

**Missing Polish Treasures Discussed:** The Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Pearson, and the Polish Minister, Dr. Alfred Fiderkiewicz, conferred yesterday on the question of the missing Polish art treasures. A statement from the External Affairs Department said the Minister, while not suggesting that the Canadian Government had any responsibility in the matter, asked whether it would be possible for Canadian authorities to help in locating them.

The statement explained that Canada had not accepted responsibility for any of the treasures stored in the Dominion during the war. Those stored temporarily in a government building had been turned over to Dr. Fiderkiewicz last August 23. The Polish Minister was informed that Canadian authorities would consider whether any help could appropriately be given in the matter of the missing treasures which had been stored by private arrangement.

**Only Three Per Cent Unemployed:** The labour Department's monthly report on the manpower situation shows that only three per cent of Canada's Labour force was unemployed at the end of October.

The outlook was described as "very different" from that a year ago when the closing of war industries created pools of unemployment in many areas, complicated by the return of 600,000 war veterans. A marked improvement had been shown in the industrial regions of Ontario and Quebec, the Prairies provinces and British Columbia had a steady recovery, but the Maritime provinces have not regained the position of a year ago.

There were 134,000 unplaced applicants registered with National Employment Service offices at October 31, a drop of 8,000 during the month, while the number of unfilled vacancies throughout Canada was 133,000, a decrease of 9,000. Commenting on the general situation, the report said:

"The present optimistic outlook of industry is due mainly to the sudden termination, in the first weeks of October, of most of the strikes in the country. Of the 26,000 workers involved in disputes at the beginning of the month, all except about 700 now have returned to work.

"Output in the vital steel, electrical apparatus, automobile, rubber, chemical, and brass industries is forging ahead and will soon stimulate general production increases. An extensive flow of goods will close the general demand-supply gap and relieve inflationary pressure. The heavy demand for all types of goods will probably maintain manufacturing employment in the next few months, thus offsetting its normal seasonal decline."

**September Economic Activity slightly Higher:** An average of six representative factors reflects a slightly higher level of economic activity in September than in the preceding month, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports.

Increases were shown in bond prices, speculative trading and in the amount of deposits with chartered banks. Notice deposits at the beginning of the month were greater than at any other reporting date. The index of common stock prices dropped from 116.9 in August to 104.4

A further decline was shown in reproductive operations--the index of the physical volume of business receding nearly five points to 173.3. The recession of 2.7 per cent reflected a drop in mineral production, manufacturing, the output of electric power and in the distribution of commodities.

**Canada Sends Delegation to Textile Conference:** Deputy Labour Minister Arthur MacNamara has announced that a Canadian delegation will attend the first meeting of the industrial committee on textiles of the International Labour Organization. The Canadian delegation, headed by Raymond Ranger, assistant to the Deputy Labour Minister, consists of two representatives of the Department, two of industry and two textile workers unions. The meetings are at Brussels, opening November 14.

**Gleanings:** The Defence Department says only 2,812 Canadian servicemen still are overseas and all will be repatriated before Christmas...Maj.-Gen. Hugh A. Young, vice-president of the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, has been elected president of Wartime Housing, Ltd., by the board of directors... Dr. Louis Charbonneau of Ottawa has been appointed assistant director of the Canadian Citizenship Branch in the State Department...The CBC announced changes in broadcasting regulations which will permit beer and wine companies to sponsor radio programs in provinces where laws are changed to permit advertising of beer and wine.