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Trade Barriers Erased by New Pacts

Agreements With Seventeen Nations Will Be Effective January 1 Providing Parliament Approves

OTTAWA, (CP)—Canada's new trade agreements with seventeen nations will be effective January 1, providing Parliament approves. The agreements, which have a duration of three years, if approved by Parliament, must be an "extremely wide range" of products from various countries under the new agreements.

Several other types by United States, France, Brazil, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, India and Norway.

United States quota on Canadian cattle is enlarged from 225,000 to 400,000 annually and on calves from 100,000 to 200,000.

United States duties are sliced from 6s to 3c per pound on beef and veal—fresh, chilled or frozen.

United States duties are halved on almost all Canadian woods and wood products exported to that country.

Duties on some woods are reduced by France, India, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

Cod fillets are a major exception to the 50 per cent duty reduction on many Canadian fish products going to the United States.

The United States duty on wheat flour is cut from \$1.04 to 52c per barrel. The United States duty on coarse grains is halved.

United States duty on canned and dried apples are reduced 50 per cent and the duty on fresh apples is cut from 15c to 12½c per bushel.

Various reductions are effected by France, Norway, Czechoslovakia, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

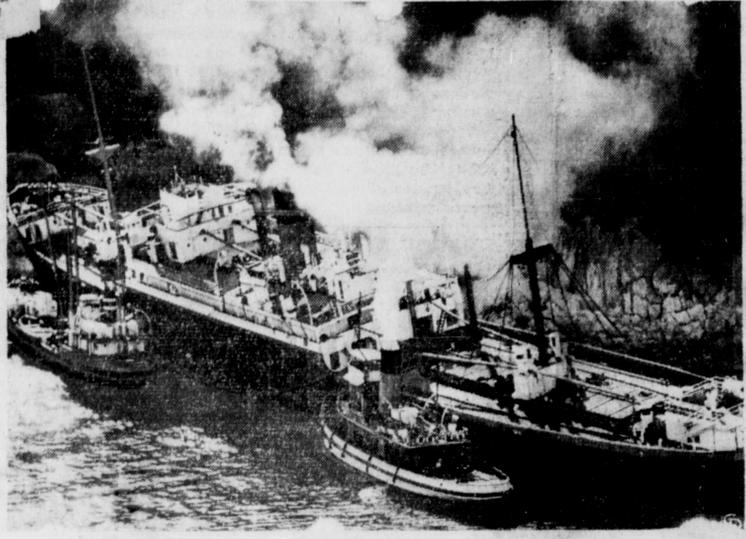
Butter duty is cut by the United States from 14c to 7c per pound.

United States duties are cut in half on all live poultry, all dressed poultry except turkey and on baby chicks and canned chicken.

United States duties on whisky and gin are reduced substantially.

The quota on Canadian seed potatoes is boosted by the United States from 1,500,000 to 2,500,000 per year.

CONCESSIONS BY CANADA Canada wipes out its 50c per ton duty on anthracite coal and cuts the duty on bituminous from 75c to 50c.



MANCHESTER CITY HIGH ON ROCKS IN ST. LAWRENCE—The liner Manchester City, which went aground 92 miles below Quebec City during a heavy fog, is photographed high on the rocks in the St. Lawrence. There was no one injured aboard and rescue was conducted by the coaster North Pioneer which took passengers to Montreal. The liner will probably be pulled off the rock by salvage tugs.

Street Cars Rumbling Again in Cities Down Coast as Month-Old Transit Strike Ends

VANCOUVER (CP)—The rumble of street cars was heard in Vancouver, New Westminster and Victoria today for the first time in more than four weeks, marking the end of the transit strike which has snarled transportation in the west coast cities since mid-October.

Decision of the Street Railwaymen's Union to end the strike was announced last night following a vote of the membership which saw 2,169 ballots cast in favor of returning to work and 360 against.

The settlement gives a 15c hourly increase with no change in the 46-hour week which a union spokesman said would be brought up again when contract renewal is negotiated.

OTTAWA (CP)—Margaret Ecker Francis, Vancouver newspaper woman, won the Canadian Women's Press Club 1946-47 memorial award, it is announced. The award—a gold medal of \$100—will be presented in British Columbia.

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NAMED C.C.F. CANDIDATE

Owen Jones in Yale Federal Field Against W. A. C. Bennett

PENTICTON (CP)—Owen L. Jones of Kelowna was nominated Saturday as C.C.F. candidate for Yale constituency in the forthcoming federal by-election to choose a successor to Hon. Grotto Stirling, Progressive Conservative, retired.

Jones will be opposed by W. A. C. Bennett, Progressive Conservative.

No Liberal candidate has yet been selected.

AWARD FOR BEST STORY

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LANGELEECRAG CREW MEN FIGHTING EXPOSURE; CANNOT LAST OUT LONG

HALIFAX (CP)—"Only thirty-six hours to save their lives." This was the message that was passed to rescuers today as plans were made to speed a United States Coastguard cutter to Sacred Island on Newfoundland's northern tip where some 35 shipwrecked sailors are fighting the effects of exposure.

