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Bank of Montreal Reports

MONTREAL, Dec. 5.—B. C. Gardner, president of the Bank of Montreal, told shareholders at the 132nd annual meeting today that the broad Canadian trend seemed to be toward a closer balance in trade with "our nearest neighbour" and a contraction of exports to "important and traditional overseas markets."

In Canada price influences had achieved "something approaching a balance of forces," Mr. Gardner observed. The balance, however, was precarious and could easily be tipped in either direction. The accumulated demand arising out of wartime shortages "has pretty well spent its force." Competition, efficiency, quality and salesmanship were regaining their normal place.

But the most noteworthy feature of the Canadian business trend was its relative stability, compared with developments in the United States, the president stated. Offsetting recessive influences in large part, "we have a vigorous program of industrial expansion." Gaining self-confidence and "know-how" as an industrial nation, "we are re-discovering our own frontier" in natural resources. Canada appeared to be undergoing a dynamic growth not unlike that of the United States after World War I.

Couldn't Bear To See Him Suffer



Turk Broda, above left, N. H. L. star goalie of the Toronto Maple Leafs is on a diet to lose seven of his 197 pounds, on orders from Conn Smythe, Leaf manager. Smythe benched Broda temporarily and the "Turk" is working hard to get the extra poundage off and get back in the line-up. Mrs. Broda, above right, felt so sorry for her husband, on a meagre diet of lean meat and fruits, that she, too has gone on a diet.

U. S. Army Officer Charges Secrets Given Russians

By Francis J. Kelly
WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 — (AP) — Congressional investigators got orders today to check into charges that the late Harry Hopkins helped the Russians speed large shipments of what they called uranium and "bomb powder" out of the United States by air during the war.

The order came from Senator Brien McMahon (Dem.-Conn.), chairman of the joint congressional committee on atomic energy. He directed the committee's staff to look into the matter, checking military security angles particularly.

The charge was leveled by a former army captain, G. Bacey Jordan, in a radio interview conducted by Fulton Lewis, Jr., Friday night. Jordan said his statements were based on his personal knowledge gained when he was a lend-lease inspector at Great Falls, Mont., in 1943 and 1944. Great Falls was a key point on the air route to Russia.

In Denver, Colo., an official of a chemical company said Saturday night that Russia in 1943 received one shipment of uranium ore from his firm after placing an order for "all they could get."

Seward Potter, general manager of the Shattuck Chemical Company, of Denver, said that March 23, 1943, his firm shipped 200 pounds of uranium oxide and 500 pounds of uranium nitrate to Great Falls. The order was placed by Chemator, Inc., of New York City.

"As I recall, the shipment was directed to a Russian army officer," Potter said. "As far as I was concerned, it was destined for a wartime ally."

"After the original shipment, Chemator wired for more, but although they had an accredited export licence I wouldn't send them any more."

Demand Investigation.

The sensational nature of Jordan's statement, involving the name of Franklin D. Roosevelt's principal confidential adviser, brought demands from several legislators for a thorough airing of the matter.

It also brought expressions of strong doubt.

Robert E. Sherwood, who was close to both Roosevelt and Hopkins, called Jordan's story "incredible."

"Utterly unbelievable," commented Stephen T. Early, former press secretary to Roosevelt and now undersecretary of defense.

Jordan said that despite Hopkins' injunction, he reported the Russian shipments to Maj.-Gen. Julius W. Jones, then air inspector-general. Jones said Saturday he does not recall Jordan, and has "no knowledge of the incident or anything like it."

Jordan related that he was stationed on the route taken by lend-lease planes for Russia; that the Russians handled three "large shipments" of what their chief listed as uranium and called "bomb powder." Uranium is the raw material for the atomic-bomb, Jordan said he did not know the significance of it at the time. This was before any public whisper of the atomic secret.

Reds Get Blueprints

Jordan said there were "tremendous quantities" of state department documents. He described shipments of blueprints and scientific data bearing their top-secret atomic terms.

He called Harry Hopkins, President Roosevelt's right-hand man,

Big Celebration To Mark Stalin's 70th Birthday

By James D. White
Associated Press News Analyst

Moscow is staging one whale of a shindig Dec. 21, the 70th birthday of Premier Joseph Stalin.

At such a time it's natural that the Russians would feel the leader who has got them where they are in a larger sense, the celebration may be more than natural. It may be urgent.

Even if Russia were clearly winning the cold war, which seems far enough ahead to justify the pomp and circumstance Red Square will see Dec. 21.

