

## TOBY ROBINS TO STRATFORD

Toby Robins, one of Canada's most popular television personalities and stage actresses, has been signed for the role of Rosaline in Michael Langham's production of "Love's Labour's Lost." The comedy, one of three Shakespearean plays to be presented at the 1961 Stratford Festival, will have its first performance on June 21 and for the balance of the summer will be seen in repertory with "Coriolanus" and "Henry VIII." Later in the season, this trio of plays will be joined by Donald Lamont Jack's new Canadian comedy, "The Canvas Barricade," the first contemporary play to be presented on the Festival Theatre stage.

This will be Miss Robins' second appearance at the Stratford Festival. In 1954, she was seen as Mariana in "Measure for Measure." That, however, was during the days of the tent theatre.

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## FOREIGN TRADE 1960

Canada's trade with other countries reached a new peak in 1960 of \$10,891,100,000, according to preliminary figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. This was an increase of 2.3 per cent over the 1959 value of \$10,649,200,000. Total exports in 1960 were valued at \$5,395,300,000, a rise of 5 per cent over the previous record attained in the preceding year, while imports at \$5,495,800,000 were fractionally less than in 1959. The import balance, estimated at \$100,500,000, was reduced to slightly more than a quarter of last year's total and was the lowest since 1954. This situation developed unevenly throughout the year, exports climbing irregularly but with lesser impetus at the close and imports tending to decrease in the latter half.

### EXPORT-IMPORT BALANCE

Total exports in the fourth quarter of 1960 were valued at \$1,399,900,000, a decline of 3.3 per cent from the total for the October-December period of 1959. This was mainly due to decreased exports to the United States, shipments to other countries showing gains. Compared to 1959 figures, exports advanced considerably in the first quarter of 1960 and moderately in the third but were less in the second quarter. Imports rose considerably in the first quarter but fell in the second and third quarters. Imports for the fourth quarter of 1960 were estimated at \$1,394,500,000, a decrease of 0.5 per cent from the same quarter of 1959. Only imports from the Commonwealth countries, other than the United Kingdom, showed an advance in comparison with the last months of 1959. There was a small export balance of trade in the final quarter of 1960 of \$5,400,000.

In 1960 there was some change in the direction of Canada's export trade, fewer goods going to the United States and more to other areas. Last year, 56.3 per cent of Canadian exports were forwarded to the United States, as against 61.9 per cent in 1959. The United Kingdom's share was 17.1 per cent, an increase from 15.4 per cent in 1959, and other Commonwealth countries took 6.2 per cent in 1960 as against 5.4 per cent the preceding year. A larger portion went to the remaining group of other countries, which purchased 20.4 per cent of Canadian goods sold abroad in the past year as compared to 17.3 per cent in 1959. The shares of imports provided in 1960 by the United States of 67.3 per cent and by the United Kingdom of 10.7 per cent were identical in 1959. Other Commonwealth countries supplied 5.0 per cent of imports and all other countries 17.0 per cent in 1960 as compared to 4.4 per cent and 17.6 per cent, respectively, in the preceding year.

Exports to the United States in the fourth quarter of 1960 fell 16.7 per cent to \$733,300,000 from \$880,600,000 for October-December 1959. Imports declined fractionally to \$916,500,000 from \$919,300,000, so that the import balance rose to \$183,200,000. For the year, however, exports declined 4.6 per cent and imports 0.3 per cent when compared with 1959 totals, the increases in the first quarter for both exports and imports being more than offset in the following nine months. Exports amounted to \$3,036,400,000 in 1960 as compared to \$3,181,900,000 in 1959 and imports were \$3,696,900,000 as against \$3,709,100,000, respectively. The year closed with an import balance of \$660,500,000 as compared with \$527,200,000 for 1959.

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## WINTER OIL EXPLORATION

An oil-exploration programme costing approximately \$10 million is being carried out in vast areas of the Yukon and Northwest Territories during the winter months, in the continuing search for gas and oil in Canada's north. The programme will include both drilling and seismic operations.

The areas of greatest drilling activities are in the Liard and Ford Good Hope plains. Some 30 to 40 oil companies are taking part in the exploratory programme, and approximately 20 wells will be started. Direct drilling expenses will be in the order of \$6 million, while \$1 million will be spent on road-building, transportation and supplies.

### FEWER WELLS

The number of wells that are being drilled this year has decreased, compared to a high of approximately 30 wells for the same period in 1959-60. The proposed locations for wells being drilled this year are in areas where seismic work has been done, cutting down on random drilling.