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WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

JOINT U.S. - CANADA COMMITTEE: The Department of External Affairs announced on April 12 that a Joint United States-Canada Industrial Mobilization Committee was established on that day by an exchange of notes between the two Governments in Ottawa, following a series of discussions that began last June. This joint Committee will consist of the following:

For the U.S.: Dr. John R. Steelman, Acting Chairman, National Security Resources Board; Mr. Donald F. Carpenter, Chairman, Munitions Board.

For Canada: Mr. Harry J. Carmichael, Chairman, Industrial Defence Board; Mr. S.D. Pierce, Associate Deputy Minister, Department of Trade and Commerce.

The agreement recognizes the mutual interests and complementary characteristics of the resources of the two countries. It will be the function of the new Committee to exchange information and co-ordinate the views of the two Governments in connection with planning for industrial mobilization in the event of an emergency. The new Committee is further charged with co-operation with the existing United States-Canada Permanent Joint Board on Defence, established in 1940 by the late President Roosevelt and Mr. Mackenzie King, then Prime Minister of Canada.

A meeting of the Joint United States-Canada Industrial Mobilization Committee is contemplated in the near future.

MR. SAWYER TO OPEN FAIR: Hon. Charles Sawyer, United States Secretary of Commerce, has accepted the invitation of the Government of Canada to open the 1949 Canadian International Trade Fair on May 30, the Minister of Trade and Commerce, announced on April 12.

"I welcome Mr. Sawyer's acceptance as a gracious expression of the growing interest in the Trade Fair in both government and business circles in the United States", said Mr. Howe. "It is a significant recognition of the community of interest of our two countries in all matters that have for their purpose the strengthening of our trade relations with each other and the expansion of international trade at large."

"In the preparations for this year's Trade Fair, special efforts are being made to attract a greatly increased attendance of buyers, and of business visitors generally, from the United States. Our Exhibition Commission, in placing particular emphasis on that objective, has had the benefit of generous and helpful co-operation from the Department of Commerce, at Washington, and from its field offices throughout the United States."

Mr. Howe pointed out that prospects for the 1949 Trade Fair are most encouraging. Manufacturers from thirty-two nations will display their products this year compared with twenty-seven in 1948.

"CRESCENT" PAYS TRIBUTE: Tribute was paid by H.M.C.S. "Crescent" in Hong Kong on April 8 to the 281 officers and other ranks of the Winnipeg Grenadiers and the Royal Rifles of Canada who lost their lives in the Japanese attack on the Crown colony in December, 1941.

Wreaths were laid by the commanding officer of the Canadian destroyer, Lieut.-Cdr. David W. Groos, D.S.C., R.C.N., of Victoria, and naval guards were mounted at Saiwan and Stanley cemeteries, where the Canadian dead are buried.

In a wireless message from Hong Kong, H.M.C.S. "Crescent" advised the two Canadian army units of the intention "to lay wreaths and mount guards at Saiwan and Stanley cemeteries, where so many of your gallant regiments are at rest."

GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES: Three grants totaling more than \$24,000 have been made to the University of Western Ontario, London; McGill University, Montreal; and Dalhousie University, Halifax, to enable them to provide new public health services in their areas, the Minister of National Health and Welfare, Mr. Martin, announced on April 8.

At the University of Western Ontario the grant will be used to finance a "workshop" in clinical psychology; at McGill to develop a children's health program in Lachine, and at Dalhousie to purchase x-ray equipment for the medical school's pre-natal clinic and teaching hospital in obstetrics.

\$13,500,000 BRIDGE: Appointment of P.L. Pratley, D. Eng., M. Inst. C.E., consulting engineer of Montreal, to take charge of all engineering work and to supervise construction in connection with the \$13,500,000 low-level bridge across the Strait of Canso between Cape Breton Island and the mainland of Nova Scotia, was announced on April 8 by the Minister of Transport, Mr. Chevrier.

Announcement was made by the Minister in the House of Commons on March 14 that Government would proceed without delay to implement the recommendations of a three-man Board of Engineers for the construction of a 3,000 foot low-level railway and highway bridge across the Strait of Canso between Cape Porcupine and Balacho Point. The bridge will have a vertical lift span to provide for the passage of ships. The Minister then announced that the Province of Nova Scotia would contribute a portion of the cost of the project.

