

But what action is Canada proposing to take regarding the metals essential to war effort, of which she is a large producer and exporter, nickel, copper, lead, etc.

Answer:- The Canadian Government has not adopted any general embargo policy. Export of these and various other metals was made subject to special licence many months ago. In deciding whether to issue licences, the Minister of National Revenue is primarily concerned to prevent any of these metals reaching the enemy, directly or indirectly and to maintain the supplies essential for the war production of Canada and her Allies. Practically no shipments of aluminum or zinc, for example, have been made for many months except to Allied countries as the whole Canadian production is required for our own and Allied use, while exports of nickel have been reduced to much smaller dimensions.

Does the Canadian Government policy support the closing of the Burma road?

Answer:- As I have already indicated, this is a matter on which we have not expressed an opinion. We realize the practical difficulties which have faced the United Kingdom in the determination of its policy. It will be recalled that in agreeing to the closing of the road for a temporary period of three months the United Kingdom at the same time indicated its readiness to utilize this interval in facilitating a satisfactory peace between China and Japan.