Prince Rupert-born Wireless Operator Eyolf Stockland returned to the broken vessel from the beach to send out the new appeal for help. The crew men were suffering badly from the effects of exposure, he said.

The seamen are hanging grimly to life after losing one shipmate when the 4,900-ton freighter Langleecrag smashed aground and broke in two on Saturday.

BRACKEN TO BE CANDIDATE

Expected to Receive Unanimous Nomination in Brandon Today

OTTAWA (CP)—Political observers in Ottawa feel that John Bracken, Progressive Conservative party leader, will have no difficulty in carrying the convention in Brandon today when a candidate will be nominated to represent that constituency for the party in the next general election.

Word reaching here indicates that Mr. Bracken will be unopposed at the convention. He has already declared his intention of accepting the nomination if it is offered to him by the convention.

Mr. Bracken now represents the Manitoba constituency of Neepawa but that riding is scheduled to disappear at the next general election under provisions of a redistribution act passed at the last session of parliament.

The Brandon riding now is held by J. W. Matthews, a Liberal who has been in the commons since 1938.

Authority On Fishing

May Be Turned Over to Province—Bag Limit for Sport Fishermen

VICTORIA (CP)—Sportsmen fishing in tidal waters off British Columbia may be limited to five salmon a day and ten grise, it was learned during the week-end.

Such regulations are under consideration by the federal Department of Fisheries.

It is also indicated that the department is considering placing fishing in coastal tidal waters under provincial fisheries administration.

Local Tides

Wednesday, November 19, 1947		
High	6:05	16.6 feet
Low	17:22	17.0 feet
Low	11:41	11.3 feet

FIVE DIE IN TAVERN BLAST

Explosion and Fire Saturday Night In Tampa, Idaho

NAMPA, Idaho (CP)—An explosion in a crowded restaurant Saturday night killed five persons and injured nearly fifty others. The blast was believed to have been caused by a restaurant gas range.

PREMIER STRIKE OVER STEWART—A three-day strike at the Silbak-Premier mine over strike fund deductions has ended.

PT. ALBERNI HOTEL FIRE

\$100,000 Loss When Hostelry Burns—People Injured In Jumping

PORT ALBERNI (CP)—Eight were injured and damage estimated at more than \$100,000 was caused early today when fire destroyed the King Edward Hotel here. There are no known fatalities although several persons, including the proprietors, Mr. and Mrs. Rosenbloom, and their two daughters, as well as several guests, were injured in jumping from their night attire as far as 20 feet.

The 39-room frame structure was fully booked and the guests escaped in night attire, some jumping as far as 20 feet to the ground below.

The fire broke out at 2:30 a.m.

DEPT STORE HOLOCAUST

Forty-two Persons Dead as Result of Conflagration in New Zealand City

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand (CP)—Forty-two persons were counted dead or missing today in a spectacular fire which destroyed the four-storey Ballantyne Bros. department store, largest retail establishment in the city. Twenty-eight bodies were recovered, mostly around the doors. A twenty-ninth victim died in hospital and thirteen are missing. Cause of the fire, which started in the store restaurant, has not been determined.

Austerity Program For Canadians Is Launched

SIAMESE PLOT IS FRUSTRATED

Would Replace Constitutional Monarchy With Republican Government

BANGKOK (AP)—The Siamese military command today arrested a group of individuals it said was plotting to overthrow the government set up in last Sunday's revolt and replace the constitutional monarchy with a Republican government.

Lt. Gen. Phin Cinhawn, deputy supreme commander of the armed forces, said the group set November 30 for the attempt, and also planned to prevent the return of 19-year old King Phumiphon Aduldet from Switzerland.

It was announced last Wednesday that on the suggestion of Field Marshal Pibul Songgram, the wartime premier-dictator who led last Sunday's revolt, an invitation was being made to the King to return home immediately.

Living Standards Being Cut By Dollar Saving Methods

New Excise Taxes on Semi-luxury Goods, Sweeping Prohibitions on Imports and Travel

OTTAWA (CP)—Canadians face restrictions in living standards today as the government launches a dollar-saving program embodying new excise taxes on semi-luxury goods, sweeping prohibitions and restrictions on imports and pleasure travel and announces a \$300,000,000 loan from the United States.

Aimed directly at halting deterioration of Canada's dwindling United States dollar reserves, these new economic measures became effective at midnight last night and, although temporary, are expected to continue for many months.

The measures came less than four hours after the government had announced widespread tariff reductions negotiated at Geneva with seventeen other countries.

Official sources confirm that the economic program nullifies, if only temporarily, concessions Canada is granted on the import side of the tariff arrangements.

The dollar-saving program was announced in messages by Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King, speaking from London, and Finance Minister Douglas Abbott in Ottawa.