FEWER CATTLE, SHEEP, HORSES: There were fewer cattle, sheep and horses on farms in Canada on December 1, 1948 than on the corresponding date of 1947, according to estimates released by the Bureau of Statistics.

The estimate of the number of cattle on farms stands at 8,251,000, a decline of 7.7

per cent from the December 1, 1947 figure of 8,944,000. Reductions occurred in all provinces except Prince Edward Island and British Columbia. The total of milk cows declined only 3.5 per cent. Favourable prices resulted in greater liquidation of other classes of cattle and calves than of milk cows.

Sheep and lambs numbered 1,322,000, down 16.7 per cent from 1,587,000 at December 1, 1947. Decreases were most marked in Quebec and Manitoba. Lambs were marketed earlier than in 1947 and a smaller proportion of the spring lamb crop was carried over. Sheep over one year old declined 13 per cent in number.

Estimated number of horses on farms was 1,842,000, down seven per cent from the same date in 1947. Decreases were common to all provinces but were greater in Saskatchewan, Alberta and Ontario than in other provinces.

LIVING COSTS AGAIN DOWN: Canada's official cost-of-living index receded three-tenths of a point between February 1 and March 1. This decline, the second in succession, brought the index four-tenths of a point below the index peak of 159.6. It was, however, 8.4 points above March 1 last year. The latest index stood at 159.2 as compared with 159.5 at February 1, 159.6 at January 1, and 150.8 a year ago. It was 57.9 per cent above the August, 1939 level.

NEWFOUNDLAND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE: It was announced on April 9 by the Minister of Labour, Mr. Mitchell, that as of April 1, 1949, all residents of Newfoundland employed in insurable employment as laid down by The Unemployment Insurance Act are covered by the provisions of the Act on the same basis as other Canadians.

Without special provision having been made, however, a Newfoundland resident would have had to work in insurable employment for at least one hundred and eighty days after April 1 before he or she qualified for unemployment insurance benefit payments.

To provide immediate protection to those employed in insurable employment and who may become unemployed, and immediate assistance to those who have been employed in employment which would have been insurable employment (if it had been employment in Canada) and are unemployed on April 1, 1949, the Terms of Union authorize the payment of "Unemployment Assistance" for a maximum period of six months on the same scale as Unemployment Insurance benefit, the Minister explained. This assistance will be available for this six months' period up to April 1, 1951.

Payment of this Assistance depends on these job applicants being unemployed, physically able to work, available for immediate employment, unable to obtain suitable employment and being at least 16 years of age.

Mr. Mitchell explained that under the Terms of Union, Newfoundland veterans become entitled to the same rights under The Unemployment Insurance Act as veterans elsewhere in Canada. The Act provides a veteran with combined contributions, at the expense of the Government, for his whole period of active service since the inception of The Unemployment Insurance Act, when he completes 15 weeks in insurable employment in any 12-month period following discharge, provided this is done not later than September 30, 1952.

NEWFOUNDLAND'S WORKERS: Newfoundland had a gainfully occupied population 14 years of age and over, totalling 112,508 at October 1, 1945, date of the last Newfoundland census, according to a bulletin -- the first dealing with Newfoundland since it became Canada's tenth province -- released by the Bureau of Statistics. The 1945 total compares with 88,710 in 1935, making an increase of nearly 27 per cent in the number gainfully occupied in the 10-year period.

The bulletin is based on a final count of the 1945 census of Newfoundland returns, which were forwarded at the request of Newfoundland to the Bureau for tabulation. It gives detailed figures on the gainfully occupied according to both occupation and industry, by industrial status and sex, for census districts as well as all Newfoundland.

There were 96,000 males, 14 years of age and over, reported as gainfully occupied at October 1, 1945, as compared with 77,730 in 1935, representing an increase of 23.5 per cent over the 10 years. The number of gainfully occupied females of the same age classification was 16,508 in 1945, showing an increase of 50.3 per cent as compared with 10,980 in 1935.

