

**OATS AND BARLEY POOL:** Effective August 1, 1949, oats and barley produced in the three prairie provinces will be marketed through an oats pool and a barley pool operated by the Canadian Wheat Board, it has been announced by the Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. Howe.

Initial payments will be made on the basis of the 1949-50 support prices announced by the federal Government on March 15, 1949, less all charges before delivery in store Fort William or Port Arthur. The 1949-50 support prices announced last March were 6 1/2 cents for oats and 90 cents for barley basis No. 1 Feed grades in store Fort William or Port Arthur.

In explaining the adjustments to be made in determining the new initial payments Mr. Howe pointed out that deductions would include an allowance of 1 1/2 cents per bushel on oats and 3 cents per bushel on barley, this to constitute a reserve against country carrying charges and pool operating expenses to the Lakehead. Mr. Howe said that total deductions under the pool system including the reserve of 1 1/2 cents for oats and 3 cents for barley would be about equivalent to deductions which have been made at country elevators under the price support policy.

**MINIMUM GUARANTEED**

The federal Government guarantees a minimum return to the oats and barley pools at 6 1/2 cents for oats and 90 cents for barley on the basis of No. 1 Feed grades in store Fort William or Port Arthur for the total handling of the pools.

The Canadian Wheat Board will establish related initial payments for other grades of western oats and barley and these will be announced before the end of July. These will include initial payments for the basic grades of oats and barley set forth in Section IV (a) of the Canadian Wheat Board Act. These basic grades are for oats, Grade No. 2 Canada Western for which the initial payment will be 65 cents per bushel basis in store Fort William or Port Arthur, after deduction of the allowance, and for barley, Grade No. 3 Canada Western Six-Row, for which the initial payment will be 93 cents per bushel on the same basis.

With regard to flaxseed, the Government has asked the Canadian Wheat Board to conduct a voluntary pooling operation during 1949-50. The initial payment will be \$2.50 per bushel basis No. 1 C.W. flaxseed in store Fort William or Port Arthur with appropriate prices for lower grades. The Board is already carrying substantial stocks of flaxseed from 1948-49 operations and the Government has asked the Board to give sales priority to any 1949-50 Board flax receipts. It is not known at this time whether or not an alternative flaxseed market will be provided in Winnipeg.

**OCCUPATIONAL PAMPHLETS:** The Minister of Labour, Mr. Mitchell, announced on July 20 publication of the first of a series of booklets on Canadian occupations.

These publications have been prepared to fill an increasing demand for specific information from Canadian youth facing the difficulties of choosing the right occupation, and from parents, teachers, employment service officers, personnel officers, and all others interested in guiding youth into the right avenues of employment, the Minister explained. They should also prove of value to union officials and workers shifting to other occupations.

The initial issues consist of "a monograph" which deals with the subject in detail and a folder which covers the subject briefly in both English and French, on the "Carpenter". This will be followed by six others on skilled trades in the construction industry.

This material, prepared by the Economics and Research Branch of the Department of Labour, contains all information necessary to show a clear picture of the occupation including entry and training requirements, history, duties, earnings, promotion possibilities, related occupations, organizations, and an analysis of trends of economic forces affecting the employment outlook of those engaged.

**PROGRESS IN V. D. CONTROL:** Considerable progress has been made in Canada during the past few years in combatting the venereal disease menace and the outlook "permits one to be cautiously optimistic," Dr. B.D.B. Layton, Chief of the venereal disease control division of the Department of National Health and Welfare, said on July 21.

Indicative of the success achieved through combined federal and provincial efforts to reduce the prevalence of V.D. are the comparative figures for the number of cases of all types of the disease as reported by physicians to provincial health departments.

In 1946 the total number of reported cases was 41,556. In 1947 this had dropped to 33,476 and in 1948 a further drop was recorded, 27,491 cases. The first quarter of 1949 shows 6,307 cases reported as compared to 7,303 for the same period a year ago.

**PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH** Do potatoes grown in different types of soil contain varying amounts of thiamin? What effect has diet on the retention and absorption of silicon and zinc in the human body? What quantities of usable energy can be obtained from various foods eaten alone and in combination with other foods?

