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Import Control Changes: The Emergency Import Control Division has announced that the Minister of Finance, Mr. Abbott, has authorized some adjustments in the emergency import controls which will modify restrictions on the importation of a considerable number of items in which British exporters have a particular interest.

The commodities affected are minor items such as vases, jardinières, fountain pens and propelling pencils, some ornaments, costume jewellery, some paper products, desk sets, picture and photograph frames, electric irons and some other small household appliances. No one of these is a large item of trade.

All these items may be imported from non-scheduled countries on and after July 1, 1949, under open general permit. At the same time holders of existing quota under Category 4 (Miscellaneous) of Schedule II will be permitted to import these commodities from scheduled countries against their existing quotas. In other words importers holding quotas in Category 4 will have a wider range of goods for which their quotas may be used, but they will not have larger quotas and hence no increase in total dollar expenditure is involved.

In scheduled countries from which the above goods may be purchased by Category 4 quota holders within their existing quotas are Cuba, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Haiti, Panama, El Salvador, Switzerland, Russia, Venezuela and the United States.

The non-scheduled countries in which the same goods can be purchased under open general permit are all other countries not listed above.

Medical Fellowships: Medical Fellowships have been awarded by the National Research Council to 38 graduates in medicine to enable them to pursue postgraduate research during 1949-50.

The grantees represent eleven different universities, including one in Australia, one in Scotland and one in China. The fellowship holders will carry on their research investigations at fourteen research institutions. Eight of these research centres are located in Canada, five in the United States, and one in England. Distribution of the awards by institutions at which they will be held is as follows: McGill, 9; Western Ontario, 9; Toronto, 6; Stanford, U.S.A., 1; Montreal Neurological Institute, 3; Alberta, 1; Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, U.S.A., 1; Dalhousie, 1; Oxford, England, 1; Manitoba, 1; Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, 1; Duke University, Durham, U.S.A., 1; Cambridge, U.S.A., 1; Utah, U.S.A., 1; Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, U.S.A., 1.

Medical Fellowships vary in amount from \$1500 to \$2500, depending on the previous training and experience of the candidates.

The Division of Medical Research of the National Research Council also makes grants-in-aid to Canadian universities for medical research studies on approved subjects. During the present year, 128 such grants valued at \$267,832.95 are being held. Value of the 38 Medical Fellowships awarded this year is \$75,500.

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