EMPLOYER STATISTICS

Of the gainfully occupied males, 38,063 or 39.6 per cent of the 1945 total were engaged in an employer or own account capacity. This includes persons who owned or operated a farm, mine, fishing gear, or other business such as a store, repair shop, restaurant, etc., or who were engaged in a trade or profession such as carpenter, plumber, doctor, dentist, etc., with or without paid assistance. The majority of gainfully occupied males, numbering 56,071 or 58.4 per cent, however, were wage-earners, i.e., employed by others on a wage, salary, commission, or piece-rate form of payment. On the other hand, 14,939 or 90.5 per cent of the gainfully occupied females were reported as wage-earners at the 1945 census. Only 1,866 males who assisted in the operation of a farm, store, etc., received no stipulated money payment for their services.

Fourteen occupation classes, showing 1,000 or more gainfully occupied males, accounted for 70.6 per cent of the gainfully occupied

males in Newfoundland at October 1, 1945. These, with the 1935 census figures where available and considered comparable shown in brackets, were: fishermen, 30,951 (35,018); labourers (not agricultural, fishing, logging, or mining), 8,592 (8,431); lumbermen, 6,500 (4,471); carpenters, 4,479 (2,071); farmers and stock raisers, 2,787 (4,226); miners, 1,337 (1,135); owners, managers and dealers in retail and wholesale trade, 2,172; office clerks, 1,955; truck drivers, 1,744; mechanics (including radio repairmen), 1,511; longshoremen and stevedores, 1,503; farm labourers, 1,384; sales clerks, 1,216; and seamen, sailors and deckhands, 1,161. Over two-thirds of the gainfully occupied females at the census date, October 1, 1945, were found in the following seven occupation classes: household workers, 4,408; sales clerks, 2,037; school teachers, 1,752; stenographers and typists, 1,027; office clerks, 801; housekeepers and matrons, 710 and waitresses, 549.

Primary industries in Newfoundland absorbed 46,483 or 48.4 per cent of the gainfully occupied males at the 1945 census date. Fishing was, of course, the chief primary industry and accounted for 31,527 or almost one-third of the total gainfully occupied males. Another 11,347 males were employed in services, chiefly the armed forces; 9,293 in manufacturing, chiefly pulp and paper mills; 8,065 in transportation and communication, mainly in water transportation; and 5,278 in trade and finance.

WORLD FARM CONFERENCE: For the first time in its history, Canada will play host this year to a world farmers' conference.

Some thirty nations, including the U.S. and Britain, will send delegates to the third annual conference of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers, which opens in Guelph, Ontario, May 31 for ten days, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture reports.

Host organization for the conference will be the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, whose President, H.H. Hannam, is third vice-president of the international organization.

The conference is to be held in Memorial Hall, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, and through the co-operation of the Ontario Government, and President Reek and faculty at the College, the entire facilities of the college buildings are being placed at the disposal of the conference for the ten days.

Sir James Turner, President of the international organization, and President of the British Farmers' Union, will preside at the conference and Canada's Minister of Agriculture, Rt. Honourable Jas. G. Gardiner, will deliver the opening address.

There will be plenary sessions for two days May 31 and June 1, following which the conference will break up into committees on the various phases of world agricultural and food problems. From these committees reports will

be submitted to the conference when it resumes plenary sessions June 9.

During the opening sessions it is expected that statements will be presented by delegations of the various countries, and addresses heard from leaders in the food and agriculture world. It is hoped that Sir John Boyd-Orr, former Director-General of FAO, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, may be present.

Upwards of 100 delegates in all are expected, together with a large number of observers, and press representatives from Canada and other countries.

Under the auspices of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, a cross-Canada tour will be provided official delegates and their wives. The eastern portion of the tour will be run prior to the conference, and the western portion after the conference closes. The tour will be over CNR and CPR lines. Parts of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick will be visited, as well as Quebec and Ontario, with a three-day tour of Ontario just prior to the conference, under the auspices of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture.

During their visit to Ottawa on May 26, the delegates will be entertained at tea at Government House by the Governor-General and Lady Alexander.

