

Reviewing the economic progress made by Canada in the last year, Mr. Howe said the main task was to get the programme of defence production rolling on a major scale.

"We did just that," he stated. "Most of the results are still to come in terms of deliveries of arms and equipment, and in terms of defence expenditure. But we are on our way; the groundwork has been laid. We are one year closer to the point where, in company with our allies, we can face with confidence any threat to our security."

During the nine months that followed the introduction of the federal three-year defence programme last April 1, the Defence Production Department had placed orders for defence goods and construction amounting to \$1,400,000,000. Deliveries of jet fighters and bombers, radar equipment, submarine chasers, and other weapons of defence were slow, but were coming forward in ever-increasing volume.

"Next year I expect the rate of deliveries to increase greatly. According to present plans the peak will come in 1953."

To Build Seaway By Tender System: Toronto, January 21 (CP) -- The Government's newly-created St. Lawrence Seaway Authority intends to call tenders for as much as possible of the construction of the big waterway, the Minister of Transport, Mr. Chevrier, said tonight.

"We cannot be sure yet that that will mean all its construction work, but it should mean the greater part," he told the Canadian Construction Association in an address prepared for delivery before its annual dinner.

"There is no thought of the Authority undertaking anything that can be done as well or better by private firms in the construction industry."

He estimated requirements of material, should the United States decide to join in the construction, but not including powerhouses or power development in the Lachine section, at:

70,200 tons of reinforcing steel; 108,600 tons of structural steel; 4,400 tons of copper; 7,630,000 barrels of cement, and 118,700 thousand board feet of lumber.

Employment on the project would average about 15,000 men, "assuming an accelerated construction schedule to complete the work in five years," said Mr. Chevrier. Of these, an average of about 9,500 would be employed in Canada.

Recalling the passage of the Government's seaway legislation at the last session of Parliament, he said Canada is determined to have the seaway "at the earliest possible date" and to "override the powerful minority interests that have denied it to us these 20 years and more."

Rise Of The Canadian Dollar: Windsor, January 22 (CP) -- The Canadian dollar was worth $\frac{3}{16}$ of a cent more than the American dollar in Windsor banks yesterday.

Bank officials called the exchange rate a "counter-rate." They said it included an "edge" for the protection of banks in the event the Canadian dollar rises higher.

The market opened this morning with the American dollar at $\frac{1}{8}$ -cent premium. The premium narrowed and then disappeared as million-dollar orders for Canadian money were placed in New York.

It was the first time in 20 years that Canadian money has out-priced the world's previously most valued currency.

Across Canada: The R.C.M.P. reports a big increase in its work of security screening persons for the federal services in the year ended March 31, 1951. In its annual report, the force says the number of records checked increased by 116 per cent over the previous year. The number of field investigations was reduced by 20 per cent....A new method to find oil fields may result from experiments being conducted with the airborne scintillometer, the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy was told yesterday by Hans Lundberg of Toronto, a Swedish physicist....The Canadian Association of Broadcasters urged yesterday that the Composers, Authors and Publishers Association of Canada seek a fixed amount from radio stations in 1952 for use of music in its repertoire....Even if it has to be subsidized, a pipeline should be built to bring Alberta natural gas to Ontario and Quebec, Provincial Mines Minister Gemmill said in Ottawa yesterday.