

No Increase In Imports Planned, Says Mr. Howe

MONTREAL, Oct. 24—According to Trade Minister C. D. Howe, the Government does not intend to increase the volume of Canadian imports. Canada's own exports are booming—and so are her imports, he said. "Ours is a healthy prosperous and, in fact, a booming economy."

Canada's principal worry is buying more than she sells to the U.S. and buying less than she sells to the U.K., Mr. Howe said. If Canada somehow could divert about \$400,000,000 worth of annual imports from the U.S. to U.K. "our problem would be solved."

"We are faced with the problem of bringing our trade with the U. K. into balance, and the best way to effect that balance is to increase our exports from the U.K. and other sterling countries."

If Canada, without further plans, is to hold her current trade status with Britain after the termination of Marshall Plan aid in 1952, then Canada must increase purchases from that country by an annual \$385,000,000.

That is approximately the trade balance in Canada's favor. In the year ended last September, Canada bought from Britain \$325,000,000 worth of goods and sold \$891,000,000.

The balance in Canada's favor was made up of \$120,000,000 made available to the U.K. through an Anglo-Canadian loan and \$246,000,000 from Marshall Aid funds.

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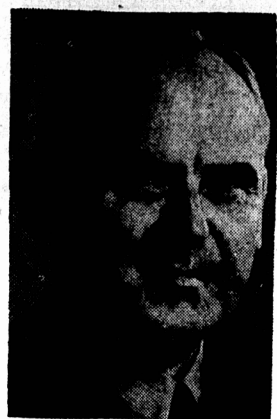


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Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe

000. The \$450,000,000 deficit was collected from the rest of the world through Marshall Aid dollars.

"Obviously, our policy must be to export more to the U.S. or alternatively to buy less from that country."

Referring to the establishment of the dollar-sterling trade board to help United Kingdom exporters sell in Canada, Mr. Howe said he hoped the Canadian Exporters' Association would lend its support.

He also asked business men to help put over the Canadian International Trade Fair next year as a means to bolstering Canada's foreign trade.

He foresaw 1950 as a favorable year for exports but said there would need to be some adjustments. These adjustments may see the export figures not as "impressive" as those attained in 1949, he said.

High domestic demand, nevertheless, would cushion the effect of any adjustments. The domestic demand already has been able to fill the gap created by export markets restrictions.

"For example, foreign sales of motor vehicles have fallen sharply in recent years—and current exports are running at an annual rate of about \$50,000,000 below the 1947 level."

"Nevertheless the strong domestic market continues to absorb close to the maximum output of which the industry is capable."

In the textiles field, sales abroad were likely to drop this year to about half of the \$57,000,000 worth of exports in 1945, but home market requirements were greatly increasing.

Thus, the "expansion, modernization and improvement in efficiency and productivity of Canadian industry in recent years is paying us dividends at home as well as abroad."

It was the Government's purpose "to ensure—in so far as lies within our power, that this strong and healthy domestic situation will be maintained."

NEW HOME FOR MILLIONS

CANBERRA — (CP) — Mass migration of 50,000,000 bees from South Australia to Western Australia by migratory bee-keepers was completed recently with only one hive lost during the 2,000-mile journey. Fast areas of timber country in Western Australia are attracting the bee-keepers.

PLAN TIN-PLATE MILL

PORT KEMBLA, Australia — (CP) — A tin-plate mill covering several acres is being built here. It will turn out 120,000 tons of tin-plate a year, most of which will be used for Australian canned fruit and other goods.

Canadian Sport Snapshots

By PHIL ADLER

MONTREAL, Oct. 24 — (CP) — Wanted: Some means of protecting the faces of hockey goalies that will not hinder them in stopping pucks.

Since Max Bastien of the American Hockey League Pittsburgh Hornets lost an eye last month in practice and Bill Durnan of Montreal Canadiens had his eye injured last week, the suggestion has been raised that goalies wear a mask. But some sports writers think that's no solution.

Fantastic

Al (Montreal Herald) Parsley labels the whole thing fantastic because nobody would ever be able to persuade netkeepers to use masks for very long.

He recalls a case in the 1930s when Ace Bailey was almost fatally injured in a game at Boston. "While the Toronto forward hovered near death for weeks there was a cry for all hockey players to wear helmets. They wore them under compulsion of league authorities for a good part of the season. But as the memory of Bailey's accident wore off the helmets were discarded."

Baseball Masks No Answer

Elmer Ferguson, also writing in the Herald, doubts if any mask will serve the purpose for goalies. "One suggestion is for some sort of fibre or plastic headband to protect the temples and a nose guard to help ward pucks away from the face. But masks like those worn by baseball catchers are generally acknowledged to be useless because of their awkwardness and bulkiness and because they do not give the goalie a chance on low shots."

"A baseball catcher knows exactly the direction from which a ball will come and the pitch is never screened. A hockey goalie has no such certainty. Pucks come from all angles, and heights. The pucks travelling from 60-80 miles an hour take hops, spins, rises and drops. In addition there's the close-range battling."

Hard Life

"It's a hard life for the goalies," Fergie says, "and no help is in sight, unless some one devises a mask of shatter-proof glass."

Equipped At: "Perhaps they could equip the goalies with transparent masks that have an inverted periscope attachment and a radar set inside, then the man between the pipes would not only be able to see the puck but also hear it coming."

Closes One Boxing Probe, Opens Another

DETROIT, Oct. 24 — (AP) — The Michigan State Boxing Commission closed one investigation Saturday and opened another.

It wrote off its inquiry into the recent death of welterweight Talmadge Bussey by a adopting four stringent rule changes. It launched a probe into the

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Friday night fight here in which Lester Felton, young Negro welterweight, was given a questionable decision over highly-regarded Kid Gavilan of Cuba.

Floyd Stevens, commission chairman, promised a "formal inquiry" into the affair. He did not indicate, however, when it would start.

Handlers of Gavilan, who chased the young Detroit Negro around the ring for 10 rounds, demanded the probe.

1. Eight-ounce gloves must be used. Six-ounce mits were used the night Bussey was fatally injured by Luther Rawlings of Chicago.

2. No relative will be allowed to second a fighter. Previously that had been allowed with special permission from the commission.

3. There must be 90-second rest periods between rounds instead of the customary one minute.

4. Any fighter knocked out "should be put on rest period" for six weeks. The commission did not say a fighter would have to rest that long.

BIGGLESWADE, Bedfordshire, England — (CP) — The urban council has appointed an ex-police man to stop housing estate damage.

TAPLOW, Buckinghamshire, England — (CP) — Taplow Cricket Club will be 100 years old next year. To commemorate the century they are filming the story of their history.

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WOKING, Surrey, England — (CP) — Woking council provided free materials for tenants who wanted to do their own interior decorating.

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