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## WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

**PARLIAMENT PROROGUED:** The third session of Canada's twentieth Parliament ended at an early hour this morning. The session, which began on January 30, had lasted for 115 working days. On the closing day, Trade Minister MacKinnon, replying to Donald Fleming (P.C. Eglinton) said that Canada's growing adverse trade balance with the United States was causing great concern to the Government. Efforts were being made to make more purchases from sterling countries and less from the U.S. but it was not possible to stop Canadian purchasing in the United States except, possibly, by the erection of tariffs.

Finance Minister Abbott again denied rumors that the Canadian dollar is to be devalued as a means of arresting the adverse trade balance with the U.S.

(Speech from Throne reviewing work of session on P. 8-10).

**DESTROYER IN COLLISION:** Six of her crew were killed, five are missing and sixteen were injured when the Canadian destroyer Micmac collided with the freighter Yarmouth in a thick fog outside Halifax harbor on Wednesday night. It was the Canadian navy's worst peacetime accident. The destroyer ripped through the plates of the freighter and telescoped her own bow back to number five bulkhead, crushing naval ratings in their mess decks. None of the freighter's crew was injured. According to

Press reports, the destroyer's radar scope failed to register the freighter.

In the House of Commons, Defence Minister Claxton said that from present indications there was no truth in reports that the Micmac would be a total loss. Examination by the naval staff showed there was no damage to the destroyer amidships and in her afterparts which shelter her important engines and electrical equipment.

Investigation into the collision is proceeding.

**PRICE CEILINGS LIFTED:** Ceiling prices have been removed on home-made wearing apparel or home-made textile products, home-made raspberry or strawberry jam or jelly, home-canned fruits and vegetables and home-made bread and rolls when sold at certain designated fairs or exhibitions.

Also released from control when sold at such exhibitions are manufacturers' samples of packaged foods, soaps, soap-based detergents or soap compounds packaged in smaller than normal size containers.

The fairs or exhibitions affected are the Toronto Canadian National Exhibition, the Central Canada Exhibition in Ottawa, the London Western Exhibition or any other exhibition or fair designated by a prices and Supply Representative of the Board.