There are twenty-two countries whose farmer organizations are members of the international federation. These include Canada, United States, Great Britain, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Finland, India, China, Burma, Denmark, Southern Rhodesia, Kenya, Hungary, Western Germany, and Jamaica. In addition, a number of nations are sending observers.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR: United States firms that have reserved space for the 1949 Canadian International Trade Fair, to sell their products, will be able to convert any Canadian funds they accumulate, through the sale of their display products at the Trade Fair, into United States dollars. Customs procedure governing the entry of such display products to Canada has been simplified also.

The Canadian Government will give special authority, upon application, to sell any samples displayed at the Trade Fair, even such goods as are ordinarily on the prohibited list.

In respect of the conversion of Canadian to American funds the Foreign Exchange Control Board has ruled as follows:

"Last year the problem of collections from the sale of samples was handled quite simply by asking the exhibitor to open an account with a bank in Canada into which would be deposited the proceeds from the sale of samples. At the conclusion of the Fair, samples were cleared through Customs for consumption

in Canada and duties, if any, and other charges were paid by disbursement from the bank account. The exhibitor then presented the appropriate Customs document to the bank with an application for foreign exchange to the equivalent of the amount of Canadian dollars remaining. Little difficulty was experienced in carrying out this relatively simple technique."

Banking facilities will be available on the grounds.

Exhibition material being transported to the Trade Fair enters Canada in bond and remains so until the end of the Trade Fair, the Fair buildings being considered bonded warehouses. Customs authorities at border points have been instructed concerning this procedure and the normal operations have been modified accordingly.

Appropriate customs forms are forwarded to all exhibitors to facilitate Customs procedure on their samples.

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE ARTS: The Royal Commission on National Development in the Arts, Letters and Sciences, forecast in the Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present session, was appointed on April 8, it was announced by the Prime Minister, Mr. St. Laurent.

The Right Honourable Vincent Massey, P.C., C.H., Chancellor of the University of Toronto, will be Chairman of the Commission.

The other members are:
Arthur Surveyer, Esq., B.A. Sc., C.E., D.Eng., LL.D. Civil Engineer, Montreal.
Norman A.M. MacKenzie, Esq., C.M.G., K.C., LL.D., President, University of British Columbia.

The Reverend Georges-Henri Levesque, O.P., D.Sc. Soc., Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Laval University.

Miss Hilda Neatby, M.A., Ph.D., Professor of History and Acting Head of the Department, University of Saskatchewan.

COMPLETED DWELLINGS: There were about 1,000 more dwelling units completed in Canada during February this year than in 1948, while the number of units on which construction was begun was slightly lower, according to estimates by the Bureau of Statistics. Total completions and starts in the first two months of the year, however, were substantially higher than last year, and the number of units under construction at the end of February was over 11,000 greater than a year earlier.

Dwelling units completed in the month are put at 4,807 as compared with 3,778 in February last year, making an estimated total of 11,450 for the first two months of the year as against 7,514 in the same period of 1948. Number of units on which work was begun in February was 1,745 as compared with 1,894 last year, but owing to a large gain in starts in January the

total for the first two months increased to 4,811 as against 3,569 in 1948. At the end of February there were an estimated 49,667 units under construction compared with 38,270 at the same date last year.

The average length of time to build the dwelling units completed in February rose to 7.3 months from 7.0 months for those completed in January, and 6.4 for December. This appears to be the normal seasonal increase, according to the Bureau. Only 17 per cent of those finished in the month took longer than nine months to complete. Judging by the types of dwellings, as in 1948, one-fourth of those completed in the first two months this year are for rental purposes.

U.S. DOLLAR HOLDINGS RISE: The Minister of Finance, Mr. Abbott, announced on April 11 that Canada's reserves of gold and U.S. dollars had increased to \$1067 million as at March 31, the end of the last fiscal year. This compares with total holdings of \$608 million on March 31, 1948, and of approximately \$500 million at the time the emergency exchange conservation program was put into effect.

