

European Free Trade Seen Possible Blow To Canada

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OTTAWA (CP)—Fear is growing in this capital that the United Kingdom's plan to link up with continental Europe in a "partial free trade area" may turn temporary British import curbs against Canadian manufactured goods into a permanent tariff freeze.

Concern also is expressed in some quarters that the revolutionary plan, now in exploratory stages, may widen the split between the dollar and sterling trade areas and drive Canada deeper into the United States trading orbit.

However, one federal tariff authority said that if the scheme works and if Europe, including Britain, "really means business" and shows willingness to sacrifice national policies to build up a big common free market for goods, it could eventually lead to a strong European economy. Such an economy would be in a position to absorb large amounts of Canadian goods.

Canada's trading philosophy in post-war years has been directed toward widening the flow of international trade through the reduction of barriers put up by various countries and by urging the free exchange of dollars and sterling.

Now there seems to be despair that these ideals will ever be achieved. Mainly because of Britain's continual shortage of dollars, complete convertibility of sterling has not yet been worked out and officials here see no likelihood it will be achieved in the next few years.

The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the instrument for expanding multilateral trade, was watered down last year by giving the U.S. power to impose import curbs on farm products.

And all this time, more and more of Canada's trade has become concentrated in the U.S. In 1936-39, 40 per cent of Canada's total exports went to Britain and 36 per cent to the U.S. Last year the U.S. took 60 per cent and Britain only 18.

In pre-war 1936-39, Canada purchased 18 per cent of her goods from Britain and 62 per cent from the U.S. Last year, Britain got only eight per cent of the market and the U.S. 72.

her restrictions—those on manufactured goods—remain.

As seen here, the U.K. free-trade scheme would eventually tend to eliminate Canada's tariff advantage in the U.K. market in relation to such other European competitors as West Germany.

But some experts argue that since Britain maintains import quotas against Canada, the tariff advantages set out in the Commonwealth tariff preferences are more theoretical than practical. Since Canada actually had no market for manufactured goods, it could not be said she was losing one.

But the quotas are supposed to be temporary, with the hope that the U.K. market will eventually be restored. However, the fear now is that under the new trading concept the curbs may be translated into permanent tariff restrictions which would force Canadian exporters to search for new markets elsewhere.

One aspect of the proposed scheme encouraging to Canadians is that the European free trade area would not include raw or manufactured foodstuffs, feeding stuffs, drink or tobacco.

Britain is Canada's top wheat customer. She also buys Canadian tobacco. There appears no likelihood that the new scheme would disturb this portion of the trading pattern.

DOUBTFUL OF STRENGTH
But this official said some European countries do not have the political or economic strength to undergo the "serious economic adjustments" required to make such a common market possible.

"I'm therefore cynical of the whole thing," he added.

RESTRICTIONS REMAIN
Most of Britain's import quotas on Canadian raw materials have been reduced, but the hard core of

Souris H & S

The Souris Home and school Association held their first fall meeting in Souris Elementary School on Friday evening, September 21, at 8 p.m. The president Rev. Mr. Sharpe presided. Following the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting by the secretary, resignation of the Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, it was moved and seconded that Sister St. Elaine act as Vice President Kay Mooney as secretary and Mrs. Roy White as treasurer.

Mr. Teddy Roach was the guest speaker of the evening and gave a most interesting account of his trip to Quebec, where he was one of the Prince Edward Island Representatives at the Red Cross Study Centre. Correspondence included "Thank You" letters for prizes received at the end of the school term. The monthly newsletter was also read.

Suggestions were made regarding the purchase, by the Association of some needed playground equipment. The Ways and means committee were asked to find some way of raising funds to help buy this equipment.

The meeting adjourned with the singing of the National Anthem.

Souris Red Cross Disaster Workers Meet

Mr. James N. Innis, chairman of the Souris Red Cross Disaster Services convened a meeting of disaster and other prominent Red Cross workers in Souris on Wednesday evening, October 3rd.

Mr. J. Gordon MacDonald, provincial chairman of disaster Services presented Red Cross first aid certificates to a number of young men who are members of the Souris disaster committee. Mr. John Mullally, who instructed the class commended all members for their interest and work during the course.