These are three among the basic questions being probed by scientists at the University of Montreal; the Department of Biochemistry, McGill University; and Macdonald College in three research projects being financed by the federal Government's health grants. Announcement of federal aid has been made by the Minister of National Health and Welfare, Mr. Martin.

During the past two years, Mr. Martin said, studies have been carried out at the University of Montreal comparing the thiamin content of Irish Cobbler, Green Mountain and Katahdin potatoes obtained from experimental stations in three different localities, to determine whether or not the soil type influences the thiamin content. The potatoes will be tested at harvest time and also after storage. The research is being directed by Miss Mabel Sanderson, director of graduate studies in the Institute of Dietetics and Nutrition.

**"GLASGOW'S" PROGRAM:** The British cruiser, H.M.S. "Glasgow", flagship of Vice-Admiral R.V. Symonds-Tayler, C.B., D.S.C., Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Navy's America and West Indies Station, will visit seven Canadian ports during her 1949 summer cruise, it has been announced.

The program for the Canadian portion of the "Glasgow's" cruise is as follows:

Cornerbrook, Newfoundland	July 22 - 26
St. George's Bay, Nfld.	July 26 - 28
St. John's, Nfld.	July 30 - Aug. 4
Halifax (Navy Week)	Aug. 4 - 15
Murray Bay, P.Q.	Aug. 17 - 25
Quebec	Aug. 25 - Sept. 2
Montréal	Sept. 5 - 12

While the "Glasgow" is in Quebec City, Vice-Admiral Symonds-Tayler and a party of four officers will visit Ottawa for a few days, travelling in a R.C.A.F. transport aircraft.

**JUNE REVENUES \$191,000,000:** On July 23 the Minister of Finance, Mr. Abbott, released the regular monthly statement of the Comptroller of the Treasury covering revenues and expenditures of the Government of Canada for the month of June.

Total revenue of the Government for the month of June amounted to \$191.0 million compared with \$232.2 million for the same month last year. Total revenue receipts for the first three months of the current fiscal year amounted to \$674.0 million compared with \$701.3 million for the same period a year ago.

The Comptroller's statement also shows total expenditures for the month of June of \$240.3 million compared with \$165.5 million in June 1948. Expenditures in June this year include a charge of \$71.7 million arising out of the assumption by Canada of the Newfoundland Guaranteed Stock as provided for under

the Terms of Union between Canada and Newfoundland. Total expenditures for the first three months amounted to \$471.1 million compared with \$378.3 million for the same period last year.

Expenditures for June exceeded revenues by \$49.3 million. The budgetary surplus of the Government for the first three months of the fiscal year was \$203.0 million compared with \$323.0 million in the same period last year. In addition, there were non-budgetary expenditures, that is, outlays for loans, advances and investments amounting to \$60.7 million in the first three months of the current fiscal year compared with \$79.4 million of similar outlays in the same period a year ago.

**REUNION IN CHICAGO:** Canadian ex-members of the First Special Service Force will go far afield this year for their third annual reunion. The gathering will be held in Chicago, August 5 and 6.

Last year's reunion was held in Toronto and two years ago the paratroopers met in Montana where the force was trained.

A joint Canadian and United States formation, the force was organized in 1942 for the specific purpose of invading German-held Norway. Schooled in commando tactics, airborne operations and mountain warfare, the force soon became known as a corps of super specialists in the art of fighting.

It served first in Kiska and then in Italy, helping take Cassino and the famous Anzio beach-head.

**RESERVE TROOPS TRAINING:** Personnel of the Canadian Army Reserve Force will be trained this fall and winter at Active Force corps schools including the crack tri-service air training centre at Rivers, Man., military authorities said this week.

The extra training, much of it of an advanced and highly specialized nature, will fill in the gaps between local headquarters training and annual field training at summer schools and camps for the Reserves. Courses now announced as being "open" to them will qualify Reserves as instructors in corps subjects, for promotion to a higher rank or for trades pay in the case of men taking trades training.

**CARLOADINGS:** Carloadings on Canadian railways for the week ended July 16 amounted to 73,181 cars, showing a slight increase over the preceding week's total of 72,936 cars, but a drop of 4,548 cars or 5.8 per cent from the corresponding week last year.