

CANADA-NEW ZEALAND TRADE PACT

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Mitchell Sharp, announced recently that a protocol amending the trade agreement between Canada and New Zealand and an exchange of letters establishing a Joint Canada-New Zealand Consultative Committee were signed on May 13 in Wellington by Prime Minister Trudeau and Prime Minister Holyoake of New Zealand.

While the protocol and exchange of letters do not alter the basic framework governing the conduct of bilateral trade, they update the present agreement and provide for certain benefits of mutual advantage.

First, a new provision on anti-dumping allows Canada to fulfil its obligations under the International Anti-dumping Code and, at the same time, provides for roughly equivalent treatment of Canadian goods by the New Zealand authorities.

Second, an amendment provides for an undertaking by Canada to seek, through administrative

arrangements, to minimize difficulties to New Zealand exporters, arising from the requirement of the agreement to ship direct to Canada in order to obtain British preferential tariff treatment.

Third, a new article on consultations and the establishment of a Joint Canada-New Zealand Consultative Committee will provide the means for dealing more effectively with a wide range of bilateral problems. The Consultative Committee will meet either at the ministerial or official level, not less frequently than once every two years and will be free to discuss subjects of mutual interest and concern.

Fourth, the protocol provides for consultation in advance of major changes in preferential tariff treatment contemplated by either Government. This recognizes the value of preferences for both parties and provides a guarantee against arbitrary withdrawal of preferential access.

VE DAY REMEMBERED

The Minister of Veterans Affairs, Mr. J-E. Dubé, made the following statement to the House of Commons on May 8, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe:

Twenty-five years ago today the armies of the allied nations in Europe stood at ease after five years of fierce struggle. Victory had been achieved, but at a fearful cost. Nearly 45,000 Canadians had given their lives in the horror-filled days and nights since September 1939. The end of fighting in Europe, VE Day, was a day of wild exultation, of joy and of thanksgiving because peace with liberty had been won. We and all coming generations must remember this day some 25 years past. We remember and celebrate not because we seek to glorify war but because we must never forget the horror of war and we must ever be vigilant to maintain peace.

CEREMONIES IN THE NETHERLANDS

I was vividly impressed this past week by the tremendous sacrifices made by Canadians in this struggle for peace. A Canadian delegation was invited to Holland to participate in ceremonies marking the liberation of their country. One very moving function in which we participated was at the Canadian War Cemetery at Groesbeek. There is the final resting place of more than 2,000 Canadians. This impressive ceremony with our Dutch friends enabled us to pay tribute to those who fell and also to cement our very warm relations with the Dutch people.

SALUTE FROM PARLIAMENT HILL

This evening on Parliament Hill a very impressive ceremony will be held to mark this twenty-fifth anniversary. Naturally it is our wish that as many Can-

adians as possible of all ages take part. The event will be telecast on both national networks of the CBC. This ceremony has a dual purpose: it will pay silent tribute to those who made the supreme sacrifice and it will also enshrine the jubilation which was felt 25 years ago when peace was achieved....

MACHINERY SOLD TO ROMANIA

A loan agreement between the Export Development Corporation and Romania, to cover the first major sale of Canadian manufacturing equipment to an Eastern European country was announced recently by Mr. Jean-Luc Pepin, Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

The EDC will lend up to \$2.1 million to finance the sale by Combustion Engineering-Superheater Limited of Montreal of a chemical recovery-unit (including an air-pollution control system) to Industrial-import of Bucharest, the state agency for foreign trade in the Socialist Republic of Romania.

The loan represents 80 per cent of the sale price of the recovery-unit, with related equipment and services. The unit will form part of a \$60-million, pulp and paper complex, which will turn out 500 tons a day, at Tumu Severin on the banks of the Danube River.

Present at the signing, as well as the Minister and EDC officials, were Alexander Greceanu, general manager, and Bodo Seber, legal counsel of Industrial-import; T. Radu Copaceni, assistant manager of the Romanian Bank for Foreign Trade; Aurel Ioncica, deputy director-general of the Romanian Foreign Trade Ministry; and W.H.W. Clark, chairman of the board and R.E. Vuia, vice-president (operations) of CE Canada.