



**Canada Facing Winter Transportation Problem.** George McIvor, chairman of the Canadian Wheat Board, says "a transportation problem of considerable magnitude" is posed by the necessity for a large winter movement of wheat to Atlantic ports and competing demands for coal shipments from western mines.

Speaking to the Alberta Wheat Pool at Calgary, Mr. McIvor said that when navigation closes on the Great Lakes "we will not have an adequate stock position in eastern Canada to provide for the requirements of our domestic mills and for winter exports from Atlantic ports." At the close of navigation two years ago eastern stocks were 127,000,000 bushels, last year stocks totalled 90,000,000 and this year only 40,000,000 to 50,000,000 bushels would be in the east. To maintain "even a moderate export movement" via Atlantic ports from December to April would require a large eastward movement of grain by rail. The main competition for transportation would be from coal movements to and within eastern Canada. "One cannot be critical of those who have sought to secure transportation requirements on a relatively large scale for a deferred movement of coal essential to the heating of homes and the maintenance of industrial production during the winter," he said. (CP)

**Building Ships for France:** The Canadian Commercial Corporation has announced completion of arrangements for Canadian shipbuilding yards to construct, during the next two years, 13 cargo vessels and 140 barges ordered by the provisional government of France. Contracts involving \$35,732,825 have been awarded six companies calling for completion of most of the vessels by the close of navigation on the St. Lawrence in 1947. Five of the cargo vessels need not be finished until 1948. The largest single contract was awarded to Canadian Vickers, Ltd., Montreal, for four single screw motor-driven freighters of 5,500 long tons dead weight for \$2,350,000 each. The barges include 15 of the self-propelled Hopper type and 45 of the self-propelled Rhine type.

**PICAO Seeks Better Weather Services:** The meteorological division of the Provisional International Civil Aviation Organization has released a report recommending improvements in the collection and dissemination of meteorological information. Following a three-week session at Montreal, the division recommended all possible information be collected by the meteorological section about the operation of automatic weather stations in desert areas where manned stations cannot be provided. National meteorological services also were asked to take immediate steps to develop upper air analysis and forecasting techniques to provide an accurate wind and weather information for aircraft flying at heights of about 40,000 feet. (CP)

**Jump in Automobile Production:** The production of automobiles increased substantially in October when 14,951 units were produced compared with 11,543 in the preceding month and 6,596 in October, last year, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Production for the first 10 months of this year was 135,797 units compared with 125,224 in the similar period of 1945. This year's October output included 8,552 passenger models and 6,399 commercial vehicles. Of the passenger cars, 6,421 were made for sale in Canada and the remainder for export; of the commercial vehicles, 3,948 were intended for use in Canada and 2,451 for export. Cumulative totals for the 10 months ended October show that 49,186 passenger cars were made for sale in Canada and 23,154 for export; figures for commercial vehicles in the same categories were 34,281 and 29,176, respectively.

**Cleanings:** Naval Service Headquarters has announced wage increases of 15 cents an hour for workers in H.M.C. Dockyard, Esquimalt, B.C. C.R. Mills, manager of the Ontario Forest Industries Association, says that unless 5,000 to 6,000 more bush workers become available in northern Ontario camps a "considerable shortage" of timber for pulp and paper mills will ensue. The domestic market has been allocated 500,000 cases of the British Columbia salmon pack this year compared with 300,000 cases last year.

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