

of Canadian vehicles returning from the United States continued to decline. The rate of decline of Canadian traffic in March, however, was less than in any of the other months since the current regulations on pleasure travel went into effect.

The aggregate number of border crossings in March was 448,800, consisting of 319,700 foreign entries and 129,700 Canadian vehicles returning. Of the foreign inflow, 46,100 cars entered on traveller's vehicle permits, 258,300 were non-permit or local entries, and 14,700 were commercial vehicles. The Canadian traffic comprised 7,800 units remaining abroad for more than 24 hours, 108,800 staying for shorter periods, and 13,100 commercial vehicles.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES:

	April 29 1948	April 22 1948	April 1 1948
			(1935-39=100)

INVESTORS' PRICE INDEX

(100 Common Stocks)	111.7	111.8	105.5
76 Industrials	106.0	106.6	100.2
16 Utilities	121.2	119.7	112.4
8 Banks	128.0	127.5	125.1

MINING STOCK PRICE INDEX

(30 Stocks)	84.2	81.7	81.0
25 Golds	66.9	65.3	67.3
5 Base Metals	118.4	114.2	107.4

I. F. A. P. PARIS CONFERENCE: The Canadian Federation of Agriculture will be represented again this year at the annual conference of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers, which is to convene in Paris, France, May 19, concluding May 29, says a Federation announcement of May 3.

The Federation played a leading part in the formation of the international organization in London, England, in May 1946, and its president, H.H. Hannam, was elected third vice-president of IFAP, as the international organization is now known.

The delegation to represent the Canadian Federation this year is headed by Mr. Hannam, and includes Messrs. J.H. Wesson, President, Saskatchewan Co-operative Producers; Roy Marler, President, Alberta Federation of Agriculture; George McConnell, Vice-President, Manitoba Pool Elevators; R.W. Morrison, Vice-President, Ontario Federation of Agriculture; R. Martin, Secretary Co-operative Federee de Quebec; T. Belzile, Secretary l'Union Catholique des Cultivateurs. The delegation is being accompanied by Honourable A.C. Taylor, Minister of Agriculture for New Brunswick, and C.D. Graham, Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, as observers.

A Canadian, Andrew Cairns, formerly of Alberta, and latterly secretary of the international wheat council, Washington, has been named executive director of the new international federation, and is in charge of the arrangements for the Paris conference in May.

IMPORT RESTRICTIONS: Rt. Hon. C.D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce, announced May 4 that effective May 15, in accordance with the terms of Order in Council P.C. 1880, dated April 29, 1948, no import permits would be issued for a further list of tariff items unless the goods were in continuous and uninterrupted transit to Canada on or before May 14, or unless their use is considered essential to the national economy. This is a further step in the programme to conserve foreign exchange, and similar announcements may be expected from time to time, said the announcement.

LABOUR ADMINISTRATORS: "The need for full co-operation between the Dominion Department of Labour and the Provincial Labour Departments is as great today as during the days of wartime controls and centralized authority", Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, Minister of Labour, told the Canadian Association of Administrators of Labour Legislation at a dinner-banquet held in the Main Parliament Buildings Monday night, concluding the first day of a three-day meeting of the Association being held in Ottawa.

The meeting, the first the Association has held since 1943, is being attended by provincial deputy ministers of Labour, senior officials of the provincial and dominion Departments of Labour and representatives of the International Labour Organization.

The Canadian Association of Administrators of Labour Legislation was organized previous to World War II with the object of promoting a better understanding between labour officials of the Dominion and provinces--wider co-operation in the field of labour administration and uniformity in legislative standards.

NAVY SUPPLY OFFICERS: There are vacancies for a limited number of supply officers in the Royal Canadian Navy, it was announced May 7 at Naval Service Headquarters.

The Navy's supply branch is responsible for all accounting, victualling, pay, stores and clothing in the Navy, as well as for secretarial duties at sea and ashore. Naval and international law as it affects the Navy, are other subjects in which supply officers are professional service experts.