Mr. Abbott made these disclosures:

- 1—Canada's reserve of United States dollars dropped from \$1,245,000,000 last January 1 to \$500,000,000 as of last Thursday.
 - 2—Outright prohibition has been imposed on imports of a long list of goods already produced in Canada to some substantial degree or in some cases of semi-luxury or nonessential type. These include jewelry, candy, novelties, typewriters, radios, refrigerators, washing machines and furniture.
 - 3—Immediate prohibition is being placed on importation of motor vehicles but this will be replaced shortly by a restrictive quota system.
 - 4—The quota system is being applied immediately to classes of goods which include oranges, grapefruit, lemons, fruit juices, potatoes, apples, onions, all textiles except raw materials and yarns, all leathers including footwear, gloves, leather garments and luggage, clocks, watches, cutlery, games, toys, sporting goods and smokers' supplies.
 - 5—Travel restrictions are being imposed immediately on the basis of annual ration for pleasure travel of not more than \$150 per person for those who want to travel in United States dollar areas.
 - 6—Excise tax, to be applied by Parliament, is being applied immediately on durable consumer goods, whether domestic or foreign-made, such as sporting goods, outboard motors, pleasure launches, firearms, oil burners, motorcycles, musical instruments, cameras, radios, phonographs and most types of electrical home appliances. The present tax on motor cars will be boosted 25, 50 or 75 percent depending upon value.
 - 7—Canada's \$300,000,000 American loan has been obtained from the import-export bank in Washington on short term basis and the Dominion will now consider borrowing money from the banks and other private investors in the United States.
 - 8—To stimulate production, the government plans to pay an additional \$7 per ounce for gold production above amounts mined in the year ended June 30, 1947. This will bring the price of gold for the surplus production to \$42 per ounce.
 - 9—Parliament will be asked to authorize, retroactive to this date, removal of the 8 percent sales tax on electricity and gas used in dwellings, 1c a pound tax on sugar and reductions in the duties on tea and coffee.
- Mr. Abbott said the United States had been informed of the Canadian action and had expressed approval.

Mandatory Halibut Restrictions Sought

Meeting of the Deep Sea Fishermen's Union, called for Sunday night to consider routine business, was postponed for a larger attendance. The local Union is still working towards a revision of the international halibut treaty which would make curtailment restrictions mandatory.

TODAY'S STOCKS

Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.

Vancouver	
Bralorne	12.25
B. R. Con.	.05 1/4
B. R. X.	.08
Cariboo Quartz	2.95
Dentonia	.21
Gruhl Wilksne	.05 1/2
Hedley Mascot	1.14
Minto	.02 1/4
Pend Oreille	2.20
Pioneer	4.15
Premier Border	.05 1/2
Privateer	.41
Reeves McDonald	1.10
Reno	.13
Salmon Gold	.27
Sheep Creek	1.10
Taylor Bridge	.45
Taku River	.68
Congress	.03 1/2
Pacific Eastern	.07
Hedley Amalgamated	.03
Silbak Premier	.70
Oils—	
A. P. Con.	.12
C. & E.	2.45
Foot Hills	2.70
Home	4.30
Toronto	
Authona	.12
Aumaque	.30
Beattie	1.10
Bevcourt	.64
Bobjo	.14
Buffalo Canadian	.23
Cons. Smelters	95.50
Conwest	1.65
Donalda	1.20
Eldona	1.30
Elder	.90
Giant Yellowknife	6.70
God's Lake	1.15
Hardrock	.40
Harricana	.10
Heva	.35
Hosco	.57
Jackknife	.07
Joliet Quebec	.54
Lake Royan	.18
Lapaska	.25
Little Long Lac	1.90
Lynx	.10
Madsen Red Lake	3.80
McKenzie Red Lake	.74
McLeod Cockshutt	1.95
Moneta	.47
Negus	2.36
Noranda	52.00
Louvicourt	1.75
Pickle Crow	2.85
Regcourt	.16
San Antonio	4.75
Senator Rouyn	.77
Sherritt Gordon	3.25
Steep Rock	2.20
Sturgeon River	.25

Young Man Killed, Girl Hurt In Crash

VANCOUVER (CP)—Maurice Moreau, aged 23, was fatally injured and his companion, Ramona Walsley, 18, suffered minor injuries Saturday night when their automobile went into a skid and piled into a house. Moreau died in hospital several hours after the crash.

'O.M.' AWARDED PREMIER KING

Canadian Prime Minister Lanches With King and Visits Princess Elizabeth

LONDON (CP)—The King yesterday invested Rt. Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King, Premier of Canada, with the coveted Order of Merit at Buckingham Palace.

The investiture was the culminating act in several hours which Mr. King spent at the palace. The Canadian Prime Minister had luncheon with the King and Queen, was received alone by Princess Elizabeth to whom he presented Canada's wedding gift and also talked with Lt. Philip Mountbatten. Mr. King found Princess Elizabeth "radiantly happy" and very interested in Canada although she could not say when she and her husband-to-be would be able to visit the Dominion.

ROYALTY ARRIVES

Four Kings and Five Queens Reach London For Wedding

LONDON—Four kings and five queens are among the royalty who have already arrived in London for the marriage on Thursday of Princess Elizabeth and Lt. Philip Mountbatten. The first king to arrive was Michael of Rumania who reached here by plane on Saturday. King Haakon of Norway arrived late today.

WEATHER

Forecast
Prince Rupert, Queen Charlotte, North Coast—Clear Wednesday. Light change in temperature tonight and high at Port Hardy, 35; Massett, 32 and 45; Prince Rupert, 32 and 48.