In keeping with the policy now being followed of reporting monthly figures after the end of each quarter, Mr. Abbott announced that holdings of gold and U.S. dollars had amounted to \$1022 million on January 31, 1949, and to \$1044 million on February 28, 1949.

The figures for the end of each quarter since the end of 1947 were as follows:

December 31, 1947	\$ 502 million
March 31, 1948	608 "
June 31, 1948	742 "
September 30, 1948	855 "
December 31, 1948	998 "
March 31, 1949	1067 "

SHARE GUARD DUTIES: Responsibility for providing guards of honour and co-ordinating all ceremonial functions in connection with Parliament, is to be rotated each calendar year between the RCAF and the Army. This year the RCAF is carrying the ball. Next year the responsibility will rest with the Army and the following year the RCAF again will handle the military end of state functions, Army Headquarters announces.

STORE SALES: Department store sales advanced 18 per cent during the week ending April 2 over the corresponding period last year, according to preliminary figures released by the Bureau of Statistics. Largest gain of 28 per cent was shown in the Maritime Provinces, followed by Quebec with a gain of 25 per cent, Ontario 17 per cent, Saskatchewan 15 per cent, Alberta 15 per cent, Manitoba 12 per cent, and British Columbia 12 per cent.

COST-OF-LIVING: There were declines in six of the eight regional city cost-of-living indexes between February 1 and March 1, and as in the preceding month, lower food prices were principally responsible. Clothing prices at most centres continued to average higher, while indexes for homefurnishings and services presented a varied pattern.

According to the Bureau of Statistics, the index number for Saint John fell 0.4 points to 155.8 between February 1 and March 1; Montreal, 0.4 to 162.0; Saskatoon, 0.4 to 161.6; Edmonton, 0.2 to 154.2; Toronto, 0.1 to 154.6; and Vancouver, 0.1 to 160.7.

The index for the city of Winnipeg remained unchanged at 153.8, while that for Halifax rose 0.2 to 152.3. The index for this latter centre was supported by higher quotations for fuel, clothing, and homefurnishings and services, which over-balanced lower foods. All-Canada index receded 0.3 to 157.9 between February 1 and March 1.

\$879,600. SUPPLY VESSEL: Construction of a lighthouse supply and buoy vessel for use in servicing Department of Transport facilities on the West Coast has commenced and the keel will be laid at the North Vancouver plant of Yarrows Limited on Saturday, April 16. The contract valued at \$879,600 was awarded to Yarrows on January 20 last.

BRITISH FAIR OPENING: The Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. Howe, will be the principal speaker at a dinner marking the opening of the British Industries Fair in London, England, on May 2, it was announced in London by Right Hon. Harold Wilson, President of the United Kingdom Board of Trade.

Mr. Howe stated in Ottawa on April 11 that while in England he will have discussions with the British Government on various trade matters. Mr. Howe also indicated that he plans to visit the Birmingham section of the British Industries Fair, where he will meet with a group of British industrialists and engineers interested in the Canadian market. He will be accompanied by M.W. Mackenzie, Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce.

WHEAT STOCKS: Stocks of Canadian wheat in store or in transit in North America at midnight on March 31 amounted to 130,737,000 bushels, down 3,896,000 bushels from the March 24 total, but 42,634,000 bushels higher than on the corresponding date last year, according to the Bureau of Statistics.

During the week, farmers in the Prairie Provinces marketed 1,192,000 bushels of wheat as compared with 835,000 in the same week last year. Clearances of wheat for export totalled 3,662,000 bushels compared with 1,208,000 a year ago.

OIL AND GAS RESEARCH: Oil and gas will be matters of major concern in the 1949 field program of the Geological Survey of Canada, it was announced on April 12 by the Minister of Mines and Resources, Mr. Gibson.

Three parties will continue geological mapping combined with studies of stratigraphic and structural problems related to oil and gas in the Alberta foothills. Two of these parties, under Dr. E.J.W. Irish and R. Thorsteinson, will work in the central foothills in areas north of Smoky River. The other party, under Dr. R.J.W. Douglas, will be in the Pincher Creek area of Southern Alberta where the Canadian Gulf Company has been drilling and has discovered an important gas and oil field.