In common with all other naval officers and men, members of this little-known, but very vital, branch are trained to lay down the pen and "take up the sword" in action at sea.

REPORTING PARLIAMENT BRIEFLY

FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEBATE: The House of Commons on Tuesday, May 4, concluded a four day debate on foreign affairs in which 31 members participated. The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. St. Laurent, led off with an address of more than an hour's duration in which he touched upon most of the graver problems confronting the world today. All party leaders contributed to discussions.

Mr. St. Laurent's complete speech is available in Hansard, but the following is an excerpt of his remarks concerning the possible formation, under Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, of a collective security league:-

"Without sacrificing the universality of the United Nations it is possible for the free nations of the world to form their own closer association for collective self-defence under Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations. Such an association could be created within the United Nations by those free states which are willing to accept more specific and onerous obligations than those contained in the Charter in return for greater national security than the United Nations can now give its members.

COUNTER ATTRACTION TO COMMUNISM

"It may be that the free states, or some of them, will soon find it necessary to consult together on how best to establish such a collective security league. It might grow out of the plans for 'Western Union' now maturing in Europe. Its purpose, like that of 'Western Union', would not be merely negative; it would create a dynamic counter-attraction to communism - the dynamic counter-attraction of a free, prosperous and progressive society as opposed to the totalitarian and reactionary society of the communist world. The formation of such a defensive group of free states would not be a counsel of despair but a message of hope. It would not mean that we regarded a third world war as inevitable; but that the free democracies had decided that to prevent such a war they would organize so as to confront the forces of communist expansionism with an overwhelming preponderance of moral, economic and military force and with sufficient degree of unity to ensure that this preponderance of force is so used that the free nations cannot be defeated one by one. No measure less than this will do. We must at all costs avoid the fatal repetition of the history of the pre-war years when the Nazi aggressor picked off its victims one by one. Such a process does not end at the Atlantic."

IN THE SENATE: The Senate voted 35 to 21 on Wednesday against lifting the ban on margarine.

U.N. WHEAT REVIEW: Current shipments of wheat from the United States, Canada, the Argentine, and Australia account for approximately 97 per cent of world wheat exports (excluding the USSR) according to information contained in the April issue of the United Nations Monthly Bulletin of Statistics.

The special tables and charts showing wheat exports by countries of origin and destination for the pre-war and post-war years were prepared for the Monthly Bulletin by the statistical office of the United Nations in collaboration with the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization.

During the 12-month period ending June, 1947, 20 million metric tons of wheat were exported from the United States, Canada, the Argentine, and Australia, compared with an annual average of approximately 12 million tons per year from these countries in the five-year period 1934-38. In the last six months of 1947 shipments of wheat from these countries amounted to approximately 12 million tons.

The United States today leads the world in wheat exports. During the 18-month period July, 1946-December, 1947 it exported 17-1/2 million tons or 55 per cent of total wheat shipped from these countries. Canada was the second largest exporter of wheat during the period with about 9 million tons, followed by Argentina and Australia with approximately 4 million tons and 2 million tons, respectively.

Europe is the largest recipient of the wheat exported from these five countries. Between July, 1946 and December, 1947 it received 18 million tons, approximately 56 per cent of the total exports.

VISIT POSTPONED: The Hon. James Forrestal, U.S. Secretary of Defence, has had to postpone his informal visit to Ottawa this week-end owing to pressure of business in Washington, it was announced May 7 by the Hon. Brooke Claxton, Minister of National Defence.

Mr. Forrestal expressed the hope that it might be possible for him to accept the invitation to come to Ottawa after Congress had adjourned.

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considered either by the General Assembly, this Committee, or the Security Council, as appropriate.

"If the present personnel of the Truce Commission is not sufficient to deal with this added task, the countries concerned might give consideration to the supplying of additional personnel who could devote their full attention to this matter. In any case I believe that, in the first instance at least, we should call on those who will be involved most directly in implementing such provisions to prepare some specific proposals which could be examined by this Committee itself."

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