

any impediment in the way of the Ontario movement, and the cooperation of the Immigration Branch of the federal government has been offered. In addition, realizing the difficulty that may be caused as a result of the government's inability to grant special traffic rights in Canada to the U. S. carrier for this movement, Trans-Canada Air Lines has offered to the Ontario government its services as a charter carrier for this purpose on terms generally equivalent to those which it is understood would apply in the case of the U. S. carrier. If necessary, Trans-Canada Air Lines would be prepared to make temporary arrangements to sub-contract the work to the United States carrier rather than impede the early commencement of the movement.

Mr. Howe stated further, that the United Kingdom government had been informed of the federal government's attitude in this matter, and had indicated to the United Kingdom government that should this offer to the Ontario government prove acceptable, it is hoped that BOAC would be in a position to cooperate with Trans-Canada Air Lines in the provision of the services required.

TRADE AGREEMENT WITH GREECE: The Department of External Affairs announced today that a commercial modus vivendi between Canada and Greece was completed on July 28 in Ottawa by an exchange of notes between the Canadian Government and the Greek Ambassador to Canada.

The modus vivendi provides for the reciprocal exchange of unconditional most-favoured-nation treatment. This means that the products of each country on importation into the other country will not be subject to customs duties or charges greater than those which apply to any third country. Similarly any concessions which either Canada or Greece may grant in the future to a third country will be automatically extended to the other. Thus imports into Canada from Greece will be subject to the Intermediate tariff and lower rates rather than the General Tariff as heretofore. The tariff treatment which Canada affords to British countries is specifically excepted from the operation of the modus vivendi so that the British Preferential system is not affected by it.

The new arrangement is the first commercial agreement concluded between Canada and Greece by direct negotiation. It will continue in force for a definite period of one year. Following the one year period, it will continue in force until terminated by either country on three months' notice.

POLISH DIPLOMATIC CHANGE: Alfred Fiderkiewicz, Polish Minister to Canada, has been named Minister to Hungary, says a Warsaw announcement.

CROP CONDITIONS: Above-normal temperatures and moisture deficiencies have caused further deterioration in the crops over wide areas of the Prairie Provinces, particularly in Saskatchewan and Alberta, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Fairly general rains over most of Manitoba have maintained quite satisfactory conditions in that province, but only scattered showers have fallen in Saskatchewan and Alberta. Unless heavy rains are received in the very near future the already large drought areas in these two provinces will expand still further. Extremely hot, dry weather during the past three weeks has largely destroyed the promise of good yields which existed earlier in south-western and west-central Saskatchewan and in much of the eastern half of Alberta. In large portions of north-western and north-central Saskatchewan, and in parts of south-eastern and east-central Alberta, where adverse reports have been received throughout most of the season, deterioration has reached the stage where any substantial recovery cannot be expected.

The first D. B. S. estimate of tree fruit production shows that tree fruit crops are somewhat lighter this year than last, but the berry and grape output is heavier.

ARCTIC DOG DISEASE

CONTROL MEASURES INTRODUCED: Mystery of the baffling Arctic dog disease, deadly to huskies and foxes, seems largely to have been solved, announces the Dominion Department of Agriculture. In a project planned by the Department's Division of Animal Pathology, government Scientists have found that animals which this year died of the disease in the neighbourhood of Baker Lake, Northwest Territories, were affected with rabies.

Slayer of huskies, essential transport power of the Canadian north, and a cyclical reducer of foxes and other furbearing animals, Arctic or Northern dog disease had previously been thought to be a brain fever of foxes transmissible to dogs or the result of food poisoning or of nutritional deficiency. But Dr. Charles A. Mitchell, Dominion Animal Pathologist and director of the Animal Diseases Research Institute, Hull, P. Q., said that the rabies virus is probably the most important cause of dog and fur bearing animal losses in the north.

Control measures have already been introduced in the Canadian north by the Department's Health of Animals Division through Northwest Territories officials and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Through the Royal Canadian Mounted Police heads of trading posts and R. C. M. P. detachments have been warned to take all necessary precautions in handling dogs and fur bearing animals.