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Mr. MacKinnon Addresses C.M.A.: Following is an extract from the address delivered by Hon. James A. MacKinnon, Minister of Trade and Commerce, before a meeting of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, in Montreal on November 26, 1947:

"....In all our speeches in South Africa and elsewhere, we of the (Trade) Mission stressed Canada's desire to assist the exporters of other countries as well as to sell Canadian products. It was a fundamental aim of the Mission, of course, to survey and develop markets abroad for Canadian goods but we emphasized that in order that international trade should flourish, it must, of necessity, be a two-way affair. We wanted them to know also that in the light of Canada's present trade position, we were anxious to direct our purchases in such a way as to bring about a better balance of trade generally. This attitude on the part of the Mission was the more appreciated by the countries visited, because in most cases Canada had a balance of trade in its favour so pronounced as to be almost embarrassing. I am satisfied that as a result of this Mission of ours, paths of goodwill and better understanding were opened up, along which private firms and individuals can follow in future trading transactions.

"Although our tour was actually planned and arranged long before the unfolding of the United Kingdom dollar crisis, this development did give us an opportunity to make very clear Canada's position and attitude on the problem. We were able to explain to other parts of the British Commonwealth some of our own dollar difficulties. We lost no graceful opportunity to impress both government officials and business communities with the true extent of the financial and other forms of aid which we have been giving and are still continuing to give to the United Kingdom.

"In most cases these facts came as a complete surprise to our listeners. I am certain that our efforts in this connection resulted in a definite revision in the viewpoint of those who otherwise might have supported proposals not calculated to promote Canadian exports. As a result I should say that there is practically no likelihood of any harsh discrimination against Canadian goods on the part of the Union of South Africa. In that respect alone I regard the visit of our Trade Mission as having been most timely and worthwhile. A great deal of progress in this same direction was made in other countries...."

October Border Traffic: Automobile traffic across the International Boundary into Canada continued active during October, total border crossing amounting to 730,000 vehicles as compared with 630,000 in the corresponding month last year, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. During the ten months ending October, vehicle border crossings totalled 7,241,779 compared with 6,304,056 in the like period of 1946.