Mr. Wendell Birt, chairman of the Souris Red Cross Water Safety Services reported the results of the Souris class which was instructed by Miss Jeanette Peters. He told of the case of a young boy who was able to save himself from drowning when he fell off a dragger this fall. Mr. Birt attributed this saving of life to the fact that the boy had learned to swim during the summer's swimming and water safety course at Souris.

Mr. Charles MacCormack of North Lake reported on the class which was sponsored there by the Women's Institute.

Miss Marie Mullally, a High School Red Cross member, told most interesting story of her experiences at the High School Red Cross Training Centre held at college Militaire Royal, St. Jean's, Quebec, in August.

In presenting the aims and principles of the Red Cross, Miss Iphigene Arsenault, provincial Red Cross commissioner, stressed the fact that "throughout the world Red Cross is recognized as the symbol of help, and that it functions as an avenue through which all of us can help each other." She thanked the workers for their participation in the various Red Cross services.

Mr. J.N. Innis reported on the activities of the Souris disaster committee. Mr. Gordon MacDonald presented the provincial picture of disaster services. "One family fires and accidents in the home are of great concern to all who are attached to this Red Cross is hoping to spearhead, through this service, a "Home Safety" program. He invited discussion at this time when those present gave many helpful suggestions whereby accident prevention education might be more effective.

Mrs. Harry W. Cudmore, director of Red Cross first aid, swimming and water safety, met briefly with the first aid instructors and first aid post attendants at the conclusion of the meeting and discussed plans for a first aid refresher course in Souris on November 17th.

MURRAY HARBOR NORTH

Miss Betty Ann Millar nurse in training at the P.E.I. Hospital, is spending her holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Millar.

Mrs. Brent MacDonald and family, O'Leary, spent several days with her sister, Mrs. Rae Kennedy and Mr. Kennedy.

Misses Gail and Myrna Clow, have returned home from a visit to Dartmouth, N.S. They were guests of their cousin, Miss Elizabeth Ann Collings.

Mr. Archie Dixon left recently for New Brunswick, where he will be employed for several months.

Miss Myrtle Millar and Miss Doreen Hughes, Charlottetown, were recent weekend guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Millar.

Mrs. Louis Ferguson returned to her home in Pictou, N.S., after spending her holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Newton Hicken.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Donnan, Toronto, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Johnston.

Miss Sybil Millar, Hunter River, is spending a weeks vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Millar.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Sorrie (nee Ethel Senca-

CAC'S NEW PRESIDENT

OTTAWA, Isabel Atkinson of president of the Canadian Association of Consumers poses with Mrs. H.E. Vautelet of Montreal, (left) retiring president, and Mrs. J.L. Savage, Toronto, a vice-president, at the annual meeting in Ottawa. (CP PHOTO)

Slight Drop In Consumer Price Index

July mark with three straight monthly increases.

Only food prices, of the five main sections of the index, showed a decline. The food sub-index moved down to 115.5 in August from 115.9 the previous month.

POTATO PRICES DROP
There was a large decrease in potato prices and a substantial lowering of tomato prices. Apple and egg prices also were down. Higher costs for dry cleaning, furniture, floor coverings and utensils and equipment pushed the household operation column to 117.1 from 116.8.

Prices for most fresh vegetables were lower while meat and coffee moved slightly upward.

The trend was reported Thursday by the bureau of statistics in its consumer price index, based on 1949 prices equalling 100. It slipped down one-tenth of a point to 119 in August from 119.1 in July. It had climbed to the record

COMING MON. - TUES. - WED.

High High High Above Them All! ...in excitement! ...in spectacle! ...in fire, flesh and fury!

EASTERN GUARDIAN

BUYING and cleaning timothy seed daily. Fraser and Annear Feed Service.

HOME AND school meeting Tuesday, October 9th at 8:00 p.m. Montague High School. Come and discuss your school problems with the teachers.

MT. STEWART UNITED Church Rev. B.V. MacLean, B.A. Mount Stewart — 11 a.m. Donaldson — 2:30 p.m. Bristol — 7:30 p.m. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed at each service.

PERSONALS
Many friends of Miss Phyllis Nicholson will be glad to hear she is progressing favorably, after her recent operation in the King's County Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Poole and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. MacDonald all of Souris were visitors to Montague, Georgetown and to the Bird Sanctuary at Kilmour via Montague.

BRIGHT LANDMARK
The famous "Golden Boy" statue atop the dome of the Manitoba legislature is visible for miles around Winnipeg.

