

reviewing 1951, said nearly every facet of Canada's economy showed a marked and continuous expansion.

There was a "healthy increase" in population, Canada's status as a primary food producer among countries of the world was undiminished, and "our growth in industrial strength has brought us recognition appropriate to a senior member of the world community."

The growth and development achieved in 1951 are "the continuation of a trend" which began with the onset of the Second World War.

"At the same time that new and important secondary industries have been taking form and thriving in our healthy economic climate, new discoveries of natural wealth have been simultaneously broadening our horizons.

"Improved technologies have given greater scope to the initiative and enterprise of development-minded Canadians, and resulted in the opening up of areas whose significance has been known for some time, but whose resources were not previously regarded as economically available.

"The international situation has played a part in the stimulation of industrial development in this country, giving impetus to the establishment of new resources of strategic materials and influencing the trend of industrial growth."

Mr. Gordon said the C.N.R. intimately associated with these 1951 activities. From Newfoundland to British Columbia the Company's engineers and development officers were active working in close liaison with both government and industry. The combined planning "indicates that more than \$600,000,000 will be spent in the immediate future on industrial plant and development along our lines."

C.F.A. Urges Passage of Prices Bill: Ottawa, December 26 (CP) -- The Canadian Federation of Agriculture today addressed a letter to members of Parliament urging immediate passage of the Government's legislation to outlaw the system of resale price maintenance.

Taking action on the eve of the re-opening of Parliament to consider the controversial bill which would stop manufacturers setting retail prices on their goods, the Federation said it would "be of great value to all Canadian consumers as well as to every farm family in Canada."

The letter, signed by C.F.A. President H.H. Hannam and sent to every member of the House of Commons, said elimination of price fixing is being given attention in advanced democratic countries, including the United States and Britain. The proposed bill, if enacted, would "put Canada in the forefront of democratic peoples in efforts to eliminate special privileges to private firms and corporations."

Across Canada: Income of Canadian farmers was up 25 per cent in the first nine months of this year compared with the corresponding period of 1950. The Bureau of Statistics reported that farmers got an estimated \$1,864,900,000 from sale of farm products and from grain adjustment and participation payments on previous years' crops during the period. This compared with \$1,487,600,000 in the first nine months of last year....Jean Lesage Parliamentary Assistant to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Pearson, said in an interview he will leave January 2 to join Canada's delegation at the United Nations General Assembly in Paris....Some 25 families have been forced from their Greater Montreal homes as flood waters of Rivieres des Prairies continues to rise from two to four inches per hour.....A three-year-old tradition was maintained as the towns of Tecumseh, Ontario, and Tecumseh, Michigan, exchanged Christmas greetings.