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Aid to Western Europe: A Washington Associated Press despatch of January 21 said that new Marshall Plan estimates placed before Congress Wednesday showed the United States Government tentatively figured on Canada and Latin America financing about 22 per cent of their combined food sales to Western Europe during the first 15 months.

Such assistance could be given through credits, gifts or sales below normal market prices as Canada has done in wheat exports to Britain, continued the despatch.

Administration tables brought out that Canadian and Latin-American producers are slated to sell Western Europe \$2,791,500,000 worth of grains fats and oils, sugar, meat, dairy products, dried fruit, rice, coffee and other foods.

Of this amount, the Truman Administration estimates Latin America and Canada can finance \$617,800,000.

These figures were supplied by Commerce Secretary Averell Harriman to the House Foreign Affairs Committee during testimony Wednesday.

They contained, however, no breakdown on how much the individual countries are expected to put up in credits to help Europe, the report proceeded.

The Administration estimates also showed that Latin America and Canada are tentatively counted on to finance about 15 per cent of Western Europe's total food purchases in this hemisphere, according to the report.

1947 Work Stoppages: Time loss through work stoppages arising out of industrial disputes in Canada during 1947 was only 55 per cent of the total time loss recorded for the preceding year, it was shown by a preliminary summary of strikes and lockouts for 1947, issued by Honourable Humphrey Mitchell, Minister of Labour. Preliminary figures show 60,000 fewer workers involved in strikes and 2,000,000 fewer man-work days lost during 1947 than in 1946.

The demand for increased wages was one of the principal issues in more than 70 per cent of the strikes of 1947. Two major strikes during the year, one of coal miners in the Maritimes and the other of meat packing plant workers throughout Canada, accounted for about 75 per cent of the total 1947 time loss.

Railway Revenues and Expenses in October: Canadian railways earned \$69,820,158 during October compared with \$65,305,094 in the corresponding month of 1946, bringing the aggregate for the ten months ending October to \$641,294,172 as compared with \$584,668,487 in the similar period of 1946. October operating expenses were \$58,675,819 as against \$54,201,481, and in the ten months, \$568,986,145 compared with \$513,160,026. Operating income for the month was \$8,427,989 compared with \$8,508,707, and in the ten-month period, \$38,346,526 compared with \$44,671,970.