THREE PARTIES CONTINUE STUDIES

Three parties will also continue work begun last summer on the study of the Palaeozoic stratigraphy and palaeontology. Two palaeontologists, D.H. McLaren and P. Harker, both graduates of Cambridge University, England, and now on the staff of the Geological Survey, will begin extensive studies of Devonian and Mississippian faunas, in order to correlate the outcrops of these rocks in the mountains with the productive oil zones of Leduc, Redwater and Princess Devonian fields and with the oil and gas zones in Turner Valley, Pincher Creek and other Mississippian fields. The changes in sedimentation in the Palaeozoic rocks will be further studied by a party under Dr. R. deWit, who began this work last summer, and the study of cores of wells will be continued by Dr. Helen Belyea and several graduate students. The application of the combined results of these highly technical studies will be of great importance in the search for new oil fields.

It is also expected that Dr. R.T.D. Wickenden will continue his work on the study of Mesozoic stratigraphy both in Alberta and Saskatchewan. Dr. Wickenden will co-operate with the Saskatchewan Department of Resources in the examination of well cores and samples and two parties directed by graduate students will work under his supervision. The Mesozoic stratigraphy first became of great importance from the stand-point of gas and heavy oil production in the Wainwright, Vermilion and Lloydminster areas. It has now become important in the production of light oil in the Woodbend field and in reference to the recent discovery in the Superior Joseph Lake well, 18 miles southeast of Edmonton. Also the recent discovery of gas with distillate near Stettler, and the gas discoveries in north central Alberta, all in Mesozoic strata, have further shown that it contains large reserves of both gas and oil. A knowledge of the local and regional stratigraphic relationships thus

becomes a great value in the exploration for new oil fields and Dr. Wickenden and his assistants will continue their field work with the objective of collecting new data and making it available to those engaged in searching for oil and gas.

LOAN OF TWO SUBMARINES: Two Royal Navy submarines will be loaned by the British Admiralty this year to the Royal Canadian Navy for successive three-month periods for anti-submarine training purposes, it was announced on April 13 by the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Claxton. This is in accordance with a long-standing arrangement with the Admiralty.

The first of these submarines, H.M.S. "Tudor," will arrive in Halifax April 23, completing a 5,800-mile voyage from Southampton by way of the Leeward Islands and Bermuda. H.M.S. "Tudor" took part early this month in joint exercises in the Caribbean which involved units of the Royal Navy's America and West Indies Squadron and the R.C.N.'s East and West Coast fleets.

With its primary role established as that of an anti-submarine navy, the R.C.N. will take advantage of the availability of the two R.N. submarines to carry out intensive practical training of ships and personnel in this form of warfare. Firefly aircraft of 825 and 826 Squadrons, flying both from H.M.C.S. "Magnificent" and the R.C.N. Air Station, H.M.C.S. "Shearwater," will also exercise with the submarines.

H.M.S. "Tudor" is commanded by Lieut. D. Swanston, D.S.O., D.S.C., Royal Navy. She is a "patrol type" submarine completed during the latter part of the Second World War. The submarine that will relieve the "Tudor" when her three-month stay in Canada is finished has not yet been selected.

STOCKS OF BUTTER: Stocks of creamery butter on April 1 amounted to 12,691,000 pounds, showing a seasonal decline from the March 1 figure which stood at 18,746,000 pounds, but substantially higher than the 8,379,000 pounds held on April 1 last year. The March "out-of-storage" movement was 6,100,000 pounds as compared with a similar movement of 10,600,000 pounds in the same month last year.

DR. HUME'S APPOINTMENT: Dr. G.S. Hume, Chief of the Geological Survey of Canada has been selected for promotion to the post of Director of the Mines, Forests and Scientific Services Branch; it has been announced by the Minister of Mines and Resources, Mr. Gibson. Dr. Hume will take over the position upon the retirement of the present Director, Mr. W.B. Timm.

NEWFOUNDLAND COMPANY: The Minister of National Defence, Mr. Claxton, announced on April 12 the formation of No. 20 Company, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, "to assume responsibility in the Province of Newfoundland for the operation, maintenance and repair of transport service for the three Services, and for the provision of rations to joint messes and canteens."

