

Wheat Stocks Building Up: Stocks of Canadian wheat in store or in transit in North America October 17 aggregated 127,132,393 bushels, an increase of 8,382,126 over the October 10 total. On the corresponding date a year ago stocks stood at 219,378,894 bushels.

Heavy Demand Boosts Mineral Production: Current heavy demand for building materials is reflected in the latest production figures for leading mineral products during the first eight months of the year issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Cement production was 7,769,211 barrels compared with 5,376,907 in the same period of last year; clay products \$7,491,387 (\$4,936,481); gypsum, 944,528 tons (396,032); lime, 552,368 tons (557,525); feldspar, 20,154 tons (17,832); and asbestos, 349,638 tons (319,388). Coal production rose to 11,549,896 tons, or by approximately 800,000 tons. The eight-month output of gold advanced from 1,749,667 fine ounces last year to 1,898,999; and silver from 8,530,392 fine ounces to 9,131,940. Copper output was reduced from 340,585,246 pounds to 246,785,110, nickel from 181,685,114 pounds to 122,030,332, and zinc from 360,724,516 pounds to 324,950,838, while lead advanced from 217,908,742 pounds to 249,429,487.

Dehydration Plant Burned: The dehydration plant and starch factory of the New Brunswick Potato Products, Ltd., at Hartland, N.B., has been destroyed by fire with loss estimated at more than \$250,000. The loss places the extensive New Brunswick potato-growing area in a difficult position as the only other dehydration plant in the province -- at Grand Falls -- was burned several months ago. Plans had been underway to enlarge the Hartland plant to cope with the surplus potato crop this year. (CP)

Chief Justice To Visit France: Mr. Justice Thibaudeau Rinfret, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, will visit France shortly at the invitation of the French Minister of Information. He will receive an honorary degree at the re-opening of the University of Caen November 21 and deliver a series of addresses on Canadian topics in other parts of the country.

The university was almost completely destroyed during the war and Canadian aid, particularly a contribution from the Quebec government, made possible partial restoration of the library. The Quebec provincial treasurer, Hon. Onesime Gagnon, will receive an honorary degree on behalf of Premier Maurice Duplessis of Quebec.

Alfalfa Export Ban Lifted: The Dominion Agriculture Department has announced that alfalfa seed now may be exported to any country. Exports had been restricted for several years because of the world seed shortage, but Canadian exporters now have only to obtain export permits from the Trade Department. Alfalfa seed production is estimated at 9,000,000 pounds, with 3,500,000 needed for domestic use. (CP)

Officer Exchange With Australia: The Australian High Commissioner's office has announced that Lt.-Col. Charles H. Finlay of the Australian Army Staff Corps has arrived in Ottawa to spend two years on exchange duty with the Canadian Army. The Canadian exchange officer, Lt.-Col. George Wattsford of Ottawa, now is en route to Australia.

Gleanings: The Ontario liquor ration, cut because of a bottle shortage, has been increased to four bottles of spirits monthly....About 5,000 wives and children of Canadian veterans still in Britain are expected to arrive in Canada before Christmas.....Carleton College at Ottawa has conferred its first degrees at the third annual convocation when the Governor General, Viscount Alexander, delivered convocation address....McGill University today officially inaugurated new 25,000,000-volt \$330,000 cyclotron for atom research....Judgement has been reserved following hearing of the appeal by Fred Rose, Labor-Progressive member of Parliament for Montreal-Cartier, against his conviction on espionage charges....Ontario Labour Minister Charles Daley has called representatives of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers' Union and timber operators to a meeting in Toronto next Tuesday to discuss the two-week-old strike in northern Ontario.