

Price Controls Aid Export Trade: Finance Minister Ilesley, speaking at Kentville, N.S., said Saturday that "by holding prices down we have to put Canada in a favorable position to maintain and increase its export markets when the competition for world markets is resumed as it surely will be one of these days."

In an address prepared for delivery before the King's County Liberal Association, he predicted that Canada's price controls would enable the Dominion to withstand any possible "nosedive" in prices of world primary products.

"By refusing to allow Canadian prices to follow world prices in their sharp upward course we have insured ourselves substantially against the hardships consequent upon deflation in the future," Mr. Ilesley said.

The government's aim had been to get rid of controls which could safely be dropped, but retain those still needed and there was "no intention of removing price controls except in the orderly manner the government now is following." Abandonment of price control by the United States did not mean that Canada must or will take similar action.

"I do not pretend to know where the cost of living will ultimately settle," he said. "I do know, however, that the official cost of living index in the United States is now nearly 50 per cent above pre-war (as compared with 25 per cent in Canada) and that roughly one-third of this increase has happened since the end of the war." (CP)

Progressive Conservatives Select Candidate: A Progressive Conservative convention has chosen Etienne Duhamel of Contrecoeur as a candidate in the by-election in Richelieu-Vercheres next December. 23. (CP)

Rose May Be Expelled from Party: Tim Buck, national leader of the Labor-Progressive Party, has announced at Edmonton that Fred Rose, member of Parliament for Montreal-Cartier who has been convicted on charges of espionage conspiracy, will be expelled from the party if his pending appeal is dismissed. Mr. Buck also announced the intention of running 80 to 85 candidates in the next federal election. (CP)

Greek Relief Parcels being Investigated: Maj.-Gen. L.R. Lafleche, Canadian Ambassador to Greece, has announced in Athens that Canada is investigating distribution of Canadian relief parcels in Greece and in the meantime has been "forced" to suspend shipments of used clothing. Greek Supply Minister Panayotis Kantzias quoted Gen. Lafleche as saying that "had warehouses been emptied quickly, more clothing would have been sent from Canada." The Greek minister said that evidence pointed to diversion into the black market of some of the 4,000,000 pairs of shoes and 17,000,000 pieces of clothing contained in charity parcels shipped to Greece. (CP)

Gleanings: Victor T. Goggin, 58, former general manager of Wartime Housing, Ltd., died in a Toronto hospital... October sales of \$19,629,180 have boosted aggregate sales of War Assets Corporation to \$281,623,215... Sales of Canada Savings Bonds are near the \$400,000,000 mark... Dr. J.T. Hogg, chairman of the Ontario Hydro Electric Commission, says that the burden on the Commission's facilities is so great that power rationing might have to be introduced before new power stations can be completed in the summer of 1948.