The fact is the world of Communism itself has reached a stage of painful growing-up. At this adolescent point it can do with a good show to reassure itself. It needs some sign that it's destined to rule the world entirely because Moscow says so.

Until 1945 the world of Communism was mostly just a Russian world. Stalin's big problems were Russian problems. His big answers were tested Russian answers such as the harsh demand for unswerving obedience to the "throne" at Moscow.

After 1945 Stalin tried to extend this principle of absolute subservience to the Eastern European states which Communism was absorbing.

In the case of Yugoslavia, Marshal Tito said nothing doing. As in an dictatorial system, such hereby by an underling threatened to show other underlings what might be done by defying one's betters.

Came now one Mao Tze-Tung of China, delivering to Communism one-fourth of the human race on the silver platter. At first this looked embarrassing. Mao had been just as Chinese in making Communism work in China as Stalin had been Russian in making it work in Russia. Mao put Russia under unmistakable obligation to him by denouncing the T-29 treaty at a time when Moscow badly needed moral support.

But if Stalin saw promise in Mao Tze-Tung, he may have seen danger, too. In any case what looks to be an historic compromise between Russian and Chinese Communism has appeared during the last two weeks. It has been broadcast no less than four times by the Peiping radio.

The compromise is this: The gospel according to Stalin will remain the guiding light of the Communist world. But the Chinese Pattern (and you can underline those two words) is officially approved as the way for the rest of Asia to go Communist. The word is out. This is the way to do it. Red in capitalist countries are to bore from within and speed the collapse of the old colonial world. Peiping and is being repeated by Moscow, not vice-versa. The "liaison bureau" to carry it out will be in Peiping.

This is possibly the most important Communist policy decision in many years. It signifies a shift eastward in Communism's centre of gravity. Not all the way to Peiping, but perhaps somewhere around those "unmapped" areas in Central Asia where Russians are producing atomic explosions, not too far from the Chinese frontier.

The mulberry tree, native to Persia, was introduced to Britain in the 16th century.

"The button the Russians touched every time they needed emergency help."

He said that Hopkins, who had charge of lend-lease matters, telephoned him to speed up the Russian shipments in every way, to "disregard the manifests" and refrain from reporting anything he saw to his superiors.



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Montreal Veteran Retires; Recalls Good Old Days

Montreal, Dec. 2 — (CP) — A waterfront veteran who remembers when oysters brought up the St. Lawrence sold for a nickel a shovelful will retire next month after nearly 60 years' service.

He is Philip Arthur Steele, 78, a steamship checker and inveterate pipe-smoker who began work in 1891 for \$2.50 a week.

Steele has watched Montreal harbor and others in Eastern Canada grow from the days of square-riggers into busy ports where marine craft of every kind come and

moved each year on to the east coast.

From 1896 until 1928 he alternated between Montreal and Portland, Me., two ports that were joined by rail in the middle of the last century.

From 1928 until 1939 he alternated between Montreal and Halifax, transferring his winter service to Saint John, N.B., on the outbreak of the Second World War.

Not only has the Montreal waterfront itself changed greatly, but the office where he worked in his early days had 10 employees; today it has 135.

Now instead of packing up twice a year, Steele thinks a year-round life at home is worth trying. His wife, whom he married in 1907, and his two daughters and one son agree with him.

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Bedtime Stories

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Woolly Bear lay for the longest time just where he fell. When at last he did unroll he found himself beside an old log, a small one. He crawled along to the end of it. It was hollow for a short way. He crawled inside. It was dark in there and warm. There was an old nest and there a Mouse had once lived there, but not for a long time. Woolly Bear crept under the nest and curled up. He had been going somewhere, he didn't know where, for the winter. Now he was there. He did know that. He had got there and he would stay there until the coming of Mistress Spring.

Prominent Saint John Dentist Dies

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Dec. 4 — (CP)—Dr. Fenwick C. Bonnell, a prominent Saint John dentist for 43 years, died in hospital Saturday night after a long illness. He was elected first vice-president of the Dominion Dental Council last year. He had been a member of the Canadian Dental Educational Council, chairman of the board of examiners of the New Brunswick Dental Council and president of the New Brunswick Dental Society.

WHICKHAM, Durham, England — (CP) — Dr. Gordon Jamieson, playing golf here, drove the ball over a hill. He then saw a crow fly off with the ball in its beak.

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All former members are requested to forward their names and addresses to P. O. Box 274, Charlottetown, not later than December 20th.

CLARENCE WALKER,
Acting Chairman.