

Canadian National Railway trains covering major runs including trans-continental, Toronto-Montreal and Toronto-Ottawa. In some cases they supplement regular dining car service, in others they replace it. The dinettes are kept open continuously throughout the day and evening to accommodate travelers who like their tea and coffee breaks. The new service is reported to be proving popular.

Coffee Imports Decline

During the first 10 months of 1954 imports of green coffee into Canada declined to 78,281,960 pounds from 86,153,782 pounds in same period of 1953. But value was up to \$53,112,103 compared with \$45,668,534 a year earlier.

For the same periods, imports of black tea increased slightly to 38,907,569 pounds in 1954 from 38,286,808 in 1953. Value was up to \$20,216,702 from \$16,397,728.

Volume of green tea continued relatively small—415,841 pounds in the first 10 months of 1954 valued at \$166,650. But this was considerably more green tea than was imported in the same period of 1953. Then the amount was only 289,073 pounds, valued at \$107,523.

Brazil's Coffee Financing Policy Forms Threat to Colombian Income

Planters Predict Good Crop Despite Hot Spell; May Have to Fight to Defend Price Line At 60c

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BOGOTA, February 26—Recent decisions in Brazil in connection with her foreign exchange rates have been a cause for considerable consternation to the coffee industry in Colombia. While it is understood that domestic politics played a part in the formulating of the new policies, it is feared that any day there may be additional corrections in this field.

At the present time it is believed that if the price of coffee becomes stabilized at the current prices the situation will not be too bad, but taking into account that Brazil may attempt to stabilize the price at 57½c, Colombia may have to wage a bitter fight to hold the line at 60c, the price forecast by Manuel Mejias, general manager of the National Federation of Coffee Growers.

In any case there is a tendency to

accept realistically and all but the smallest producers are maintaining a peaceful attitude.

Right now there is not much coffee in sight, except for the "pepeo" (loose beans picked from the ground) which goes on without much hurry in zones of Cucuta, North of Santander, Caldas and parts of Antioquia. It is believed that this "pepeo" will hardly yield one thousand bags, if everything goes according to the best expectations. Coffee growers are 100 percent dedicated to cleaning their fields, providing shade for them, improve the watering and straighten up the plants, hoping that the coming May crop will be very good, despite the forecast of a very hot summer which may cause some damage. Otherwise, there are no pests, the reports coming from Antioquia were exaggerated and promptly combated.

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