

and calves, larger participation payments on previous years' grain crops, and increased net advances on farm-stored grain in Western Canada. Lesser gains were made by oats, rye, vegetables, and dairy and poultry products. Income was lower in 1962 than in 1961 for barley, rapeseed, tobacco and hogs.

In addition, farmers received in 1962 some \$70.3 million in the form of supplementary payments paid out under the provisions of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act and the Western Grain Producers' Acreage Payment plan. This was in contrast to the supplementary payments in 1961 of approximately \$35.8 million, most of which was paid out under the provisions of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act.

EDUCATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Howard Green, has announced the establishment of a Planning Committee to advise and assist the Government in the preparations for the Third Commonwealth Education Conference, to be held in Canada at the end of August 1964. The Committee is broadly representative of provincial educational authorities, the university community, professional associations and other organizations concerned with the Commonwealth education programme. Its members are: Dr. G.C. Andrew, Executive Director, Canadian Universities Foundation; Mr. B. Scott Bateman, Deputy Minister of Education for Manitoba; Dr. Claude Bissell, President of the Canadian Universities Foundation, President of the University of Toronto; Dr. G.F. Curtis, Dean of Law, University of British Columbia; Dr. G.E. Flower, Director of Graduate Studies, Ontario College of Education; Msgr. Jacques Gameau, Associate Director, Canadian Universities Foundation, formerly Secretary-General, Laval University; Dr. H. Gaudfroy, Director, Ecole Polytechnique, University of Montreal; Dr. Marion E. Grant, Acadia University; Rev. H.F. Légaré, Rector of the University of Ottawa; Dr. C.J. Mackenzie, Chancellor of Carleton University; Mr. Gerald Nason, Secretary-Treasurer, Canadian Teachers' Federation; Mr. Joseph L. Pagé, Deputy Minister, Quebec Ministry of Youth; Dr. F.S. Rivers, Chief Director of Education for Ontario; Dr. Freeman K. Stewart, Executive Secretary, Canadian Education Association.

In preparing for the 1964 Conference, the Canadian Planning Committee will work in close association with the Commonwealth Education Liaison Committee (CELC) and the Commonwealth Education Liaison Unit (CELU) in London.

INTERCITY PASSENGER-MILES

Although the Dominion Bureau of Statistics has prepared estimates of Canadian intercity passenger-mile performance by mode of transport in

the past, the results were not considered sufficiently reliable to warrant publication. However, owing to the increasing interest in such statistics, it has been decided to prepare and publish new estimates to fill this important statistical gap in transportation coverage. This release makes available to the general public for the first time estimates of intercity passenger-miles by mode of transport as well as a percentage distribution for the years 1949-1961 comparable to the intercity freight ton-mile output by mode of transport already published. The data, considered to be indicative of the trend and composition of passenger transportation output, are preliminary and subject to future revision.

AUTO PERFORMANCE

Because the actual data of automobile passenger-mile performance in Canada are not at present available, it was necessary to predicate estimates for this mode on United States outputs. As a first approximation to automobile passenger-miles performed in Canada, the products of Canadian automobile registrations and U.S. average passenger-miles per vehicle for the years covered were obtained. To account for the different average annual distance travelled per vehicle in the two countries, a reduction factor was computed and applied to arrive at the end results.

The 1958 "Motor Transport Traffic" surveys in Ontario and the Western provinces provided passenger-mile data based on random sample selections of intercity passenger-bus registrations. An expansion factor was computed and applied to the collected data to arrive at a Canada base-year aggregate. By means of extrapolation on the trend of intercity-bus real-output indices, estimates for years before and after the 1958 benchmark year were determined.

The air passenger-miles represent adjustments of data previously published in the Dominion Bureau of Statistics "Civil Aviation" reports to derive domestic figures, including estimates for bulk (charter and contract) transportation, while rail passenger-miles were obtained from existing Bureau publications.

INSECT THREAT STUDIED

The problem of the balsam woolly aphid, a major insect threat to Newfoundland's predominantly balsam-fir forests, will receive special attention as a result of a conference of federal and Newfoundland representatives held in Ottawa recently.

Plans were made for increased co-operation between the federal and provincial governments and industry to find satisfactory methods of controlling the infestation, which has spread to 20 per cent of Newfoundland's forests over a gross area of 3,600 square miles. The federal Department of Forestry, the Newfoundland Forest Protection Association and Department of Mines, Agriculture and Resources participated in the two-day meeting.