

Canadian Assistance Is Sought To Cut British Trade Deficit

By PETER BUCKLEY
LONDON (CP) — A British minister has called again for Canadian co-operation in helping Britain to cut its "horribly large" deficit of trade with Canada.

Lord Brown, a joint minister of the board of trade with special responsibility for exports, made his pitch at a crowded luncheon meeting of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Great Britain, Canadian High Commissioner Lionel Chevrier was among those who attended.

"As a businessman, when my best customer sought help, concessions, special deliveries and so forth, it always seemed to me it was the acme of good business to respond with alacrity," Lord Brown said.

But he implied that the Canadian government is dragging its heels and Canadian businessmen are not co-operating.

MADE LIFE BARON
Brown, 57, a metals company chairman who became a life baron in 1964 and entered the Labor cabinet last October,

single out two areas in which he said he thinks the Canadian government could help cut Britain's trading deficit with Canada, which now represents more than one-quarter of Britain's total imbalance in international trade.

One is in customs barriers and the other in government spending.

Amendments to the customs regulations which could help British exports had been proposed in the Canadian budget nearly a year ago, he recalled,

but they "are not yet being administered as expeditiously as we had hoped."

Britain is "waiting with interest to see how the legislation operates in practice," Brown said.

BUYING CANADIAN
He also noted that spending by various levels of government in Canada accounts for an enormous amount of internal Canadian trade and said Britain has trouble competing because of the preference shown to Canadian suppliers.

Any changes in buying practices the various Canadian governments could make to give

British firms a better break would be of great assistance."

Turning to private trade, he said he often visits British industry in his drive to increase exports. But when he mentions sales to Canada, he said he hears reports of "nagging difficulties which on investigation usually prove to be very real."

He didn't outline particular

grievances, but he wondered whether Canadians "really realize just how important Britain is as a Canadian customer."

MEXICO RANKS HIGH
With a population of about 3,000,000, Mexico City is the third largest city in North America, after New York and Chicago.



ALASKAN VOLCANO ERUPTS

Smoke billows from near the crest of Mt. Redoubt, about 130 miles southwest of Anchorage, after the 10,196-foot volcano erupted Monday in the heaviest display in years. Smoke and ash rose an estimated 15,000 feet above the mountain, darkening snow-covered peaks nearby. This photo from a light plane was taken by Jon S. Cardy for the Anchorage Daily News. (AP Wirephoto)

Order Paper In Commons Swamped By Private Bills

OTTAWA (CP) — The Commons order paper has been swamped with 106 private members' bills covering a wide range of subjects.

From both sides of the House, members seek wider grounds for divorce, and the legalizing of birth control. Then there is a suggestion for the observance of "Leif Eriksson day," another would force MPs to retire at 75.

And Stanley Knowles (NDP—Winnipeg North Centre) has introduced a bill calling for abolition of the Senate.

Seven bills appear on the order paper calling for additional grounds for divorce. Two of them are sponsored by James Byrne (L—Kootenay East), a Roman Catholic. Others come from Arnold Peters (NDP—Timiskaming), Robert Priddle (NDP—Burnaby-Richmond), Ron Basford (L—Vancouver-Burrard), Robert Stanbury (L—York-Scarborough) and Ian G. Wain (L—Toronto St. Paul's).

There are also several bills on the legalizing of birth control, some from the same members. While some of them would eliminate the birth control section from the Criminal Code, Mr. Basford has a proposed changing the section so some restrictions would remain.

Three members have offered the Commons an opportunity to debate the abolition of capital punishment. Sponsoring the bills are Mr. Byrne, Reid Scott (NDP—Toronto Danforth) and Ralph B. Cowan (L—York-Humber). Mr. Cowan has said he opposes abolition.

There are several bills that would tighten controls over the distribution of hate literature, and at least two that would lower the voting age to 18.

Richard Cashin (L—St. John's West) has introduced a bill that would allow fishermen to build boats for themselves while drawing unemployment insurance. If they now build boats in the off-season, they lose their insurance benefits on the grounds they are not free to take other employment.

The suggestion for an annual "Leif Eriksson" day comes from Eric Stefansson (PC—Selkirk), of Icelandic descent. The suggestion for a "national Indian day" comes from James Brown (L—Brantford). And the suggestion for "the flag day of Canada" comes from Gerard Loiselle (L—Montreal St. Ann).

WOULD RESTRICT IMPORT
Mr. Peters has introduced a bill "concerning the exportation of the growth and produce of Canada" which would have far-reaching effects on the country's secondary industries. His bill would restrict the export of raw materials until they have at least gone through the first stage of process.

Such a ban now applies to the export of pulpwood.

"It would mean," he says, "that Canada would have to find the means to develop her secondary industries."

Mr. Peters also seeks to ban the publication of public opinion polls during election campaigns. Another of his bills would give each Parliament a minimum life span of four years, unless 75 per cent of MPs voted for an election.

In this four-year period, if a government was defeated on a confidence motion, another party would be asked to form the government. After four years, the government could call an election for anytime within the following 12 months.

P. B. Rynard (CP—Simcoe East) has introduced a bill that would prevent the government from issuing advertisements during an election campaign "which can in any way be regarded as political advertisements necessary for the good government."

Dr. Rynard said in an interview his bill would prevent the party in power "from making use of government machinery for political propaganda under the guise of advertising government-sponsored plans, projects and programs."

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