

**PROTEST U.S. TRADE CURBS:** In a note handed to the United States State Department by the Canadian Embassy in Washington on July 20, the Canadian Government protests proposals submitted to the United States Tariff Commission to restrict the trade in oats and groundfish fillets.

Text of the note follows:

"The Canadian Ambassador presents his compliments to the Secretary of State and has the honour to refer to proposals which have been submitted to the United States Tariff Commission to restrict the trade in oats and groundfish fillets. Both of these commodities are of traditional importance in Canadian trade with the United States. This matter is of major concern to Canada and a decision by the United States Government to limit the imports of either of these commodities would have serious implications, not only for trade but for other aspects or relationships between our two countries.

"The Chief Commissioner of the Canadian Wheat Board had an opportunity to appear before the Tariff Commission on Wednesday, July 8, when hearings were held on oats. I am enclosing herewith a copy of the brief presented at that time, which sets forth the principal elements of this problem. It is hoped that this statement will receive careful consideration.

"The Canadian Government wishes to draw attention to this serious problem and to the great harm which would ensue for both countries if restrictive proposals of this kind were to become effective. It greatly hopes that the United States Government will be able to avoid actions which would impair the harmonious and mutually advantageous trade relationships which have been developed."

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**MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY:** Canada's motion picture industry produced three feature films, 73 theatrical shorts and 308 non-theatrical films of five minutes or longer in 1952, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported July 20. The industry's output also included 111 T.V. commercials, 893 theatre trailers, 716 newsreel stories for theatres and T.V., and 157 filmstrips.

The three feature films, 15 of the theatrical shorts, 206 of the non-theatrical films, all of the T.V. commercials, all but five of the theatre trailers, 641 of the newsreels and 61 of the filmstrips were produced by private industry, and the balance by government agencies. Most of the non-theatrical films were produced in colour, were sound films and in English, and 16 of them were produced for sponsors outside of Canada. Film production was mainly concentrated in Ontario and Quebec, and the three feature films produced in 1952 were made in the latter province.

**NIAGARA FALLS WORKS:** The Department of External Affairs announced on July 22 that the Governments of Canada and the United States have notified the International Joint Commission that they have approved the Commission's recommendations for remedial works necessary to preserve and enhance the scenic beauty of the Niagara Falls and River. Notification was sent to the International Joint Commission on July 21.

The recommendations were submitted to the two Governments on May 12 of this year in response to a Reference submitted to the Commission on October 10, 1950, pursuant to Article II of the Niagara Treaty of that year. The two Governments have now requested the Commission to supervise the construction of the remedial works which, in accordance with the terms of the Niagara River Treaty of 1950, must be completed within four years.

The remedial works recommended by the Commission comprise a control structure extending 1550 feet from the Canadian bank of the river about a mile above the Falls, together with excavation and fill on both flanks of the Horseshoe Falls. The total cost of these works is estimated at approximately \$17½ millions, which will be divided equally between Canada and the United States. The Canadian share of the cost will be borne by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario on behalf of the Government of Ontario, which under an agreement with the Government of Canada, dated March 27, 1950, will develop the Canadian share of the increased power available at Niagara Falls under the Niagara River Treaty of 1950, and will assume the responsibility for the Canadian share of the remedial works required by the Treaty.

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**CHEMICAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY:** Gross factory selling value of products turned out by establishments engaged mainly in the manufacture of such products as synthetic rubber, charcoal, wood alcohol, boiler compounds, sweeping compounds, matches, insecticides, disinfectants, dry colours, pigments, fireworks, anti-freeze, synthetic rubber, and similar products, amounted in 1951 to \$131,543,000 as compared with \$100,209,000 the year before, according to the Bureau's annual report on the miscellaneous chemicals industry. There were 219 plants in the industry compared with 208 in 1950, employing 9,737 persons compared with 7,024, with salary and wage payments of \$26,971,513 compared with \$18,059,979.

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At May 15 the average monthly wage of male help on Canadian farms was \$105 with board and \$138 without board as compared with \$101 and \$135 on the same date last year.