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LEBANESE CENTRE CANADIAN GIFT

On October 2, Mr. Paul Beaulieu, Canadian Ambassador to Lebanon and Iraq, represented Canada at the opening of the Vocational Training Centre for Palestine Refugees at Siblin, Lebanon, which was made possible by special Canadian contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

Siblin Vocational Training Centre has been constructed by UNRWA as part of a programme announced in 1960 to increase the educational and vocational-training facilities available to refugee youths. Canadian support was given to the UNRWA programme from its inception and, in response to an appeal from Dr. Davis, Commissioner-General of UNRWA, the Government provided a special gift to UNRWA in connection with World Refugee Year of \$1 million in the form of wheat flour, on the understanding that the gift would be used for the establishment of vocational-training centres. Siblin is the first such centre to be constructed. A second is under construction at Homs in Syria.

The following is the text of the message:
"On the occasion of the opening of Siblin Vocational Training Centre I am happy to convey to the Government of Lebanon the cordial greetings of the Government of Canada. I would like to express a special word of appreciation to ... Mr. Kamal Jumblatt, whose generous gift of land has made him a partner of Canada in the construction of the Centre. I would also take the opportunity to congratulate the Commissioner-General of UNRWA and his able and devoted staff on the completion of this stage in UNRWA's accelerated programme to increase its educational and vocational-training facilities.

UNRWA's programme has won Canadian support since its inception. In 1960 Dr. Davis expressed the hope that the talents of refugee youths could be salvaged by a programme of general education and specialized training that would fit them for employment in an era of technological progress. Canadian endorsement of this programme took the form of a special gift to UNRWA, in connection with World Refugee Year, of one million dollars worth of wheat flour to make possible the construction of vocational-training centres.

Siblin is the first of two Canadian-financed training centres to be built by UNRWA. On this, the day of its inauguration, it stands as a symbol of international co-operation to improve the lot of distressed human beings. That Canada has been able to participate in this as in other aspects of UNRWA's work is a source of pride and satisfaction to all Canadians."

NEW ENVOY TO NETHERLANDS

The appointment has been announced of Mr. Frederick Bull as Canadian Ambassador to the Netherlands. Mr. Bull, at present Canadian Ambassador to Japan, replaces the late C.P. Hébert, whose death occurred July 29 in The Hague.

Born in Weston, Ontario, in December 1903, Mr. Bull graduated from the University of Toronto with

a Bachelor of Commerce degree. In 1929 he was appointed to the Trade Commissioner Service of the Department of Trade and Commerce. After serving as Assistant Trade Commissioner in New York and Trade Commissioner in Trinidad, Mr. Bull was appointed Trade Commissioner to New Zealand. He later served in Washington as Commercial Attaché and in 1945 returned to Canada to become Director of the Export Division of the Department of Trade and Commerce. In 1949 he was appointed Director of the Commodities Branch and the following year became Assistant Deputy Minister. He became Deputy Minister of the Department of Trade and Commerce in 1951. Since 1957, Mr. Bull has served in Tokyo as Canadian Ambassador to Japan.

AUGUST SEAWAY TRAFFIC

Nearly 15,000,000 tons of cargo have passed through the Montreal-Lake Ontario section of the Seaway so far this year, an increase of 8.4 per cent to the end of August, compared to the same period last year. The Welland Canal section of the Seaway has carried 21,000,000 tons of cargo since its opening in April, compared to 18,600,000 tons during the same period last year, for an increase of 12.1 per cent.

This information was provided by the two Seaway entities, the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority (Canada) and the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (U.S.), whose records reveal that August 1962 showed a gain in cargo movement of 7.6 per cent over last August on the St. Lawrence section and an increase of 4.8 per cent on the Welland Canal section of the waterway.

Upbound movements accounted for the greater part of the traffic. Bulk commodities exceeded 90 per cent of the total, and vessel transits continued to indicate a steadily increasing number of larger vessels passing through the system, with greater cargoes being carried in fewer ships.

CANADIAN CUSTOM EQUIPMENT

Canadian achievements in the design and development of custom-built production machinery and equipment are explained in the booklet *Production Machinery And Equipment From Canada* recently issued by the Department of Trade and Commerce to illustrate and describe the Canadian exhibits at the 1962 Western Tool Exposition and Conference held in Los Angeles, California, from October 1 to 5.

By means of text and photographs, the booklet describes special features of the machinery manufactured by the 10 Canadian companies participating in the exhibit. Included in the nine Canadian machines shown in actual operation were a numerical-control unit operating a metal-working machine, an automatic-injection molding machine capable of turning out 60 plastic coffee cups a minute, an automatic line-tracing device that could be used for engraving, woodworking and shaping, map and chart-making, lathe and contour milling, and a ram-turret milling machine with hydraulic tracing attachment.