

An order-in-council places radio-active elements on the restricted list of export items. The order means that Canada's machinery for controlling exports in future will be used for all types of atomic research materials.

Formerly, some things were under export control legislation and others were controlled by the Atomic Research Board. The latest move is to simplify control of exports.

From now on, in order to send any type of material or equipment involved in atomic research to another country, a regular export permit is required.

In this way, the machinery already in use for controlling Canada's exports will simply take on the added job of seeing that atomic materials don't go anywhere without proper authority....

Export Controls Removed: Agricultural implements, electrical supplies, fertilizers, antimony, potatoes, cocoa beans and sugar have been removed from export control, the Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. Howe, announced on July 27.

This latest relaxation leaves only 137 items still under export permit control, compared with the peak number of 1109 in 1944, and 667 in 1946.

The revised list of export permit regulations is available on application to the Export Permit Branch, Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa.

Textile Industry Report: Wage rates in the primary textiles industry in Canada showed an increase of almost 18 per cent in 1948 over the 1947 scale, according to a report of the Economics and Research Branch of the Department of Labour, issued by the Minister of Labour, Mr. Mitchell, on July 27.

The report, entitled "Wages and Hours of Labour in the Primary Textiles Industry in Canada, 1948" showed that while increases as a whole in the industry amounted to 124.2 per cent since 1939, increases in the component industries over the same period were as follows: Cotton Yarn and Cloth, 130.6 per cent; Woollen Yarn and Cloth, 141.3 per cent; Knitting, 113.8 per cent; and Rayon, 118.2 per cent.

Call War Loan Bonds: The Minister of Finance, Mr. Abbott, announced on July 28, that the Government had decided, pursuant to the terms of issue, to call at par on October 1, 1949, its issue of 3% Second War Loan Bonds dated October 1, 1940, and maturing October 1, 1952. This issue is outstanding in the amount of \$324,945,700.

Across Canada: Atlas Construction Co. Ltd., of Westmount, Que., has been awarded the contract for constructing a two-lane vehicular tunnel under the Lachine Canal at St. Remi Street, Montreal, it is announced. This is one of two vehicular tunnels to be constructed under the Lachine Canal within the heart of the City of Montreal to provide traffic arteries connecting with the City of Verdun, Ville La Salle and the various municipalities and wards of the city lying south of the canal.