

JAPANESE ENVOY INSTALLED

On October 19, His Excellency Nobuhiko Ushiba presented his letter of Credence as Ambassador and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Canada. The ceremony took place at Government House, where the Chief of Protocol of Canada's Department of External Affairs, Mr. Henry F. Davis, presented the Ambassador to the Governor-General. Mr. G.P. de T. Glazebrook, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, and Mr. Esmund Butler were in attendance on the Governor-General on this occasion.

RADIOS, TV'S, RECORD PLAYERS

Producers sold fewer radio receiving-sets but more television sets and record players in Canada in August than in the corresponding month last year. Radio sales in August numbered 44,244 units compared to 50,135 a year earlier, television sets 31,031 units compared to 27,224, and record players 14,211 compared to 13,892. January-August sales: radios, 346,327 units (403,306 a year ago), television sets, 191,477 (183,393); and record players, 72,523 (88,031).

WINTER WORKS PROGRAMME

With a total of 1,253 applications from municipalities approved for federal assistance under the Federal-Provincial Municipal Winter Works Incentive Programme on the opening day, the Programme, which runs from October 16, 1961, to April 30, 1962, is off to an encouraging start, according to Mr. Michael Starr, the Minister of Labour. "The large volume of applications received by the start of the Programme today would indicate that this year's Programme will be the most successful yet," added Mr. Starr. "If the early start is any indication, the number of men employed on site by the Programme will likely exceed 150,000 -- up from 121,000 last year."

The 1,253 applications approved to date compare with a total of 570 by the first day of last year's Programme. All ten provinces are co-operating, and all ten have already submitted applications for projects from their municipalities. Under the terms of the Programme, the government pays one-half of the direct payroll costs of a municipality or its contractors or sub-contractors on accepted winter works projects.

VALUE TO MUNICIPALITIES

The Minister attributed the substantial increase in the number of projects submitted so far to the fact that municipalities, through experience during the past three winters, have found that the Programme is an effective means of providing more winter employment while at the same time carrying out needed public works projects. In addition to those classes of projects covered last year, this year's Programme has been further broadened to include nearly every capital undertaking of a municipality.

The broadening of the Programme is expected to provide not only an unprecedented number of "on-site" jobs, but also an increased number of jobs in the service and supply industries. In this connection, the number of projects approved to date is expected to provide almost 27,300 additional jobs for a total of almost 1,500,000 man-days of work, as compared with 10,700 jobs and 590,000 man-days of work at this time last year.

The estimated total cost of this year's applications approved up to October 16 amounted to \$86 million, which represents an increase of \$55 million over the previous year at this time.

The estimated direct payroll costs of the projects so far approved and to be carried out during the period of the Programme is estimated at \$20,800,000 of which some \$10,300,000 will be contributed by the Federal Government.

As in past years, a number of provinces are adding further incentives for projects undertaken by their municipalities under the Programme.

HARBOUR LAND USE COMMITTEE

The formation of a Vancouver Harbour Land Use Committee has been announced by Mr. Léon Balcer, Minister of Transport. The new body, which will consist of representatives of federal government agencies and departments with property interests in Vancouver Harbour, will be charged with the responsibility of developing a plan for the optimum use of lands fronting the harbour.

Speaking as the Minister through whom the National Harbours Board reports to Parliament, Mr. Balcer said that the work of the new group would be facilitated through the appointment by the NHB of a full-time chairman responsible to the Board. Mr. Balcer made it clear that the Harbour Land Use Committee would work closely with all parties interested in the port and in planning for the area immediately adjacent to it. This, he stated, should make it possible to plan land use on a wider basis.

OFFICER TRAINING PLAN

A university education and a military career will be combined by 147 young men from across Canada who have been accepted into the Royal Canadian Navy as officer cadets under the terms of the Regular Officer Training Plan.

Eighty-eight of the successful ROTP candidates have been accepted for entry into the three Canadian services colleges: Royal Roads, near Victoria, B.C., Royal Military College, Kingston, Ont., and Collège Militaire Royal de Saint-Jean, Saint-Jean, Quebec. The other 59 will attend universities.

The costs of tuition and other essential fees are paid by the Department of National Defence. Cadets entering the services colleges are provided with all necessary books and instruments, uniforms and accommodation; those attending university receive direct financial assistance. All receive full medical and dental care.