The company, initially, will consist of a headquarters and one section comprising one officer and 18 other ranks, to be drawn from experienced members of the Army Service Corps in existing units across Canada. It will operate under the control of the military area headquarters now being established in Newfoundland.

CANADA TO MAKE F-86 JETS: The Canadian Government has acquired the right to manufacture in Canada the F-86 jet fighter aircraft, and modifications or improvements thereof, the Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. Howe, announced on April 13. Negotiations are under way with Canadianair Limited, Montreal, to produce the planes in Canada.

The plane was released for manufacture in Canada by the United States Government, and a licence agreement subsequently was concluded with North American Aviation, Los Angeles, California.

This aircraft is a single seater interceptor fighter with swept-back wings used by the United States Air Force. It holds the official world's speed record of 670.9 m.p.h., fully armed.

Other specifications and performance details of the F-86 are as follows:

Wing span - 37 feet

Length - 37 feet

Height - 14 feet

Power - General Electric J-47 axial flow type jet engine, rated at 5,000 pounds static thrust

Armament - 50 calibre guns in the nose

Tactical radius - 500 miles

Service Ceiling - over 40,000 feet.

MR. ADAMS' APPOINTMENT: An appointment of interest to those concerned with the administration of the Northwest Territories and Yukon Territory, the National Parks, and the Dominion Wildlife Service, is that of Mr. A.C.L. Adams as General Executive Assistant, Lands and Development Services Branch, Department of Mines and Resources.

Mr. Adams was brought to Ottawa by the Hon. James A. MacKinnon when the latter was appointed Minister of Trade and Commerce. He was chosen on account of his wide knowledge of western affairs and remained with Mr. MacKinnon

throughout the Minister's successive terms as Minister of Trade and Commerce, Fisheries and Mines and Resources.

PROFESSIONAL HEALTH TRAINING: Nearly \$17,000 from the national health grants have been recently allotted to enable more medical and public health personnel to take special training, the Minister of National Health, Mr. Martin, has announced.

"When the national health plan was being blueprinted last year," Mr. Martin said, "it was recognized that larger numbers of highly trained people would be needed to put the plan into operation. Accordingly, the health program provides \$500,000 annually for the assistance of persons working in various fields of public health who wish to improve their professional qualifications."

Eight of those in the latest group to be assisted are registered nurses. One from Manitoba is taking three months' post-graduate training in child guidance at the Children's Centre, Detroit, and will return as child guidance nurse at the Brandon Hospital for Mental Diseases. Two nurses from Alberta will benefit from a four months' post-graduate course in operating room techniques at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto. Two public health nurses from Nova Scotia are taking additional training in their specialty. British Columbia has been allocated \$2,000 to assist the Victorian Order of Nurses in their program of aiding nurses to obtain public health training. Two nurses from New Brunswick are taking a short course in pediatrics and nursing education, and a nurse from Nova Scotia is taking a course at McGill University which will qualify her as an instructress of nurses at the Nova Scotia Hospital.

A Nova Scotia doctor is scheduled to take a course in the early diagnosis of cancer at McGill University and a short course in the diagnosis of brain tumors at the Montreal Neurological Institute, while a second will take post-graduate training in child psychiatry at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.

APPOINTED "HAIDA" C.O.: Lieutenant-Commander Edward T.G. Madgwick, R.C.N., 33, of Halifax, has been appointed commanding officer of the Tribal class destroyer, H.M.C.S. "Haida," Naval Headquarters announced on April 14. He will take over his new duties on May 20.

The "Haida," possessor of an outstanding war record, returned to her base at Halifax on April 8 after a month in southern waters on Spring exercises with other ships of the East Coast force, the West Coast squadron and units of the British and United States fleets.

Lt.-Cdr. Madgwick will succeed Commander Antony F. Pickard, O.B.E., R.C.N., 36, of South Porcupine, Ont., and Victoria, who will become Director of Service Conditions and Welfare at Naval Headquarters, Ottawa.

