflow in July. There was also a small sales balance of Canadian stocks in the United States in contrast to a purchase balance in the previous month.

In security transactions with the United Kingdom there was an increase in sales but a sharp decrease in purchases, the purchase balance dropping from \$3,700,000 in the previous month to \$800,000, the lowest level since August, 1949. Sales to other countries amounted to \$800,000, and purchases to \$400,000, which gave rise to a sales balance of \$400,000.

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FIRST MUSTANG FIGHTERS: The RCAF is to take delivery within the next few days of the first five of the 100 Mustang fighters purchased in the United States, it was announced on October 12 by Air Force Headquarters. Purchase of the piston-driven fighters was announced recently. Air force officials said the aircraft were being obtained as an interim measure pending availability of jet fighters being built in Canada.

The five Mustangs will be picked up at Burbank, California, where they have been undergoing complete overhauls, and will be

flown by RCAF ferry pilots to Rivers, Man., via Great Falls, Mont. An RCAF Dakota carrying the ferry pilots left Trenton, Ont. this week and the aircraft are expected to arrive at Rivers within the next few days.

The initial group of aircraft will equip a Mustang conversion unit being formed at the Joint Air Training Centre at Rivers. Purpose of the unit is to familiarize RCAF pilots on the aircraft, which has had limited use by the air force since the war's end. Later deliveries of Mustangs will be used to form a new fighter squadron of the Regular RCAF at Uplands airport, Ottawa, and will also go to various Auxiliary Squadrons.

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REFINED PETROLEUM DOWN: Canadian output of refined petroleum products in May was down slightly from a year earlier, while the total for the five months ending May advanced 13 per cent. Receipts of crude oil in the month were four per cent higher, and in the cumulative period were up 5.5 per cent.

The month's output amounted to 8,531,772 barrels as compared with 8,608,558 in May last year, and for the first five months the aggregate was 36,483,683 barrels as against 32,323,393 in the like period of 1949. Receipts of crude oil in May amounted to 9,805,309 barrels and in the cumulative period totalled 38,264,874 barrels as compared with 9,426,573 and 36,176,331 for the respective periods last year.

Of the crude petroleum received during May this year 1,867,823 barrels came from Canadian sources and 7,928,486 barrels were imported.

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WEEKLY WAGES AT NEW PEAK: Average weekly wages paid by leading Canadian manufacturers to hourly-rated wage-earners at August 1 advanced to a new peak figure of \$44.29 from \$44.16 at July 1 and \$41.40 on August 1 last year. Hourly earnings rose to 104.2 cents from 103.9 cents at July 1, and 98.8 cents a year earlier.

Incurable manufactured goods, weekly earnings averaged \$48.04 as compared with \$47.96 at July 1 and \$44.84 a year ago, and the hourly rate was 112.5 cents compared with 111.8 in July, and 106.5 last year.

Weekly earnings in non-durable goods stood at \$40.39 for both August and July this year, but were above last year's August figure of \$37.99. Hourly rate was 95.7 cents in July and August this year, and 91.1 cents a year ago.

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REFRESHER FLYING TRAINING: The RCAF's Chipmunk refresher flying training scheme, designed to maintain a pool of trained veteran flyers for use as wartime RCAF staff pilots and flying instructors, was officially launched at Uplands airport, Ottawa, Sunday afternoon, October 15.