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YEO THEATRE MONTAGUE

Fri. - Sat. Oct. 5 - 6
Adm. 40 - 55
Inc. Prov. Gov. A. Tax

"FASTEST GUN ALIVE"

Glenn Ford — Jeanne Crain — Broderick Crawford
An exceedingly suspenseful western drama in the high tradition of High Noon. The story of a small town store keeper who once was a very fast gunman and how he was forced by the town in which he lived to defend them by shooting against the fastest gun alive. There is here in truth, intriguing, ingenious tension.—SEE.

COMING MONDAY & TUESDAY
OCTOBER 8 & 9
ADMISSION .30 — .46

'HOW TO MARRY A MILLIONAIRE'

Marilyn Monroe — Lauren Bacall — Betty Grable
If you want to see women, come see. If you want to see color, cinemascope, come see. If you want to see romance, hear humor, feel laughter, live high, come see. The most beautiful women in the world here to show and tell you, with laughs and actions, how to marry well. What is a well marriage — eh? Come all.

COMING WED. - THUR.: "SUMMERTIME"

Mayfair Theatre

Murray River — Oct. 6
SATURDAY

"THE BOLD AND THE BRAVE"

Starring: Wendell Corey, Mickey Rooney

"Each man had something else on his mind... Women, Money or Religion"; "Action for adventure seekers... Comedy for the fun lovers"; A thrilling tale of men who had to be bold and brave to survive the hardships that faced them...
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NORTH RIVER Drive-In Theatre

BOX OFFICE OPEN 7:15
SHOW AT APPROX. 7:45

TODAY and MONDAY

Across Persian minarets and towers... through sand-parched desert and snow-clad mountain our giant screen becomes a magic carpet as it takes you into the land of flaming beauty, reckless heroes and fiery romance... to make you a living part of the exotic tale of Ispahan!

In all of Persia there was none as handsome... none as daring... none as bold as that resourceful, tongue-in-cheek rascal of a rogue called Hajji Baba!

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The Adventures of HAJJI BABA
Color by DE LUXE in CINEMASCOPE
starring John Derek - Elaine Stewart

SUNDAY MIDNIGHT

BOX OFFICE OPENS AT 12:05 A.M.

THE LIFE... THE LOVES... THE CRIMES OF Jack the Ripper!

starring JACK PALANCE

MAN IN THE ATTIC
Constance SMITH - Byron PALMER

HECHT AND LANCASTER present
BURT TONY
LANCASTER CURTIS
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TRAPEZE
Directed by CAROL REED
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Shows 1-3-7-9

he had to find her... she had to find her.

JOHN WAYNE in **"THE SEARCHERS"**
WESTERN ACTION - TECHNICOLOR
MUSIC BY ALFRED NEWMAN

Mr. Drew Expresses Retirement Regrets To Local P.C. Executive

At a meeting of the Provincial Executive of the Progressive Conservative Party, the Secretary, Mr. Bennett Carr read a letter from the retiring leader of the Party, Hon. George Drew which reads as follows:

"Your telegram of the 21st to Bill Rowe on behalf of the Conservative Association of P. E. I. was forwarded to me here in Toronto. I do want to thank you and all my friends in Prince Edward Island for their very generous comments and good wishes. I need not tell you how much such messages mean to me at the present time.

"The decision to retire as National Leader of our Party was a most difficult one for me, as you will realize I know. I am sure you will understand also that I have only taken this course after very careful examination of all the factors.

"Will you please convey to all the members of the P. E. I. Association my sincere appreciation of their kind thoughts and good wishes."

With warmest personal regards,
Yours sincerely,
(Sgd) George Drew

Plans were made for the forthcoming party rally which is to be held on October 17 in Charlottetown. A resolution committee consisting of Messrs. C. R. McQuaid, M. A. Farmer, W. R. Shaw, Heath MacQuarrie, Leo Rossiter, M. L. A. and Lemuel Rush was named.

The meeting was held at the Charlottetown Y. M. C. A. and was chaired by Mr. Melvin J. MacQuaid, Provincial president of the Progressive Conservative Party.

SPECIAL SUNDAY DINNERS

Special Sunday dinners will be served in the "Bison" "Rainbow" dining room, Montague every Sunday for the rest of the season.

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