

To Czechoslovakia the total loan was \$19,000,000, of which \$15,800,000 has been advanced; and there are outstanding orders of about \$400,000.

With regard to France, there was a total loan of \$242,500,000, of which \$215,500,000 has been advanced; and the \$27,000,000 balance has been committed. That loan expires on June 30, 1948 and it is all expended.

With regard to the Netherlands, there was a loan of \$125,000,000 of which \$119,000,000 has been advanced. That loan expired on April 30, 1948.

To the Netherlands East Indies there was a loan of \$15,000,000, of which \$13,250,000 has been spent. There are outstanding commitments of \$750,000.

There was a loan to Norway of \$30,000,000 of which \$22,000,000 has been spent, with outstanding commitments of \$3,000,000. That loan expires on June 24, 1948. It expires next week.

There was a loan to Russia of \$3,000,000, of which \$2,866,000 has been spent. That loan has expired.

The loan to the United Kingdom amounted to \$1,250 million, of which \$1,015 million has been spent. The payments under that loan have been suspended for the time being. It is hoped that they can be resumed before many weeks go by.

Mr. MACDONNELL (Muskoka-Ontario): You mean advances?

Mr. HOWE: Yes. It is hoped that advances under the loan can be resumed before many months go by. It depends upon the economic situation in Canada, which again depends on the size of the crop and other factors. There is \$235 million unexpended under the British loan. The net result is that we have lent \$1,250 million to the United Kingdom, and \$594 million to the other countries. I think that is the story.

**END OF PARLIAMENTARY SESSION NEAR:** Sitting morning, afternoon and evening, Parliament is driving hard to conclude the present session within the next few days. It might finish its work this Saturday but general opinion at this writing is that the business will continue on into next week with the termination probable on Tuesday.

**GOLD PRODUCTION:** Canadian gold production in April amounted to 286,065 fine ounces, down slightly from the preceding month's high of 287,708 fine ounces, but substantially above last year's April output of 254,889 fine ounces, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. All producing provinces shared in the increase with the exception of Nova Scotia. Production for all Canada during the four-month period amounted to 1,108,742 fine ounces as against 975,912 fine ounces in the corresponding period last year.

**SILVER PRODUCTION:** Production of primary silver in all forms in Canada, amounted to 1,089,755 fine ounces in April, a decline from the preceding month's total of 1,099,369 fine ounces, but an increase over the April, 1947 figure of 851,464 fine ounces, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Production during the four months ended April totalled 4,182,918 fine ounces as compared with 3,563,449 fine ounces in the similar period of 1947.

**AIRBORNE MAGNETOMETER:** The adaption of the airborne magnetometer to geophysical work will greatly aid geological mapping according to an announcement made June 22 by the Honourable James A. MacKinnon, Minister of Mines and Resources. Important mining areas in Canada may now be covered magnetically at the rate of 250 square miles a day. This method permits the tracing of many geological formations and structures in areas covered by such materials as glacial drift, thus providing information which would be impossible to obtain by ground methods without extensive drilling or other costly examinations.

**INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES:** Time loss due to work stoppages arising out of industrial disputes in Canada during May, 1948, showed a substantial decrease as compared with the previous month and with May, 1947, it was revealed in the monthly summary of strikes and lockouts issued by Honourable Humphrey Mitchell, Minister of Labour.

Preliminary figures for May, 1948, show 22 strikes and lockouts, in existence, involving 3,214 workers, with a time loss of 40,164 man-working days, as compared with 16 strikes in April, with 4,491 workers involved and a time loss of 49,396 days. In May, 1947, there were 47 strikes, involving 35,893 workers, with a time loss of 366,070 days.

**NEW GOLDEYE SUPPLY:** Honourable James A. MacKinnon, Minister of Mines and Resources, gave further information on June 23 about the new source of supply of the nationally famous food fish, goldeyes. This is being developed in Lake Clairé in Wood Buffalo National Park, northern Alberta. Goldeyes have been in short supply in recent years because of the falling off in the catch in Lake Winnipeg and other Lakes and the new fishery is expected to make this delicacy more plentiful. Reports from the Lake Claire camp state that the fish being caught are of high grade and in excellent condition.

The examination of Lake Claire as a possible source of supply of goldeyes and the subsequent development was initiated by Mr. MacKinnon as Minister of Fisheries. As Minister of Mines and Resources, he will see that all necessary precautions are taken to conserve the supply and so perpetuate the industry.