

### CHEMICALS MISSION TO SOUTH AMERICA

Another Canadian trade mission has been sent abroad as part of the export-trade promotion drive by the Department of Trade and Commerce. The mission is visiting Colombia, Venezuela, Argentina and Brazil this month with the purpose of increasing immediate and long-term sales to South America of the more than 500 types of organic chemicals, including petro-chemicals, produced in Canada. The Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. Hees, noted that Argentina, Brazil, Colombia and Venezuela together imported approximately \$62-million worth of organic chemicals per annum, of which Canada supplied only \$1.75-million worth. He added that a thorough examination of this rapidly-expanding market, followed by a determined sales effort, should materially increase Canada's exports of organic chemicals to the area.

Canada's chemical industry has expanded very rapidly in recent years. In 1961 its dollar volume was \$1.44 billion, an increase of 5.6 per cent over the figure for the preceding year and 63 per cent over that for the preceding ten years. More than 131 Canadian firms throughout the ten provinces and the Northwest Territories manufacture industrial chemicals. Ontario and Quebec are the leading producers, followed by British Columbia, the Prairie provinces and the Atlantic provinces.

### NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDING

Starts on the construction of new dwellings in all areas of Canada in this year's third quarter increased 3.8 per cent to 40,233 units from 38,762 in the corresponding period of last year, according to advance figures that will be contained in the September issue of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics report "New

Residential Construction". With a decrease of 2.4 per cent in the first quarter and an increase of 5.4 per cent in the second, starts in the first nine months of this year rose 3.4 per cent to 96,241 units, from 93,121 in the same period of 1961.

Completions in all areas advanced 4.6 per cent in the third quarter, to 34,508 units from 32,981 a year earlier, and 8.2 per cent in the January-September period, to 86,982 units from 80,410 a year ago. Units in various stages of construction at the end of September numbered 82,331, greater by 7.2 per cent than the comparable 1961 total of 76,825.

Starts in urban centres of 5,000 population and over eased down 0.2 per cent in September to 8,918 units from 8,934 in the same month last year, but rose 4.0 per cent in the January 1-September 30 period, to 69,956 units from 67,283 in the same nine months of 1961.

Completions in these centres were down slightly (0.2 per cent) in September, to 9,861 units from 9,880 a year earlier, but were up 9.4 per cent in the nine-month period, to 63,936 units from 58,463 a year ago. The number of units under construction at the end of September rose 12.0 per cent, to 59,155 units from 52,797 a year ago.

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degree of the risks involved in artificial contamination of the atmosphere? We cannot do less if we are to accept our responsibility to future generations. We might well do more. It is with these considerations in mind...that my Delegation is presenting this resolution which has been so widely co-sponsored. I hope that it can be unanimously endorsed."

### MODERNIZATION OF APPRENTICESHIP

"We need to see that apprenticeship is modernized and made more flexible and above all, to make sure it is properly integrated with other training programmes," Mr. George V. Haythorn, Deputy Minister of Labour, said in his welcoming address to members of the National Apprenticeship Training Advisory Committee, which met in Ottawa November 1 and 2. "The place of pre-apprenticeship training should be frankly recognized and we should not continue to perpetuate outmoded concepts in this or any other training area," he told representatives of labour management and provincial governments. Dr. Haythorn said that, on June 30, 1962, there had been 8,092 apprentices in the building trades registered with provincial departments of labour except in Quebec. At that date there had been about 210,000 persons employed in construction

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