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Canadians Honored: Four prominent Canadian business men have been named Knights of Grace in the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, it was made known Tuesday in a list of promotions and appointments to the Order released through Government House.

Announcement of the promotions, sanctioned by the King, was made by the Governor-General, Prior to the Priory in Canada. Forty-three persons were named as having been "conspicuous in services to the Order in Canada."

Those made Knights of Grace were: John Henry Molson, Montreal; William Merton Neal, C.B.E., Montreal, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway; Robert Charles Vaughan, C.M.G., Montreal, president of the Canadian National Railways; Charles Arthur Banks, Victoria.

Mr. MacKinnon Returns: Under lowering skies and in chill rain the Queen Mary arrived from Southampton late Tuesday, bearing members of a Canadian Trade Mission and a Quebec cabinet minister among her 1,987 passengers.

Hon. James A. MacKinnon, Minister of Trade, headed the trade mission which has just completed a tour of more than 25,000 miles, visiting 11 countries in Africa and Europe. Dr. J.H.A. Paquette, Quebec Minister of Health and Welfare, and Mrs. Paquette also were aboard.

"The tour has been very timely and very successful," said MacKinnon, whose group of departmental officials and Canadian industrialists included R.C. Berkinshaw of Toronto, representing the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, and Victor Drury of Montreal, president of the Canadian Car and Foundry Co. Mrs. Drury accompanied her husband.

MacKinnon said he preferred to withhold details of the trade mission's achievements until he reaches Ottawa, where he expects to hold a press conference tomorrow or Thursday. (CP)

Freight Rates Hearing: Present freight rates are "unjust and unreasonable to the railways," the Board of Transport Commissioners was told Tuesday.

C.F.H. Carson, chief counsel for the Canadian Pacific Railway in the national freight rate inquiry, called on the Board to adjust the "obsolete" rates in line with current costs as he continued argument for a 30 per cent increase.

Opening a C.P.R. presentation expected to last a week, Mr. Carson followed Isaac Pitblado, chief counsel for the Railway Association of Canada, who had called for increases as necessary to enable the railways to "continue to be first class in every respect and to perform their services efficiently." (CP)

Mr. Ilesley's Statement on U.N. Membership: Following is text of statement on membership made by Right Hon. James L. Ilesley in Committee One of the United Nations Organization:-