

Export Supply Outlook Encouraging: Marking Foreign Trade Week, Trade Minister James A. MacKinnon, said in an address at St. Catharines, Ont., yesterday that "looking over the whole broad field of export industry" and considering the improvement in the labour situation, he felt that "the outlook as regards export supply conditions may well be described as one of encouragement."

The most "overshadowing" fact of all in many lines was "the sheer necessity for taking care, as quickly as possible, of the huge backlog of demand in a home market that is still such a long way from being adequately supplied, and very sensitive in its reaction to exports."

Mr. MacKinnon said the "main body of Canadian export industry has been going about its business in a way that leaves little room for misgiving or serious criticism." The tight supply situation was due to "excessive world demand and not in any general let-down in Canadian production." A "tremendous effort" was being made in Canada to "take full advantage of the exceptional market opportunities that exist today."

He made a detailed survey of various industries, saying that in wheat and other exports Canada was unable to take care of all business that is offering "through no fault of her own." In wheat, despite "magnificent" efforts of the farmers and the "extremely high level" of milling production, nothing short of a "phenominally large" crop this year would have enabled Canada to export wheat in such volume. Newsprint exports, which had passed wheat in value this year, still could not meet demand despite the fact mills are operating at 99 per cent of capacity.

Struggle to Harvest Sugar Beets: Hundreds of workers are toiling in soft, muddy fields in southern Alberta in an effort to save an estimated 70,000 tons of sugar beets, potential source of some 21,000,000 pounds of sugar for rationed Canadians. The crop was buried beneath a two-foot snow fall two weeks ago and since then warm weather has made the ground so soggy that harvesting machinery cannot be used. Farmers, high school students, German prisoners of war and Japanese evacuees from British Columbia already have harvested approximately a fifth of the original 90,000-ton crop. (CP)

R.C.A.F. Inaugurates New Teletype Service: The R.C.A.F. has taken an important forward step in the development of intra-Commonwealth communications with inauguration of its new radio teletype circuit linking R.C.A.F. units in Vancouver, Ottawa, Halifax and London, England. It is the first direct radio teletype circuit ever to operate between Canada and Britain. The new equipment, known as frequency shift teletype, utilizes the principle of frequency modulation. In efficiency and economy of operation it is expected to pay for itself quickly in eliminating rental cost of wire teletype equipment.

The Vancouver transmitter is located on Lulu Island and the receiver on Westham Island. The Ottawa transmitter is at Rockcliffe and the receiver at Navan, while the Halifax transmitter is on Clarence St. in the city and the receiver at Mount Uniacke.

National Film Board Obtains Mexican Outlet: Irene Baird, National Film Board representative in Mexico, said in an interview at Ottawa that N.F.B. has signed a three-year contract with one of Mexico's leading motion picture companies, Clasa Films Mundiales, S.A., to distribute Canadian films throughout that country. She said trade with Mexico had shown an "astounding" increase. "Before the war Canada was 41st among suppliers of goods to Mexico and now stands fourth" (CP)

Wheat Stocks Accumulate: Continuing the week-by-week advance noted since harvest time, stocks of Canadian wheat in store or in transit in North America at midnight October 31 stood at 149,577,750 bushels, an increase of 12,193,376 bushels over the total for the preceding week. However, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, reports current stocks remained below the level of last year when the total was 222,957,579 bushels.

Gleanings: Naval officials at Halifax have disclosed that civilian workers at the Navy Ammunition Depot at Renous, N.B., are on strike for higher wages... War Assets Corporation is offering for sale 35 temporary army and navy buildings at Gaspe, Que... Prime Minister Mackenzie King says the government is considering creation of a new diplomatic post--High Commissioner to India.