THE UNITED NATIONS

WORLD PULP CONFERENCE: Organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, a preparatory conference on the world's wood pulp problems will be held in Montreal, April 25, to May 4, it was announced at a press conference in Montreal on April 12 by Dr. Egon Glesinger, Chief of the Forestry and Forest Products Branch of FAO, the UN Press Bureau reports.

Some 20 governments from all parts of the world will be represented at the conference, at which about 70 delegates and official observers will study the world pulp situation.

The objective of the meeting, Dr. Glesinger said, is to explore and discuss the present and prospective demand for pulp and to relate it to the productive capacity of the pulp industry and the forests of the world. Recommendations to governments will be based on the conclusions emerging from these discussions.

The conference is expected to open with a plenary session at which a chairman will be elected and the broad objectives reviewed by representatives of FAO and of Canada, the host country.

The following countries have been invited to send representatives to the meeting: Australia, Austria, Brazil, Belgium, Canada, Chile, China, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, Union of South Africa, United States of America, United Kingdom, Russia, and Yugoslavia.

DELEGATION TO I. L. O. CONFERENCE: The Minister of Labour, Mr. Mitchell, announced on April 14 the names of Canada's delegates to the Fourth Regional Conference of the American States Members of the International Labour Organization, to be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, from April 25 to May 10.

The Minister stated that all American States which are members of the I.L.O. had been invited to attend the conference. Each country's delegation would be tripartite, consisting of two government delegates, one workers' delegate and one employers' delegate.

Warwick Chipman, K.C., of Buenos Aires, Canadian Ambassador to the Argentine has been named Chairman of the Canadian delegation, with W.G. Stark, First Secretary of the Canadian Embassy in Rio de Janeiro as the alternate head of the delegation. Technical Advisers to the government delegates will be Harry Taber of Ottawa, Industrial Relations Officer in the Department of Labour, and N.D. Cochrane of Fredericton, N.B., Deputy Minister of Labour for New Brunswick.

The Employers' Delegate will be Harry Taylor, of the Canadian National Carbon Company, Toronto, while Roland K. Gervin, of Vancouver, Chairman of the B.C. Provincial Executive of the Trades and Labour Congress of Canada, will be the Workers' Delegate.

Lionel Roy, First Secretary of the Canadian Embassy in Buenos Aires is named as Secretary-General of the Canadian delegation.

ITALY'S APPRECIATION: The Department of External Affairs on April 14 released the text of an exchange of notes between the Italian Ambassador in Canada and the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Pearson, on the attitude of Canada toward Italy's accession to the North Atlantic Treaty.

The Ambassador's note conveyed the deep appreciation of the Italian Government for the friendly attitude taken by Canada towards Italy's accession to the Atlantic Pact. Mr. Pearson's reply stated that Italy's participation as a partner in the common defence of freedom and the democratic way of life is most welcome to the Canadian Government.

BELFAST IMMIGRATION OFFICE: With the opening of a Canadian immigration office in Belfast, emigration facilities are once more available to residents of Northern Ireland, it was announced on April 14 by the Minister of Mines and Resources, Mr. Gibson.

Resuming activities brought to a halt by the war, the office was opened on April 9, under the direction of Mr. Thomas Thorpe, formerly of Windsor, Ontario.

This brings to four the number of Canadian immigration offices in the British Isles. The others are at London, Glasgow, and Liverpool.

ARCTIC AIR TRAINING: Two long-range Lancasters of the RCAF's Air Navigation School at Summerside, P.E.I., will head north on April 23, carrying advanced navigation students into the Arctic where they will obtain experience in Arctic navigation, calling for special navigation techniques, the R.C.A.F. announces.

The two Lancasters, "Zenith and Polaris", will fly from Summerside to Edmonton, and will leave there April 24 for Whitehorse, where they will be based during their series of Far Northern flights. They will leave Whitehorse for their home base May 7.

Nine students forming the Specialist Navigation course at the Air Navigation School will make the trip, accompanied by staff instructors.

One of the most exacting courses in the RCAF, the specialist navigation training given at Summerside qualifies graduates to fill senior navigation positions. Those taking the course are all veteran navigators, qualified in all but the most advanced aspects of air navigation.