

Mutual Aid

During the war Canada adopted various methods of making the goods of war available to the United Nations. Through Mutual Aid which began in September, 1943, the Canadian government ensured that the products of its war potential moved steadily to its allies. Mutual Aid contracts were signed with the chief allies to supply the goods without payment.

The United States has received no assistance from Canada under Mutual Aid; neither has Canada received any lend-lease for itself from the United States.

The Mutual Aid appropriation expired at the end of the 1945-6 fiscal year (March 31, 1946). At the end of the war Canada set up other means to continue to move supplies to nations throughout the world that were not in a position to pay for the goods they needed. Under the export credit system the following amounts have been made available:

France	\$242,500,000
Belgium	25,000,000
Czechoslovakia	19,000,000
Netherlands East Indies	15,000,000
Norway	13,000,000
U.S.S.R.	3,000,000
China	60,000,000
Netherlands	<u>125,000,000</u>
Total	<u>\$502,500,000</u>

An agreement was signed on March 6, 1946, to provide a credit of \$1,250,000,000 to the United Kingdom. It bears an interest rate of 2% from January 1, 1951, and will be repayable thereafter in 50 annual instalments.

Canada has tentatively agreed to grant Belgium an additional \$75,000,000 and promised an additional \$50,000,000 to the Netherlands East Indies and \$17,000,000 to Norway. This makes an additional total commitment of \$142,000,000.

The following table shows the primary food products exported under Mutual Aid from May, 1943, to September, 1945:

Estimated figures only

		QUANTITY	MILLIONS OF DOLLARS
<u>United Kingdom</u>			
Fish	ton	15,744)	15.224
	cases	939,010)	
	lbs	5,110,317)	
Wheat	bu.	134,017,073	152.973
Flour	bags	14,658,015	50.610
Bacon	lbs	800,832,130*	157.339
Other meats	lbs	169,597,713*	14.350
Cheese	lbs	149,488,361	30.936
Butter	lbs	7,048,506	2.994
Milk, evaporated	drums	12,318	1.484
	cases	17,822	.095
Eggs, dried and shell	lbs	23,687,292)	20.059
	cases	538,521)	
Dehydrated vegetables	lbs	16,656,007	4.946