

DELEGATION TO UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY: The Composition of the Canadian Delegation to the Ninth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, which opens in New York on September 21, was announced September 2 by the Department of External Affairs. The Delegation is as follows:

Representatives:

Mr. L. B. Pearson, M.P., Secretary of State for External Affairs (Chairman of the Delegation).

Mr. Paul Martin, M.P., Minister of National Health and Welfare (Vice-Chairman of the Delegation).

Senator C.B. Howard, Sherbrooke, Quebec.

Mr. D. M. Johnson, Canadian Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York.

Mr. G. D. Weaver, Member of Parliament for Churchill.

Alternate Representatives:

Mr. L. Cardin, Member of Parliament for Richelieu-Vercheres.

Mrs. K. G. Montgomery, Edmonton, Alberta.

Mr. Charles Stein, Q.C., Under Secretary of State.

Mr. K. P. Kirkwood, Department of External Affairs, until recently Canadian High Commissioner in Pakistan.

Mr. Stuart Hemsley, Department of External Affairs.

The names of the Parliamentary Observers attached to the Delegation will be announced later. Advisers for the Delegation will be drawn from the Department of External Affairs and from the Canadian Permanent Delegation to the United Nations in New York.

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RCAF-USAF TRAINING. Search and Rescue teams from the RCAF and USAF will join forces in early September for a combined training exercise in northern Manitoba, it was announced on September 2 by Air Force Headquarters in Ottawa. The exercise is designed to provide an exchange of on-the-job techniques and ideas, and to aid in developing procedures for joint search and rescue operations by the two air forces.

U.K. APPLE MARKET: The British Government has announced that it will make dollar exchange available for the purchase of a limited quantity of fresh apples, information to this effect having been received by the Department of Trade and Commerce from the Canadian Trade Commissioner in London. Details concerning the quantities and the methods of licensing will be announced later.

The United Kingdom market has long been of great importance to Canadian producers and shippers of apples. During the ten-year period prior to World War II, Canada exported an average of over five million bushels of apples to the United Kingdom, or over 40 percent of Canada's commercial production. Nova Scotia, British Columbia and Ontario were the principal suppliers.

With the exception of special allocations, the United Kingdom market has been virtually closed since 1939.

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WHOLESALE PRICES DOWN: Wholesale prices continued to decline in July, the Bureau's general index (on the base 1935-39=100) easing 0.2% from 217.8 in June to 217.4, the lowest level since August 1950 when the index registered 215.7 in the earlier stages of the price rise initiated by the Korean War. The index has reflected gradual but almost unbroken decline since the start of the year.

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6,810,000 pounds of wool were shorn from 918,900 Canadian sheep in 1954 as compared with 6,659,000 pounds from 895,700 sheep last year, an increase of 2.2% in wool production and 2.6% in the number of sheep shorn. Average fleece weight per sheep was unchanged at 7.4 pounds.

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Department store sales were 2.7% above the 1953 level in the week ending August 21, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports.

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Canadians downed about 315 pints of fluid milk and cream per capita last year, three pints more than in 1952.

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