

Canadian participation had waned despite a warning three or four years ago that the Fair would be closed unless enthusiasm was stepped up. This year, apart from prestige exhibits of some companies and provincial and municipal exhibits, this participation was "very limited indeed."

". . . . It does not appear to have fulfilled the hopes of those who believed that the fair could become a more or less permanent market place."

Overseas exhibitors used the Fair to make initial contacts in Canada and then turned to other methods of trade promotion.

Mr. Howe said the Government now will bend efforts in other directions to boost Canadian export trade. This year Canada would have exhibits at 15 Trade Fairs in 13 countries.

"In this competitive world, we cannot wait for the customers to come to us," Mr. Howe said. "We must carry our merchandise to the buyer in his country, just as we expect that he will continue to bring his merchandise to Canada."

Mr. Howe On Statutory Powers: Ottawa, June 8 (CP) -- Defence Production Minister Howe said today he will cancel his statutory powers to procure defence supplies as soon as the present emergency ends -- not whenever a Member of Parliament tells him to.

That was his reply to renewed Opposition demands in the House of Commons that some limit be placed on powers under the Defence Production Act.

Mr. Howe spoke up during a speech by Mr. Earl Rowe continuing the official Opposition's attack on a bill which would remove the expiry date of July 31, 1956, on the act under which the Minister's Department operates. . . .

C.M.A. Asks Protection For Industry: Toronto June 8 (CP) -- Further protection for Canadian industry against foreign competition was urged today in a statement on tariff policy by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

Canada, said the CMA, is today the world's largest importer of fully-finished foreign-manufactured goods, surpassing in dollar value imports by the United States with a population 11 times that of Canada. In 1953 such Canadian imports totalled \$3,353,000,000 compared with \$3,303,000,000 for the United States.

The policy of encouraging imports, the CMA added, continued to cause serious disturbances to the Canadian economy, particularly to secondary industries dependent upon the domestic market for their existence and prosperity.

If permitted to continue, this policy could bring irreparable harm to many industries for years the mainstay of the Canadian economy.

"It is not sound tariff policy," the statement continued, "to sacrifice development and maintenance of domestic manufacturing industries for the purpose of encouraging export of primary products as an end in itself. In the long run such a policy is bound to produce an economy based upon a few primary industries supported by relatively small and weak secondary industries."

Across Canada: The Senate gave final approval to a 10-year Canada-U.S. convention designed to stamp out sea lamprey in the Great Lakes. . . . Mr. Arthur R. Ford, editor-in-chief of the London Free Press, has retired as chancellor of the University of Western Ontario, it was announced in London, Ont. Mr. Ford has been appointed to the University Board of Governors as full voting member, Lt.-Col. Gordon Ingram, Board Chairman said. . . . Resources Minister Winters, last night at Springfield, Mass., said formal education should prepare graduates to use their technical skills for the benefit of society. He spoke at Western New England College.