

for all milk delivered for manufacturing purposes, with the exception that no payments will be made to producers who sell a portion of their milk within the fluid bottled milk market. The net result will be to reduce producers' returns by 15 cents per 100 pounds on milk used for manufacturing purposes.

"Price support on skim milk powder is being continued for the five-month period, to the end of September, to provide the dairy industry with a period of readjustment, so that the diversion of milk now used for the manufacture of powder to the production of cheese, casein and other manufactured dairy products may go forward without serious dislocation in the dairy industry and loss to individual producers.

"The total effect of the change in the dairy price support programme will be:

- (1) The farmer who delivers cream for butter only will get the same return as last year.
- (2) The farmer who delivers milk for cheese-making will receive a small increase in his return.
- (3) The farmer who delivers milk for manufacturing into products other than cheese will receive about 15 cents per 100 pounds less than in 1958.
- (4) The farmer who delivers to the fluid milk market, and who has been receiving a price of up to \$5.00 per 100 pounds for this milk, will not be paid any subsidy for the milk which he diverts into manufacturing, and thus the returns to the dairy farmers who have been delivering to different types of markets will be brought closer together than they have been in the past.
- (5) The Canadian consumer of cheese and dry skim milk will be able to secure these products at reduced prices."

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STRATFORD "TREAT"

Wheels of the Canada Council Train are beginning to roll--their destination, the Stratford Festival, 1959. For 180 young Canadians and their 20 adult companions it will mean three days at the Stratford Festival, a chance to attend performances, visit backstage and be feted at a civic reception, with all expenses paid.

The Canada Council Train will board its passengers, High School pupils from 16 to 18 years of age, from points as far distant as Victoria, B.C. and St. John's, Newfoundland, to bring them to the small Ontario city where internationally-known actors and musicians play to cosmopolitan audiences.

The Canadian Education Association and Les Visites Interprovinciales will choose students who are considered to be outstanding, and who have shown a particular aptitude in the arts or a special interest in music and drama.

Dates of the visit are expected to be July 22-24. The students will see "As You Like It",

"Othello", and the Offenbach opera "Orpheus in the Underworld".

Special cars on the C.N.R. Transcontinental run will be marked reserved for the Canada Council. The train will board 30 passengers from the Atlantic Provinces, 50 each from Quebec and Ontario, 40 from the Prairies, and 30 from B.C. and the Yukon. Trains from the east and west will meet in Toronto and proceed to Stratford where Festival officials will take charge of the visit.

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IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS

The Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Mrs. Ellen L. Fairclough, has announced that Order-in-Council P.C. 1959-310 has been rescinded, effective on April 23, 1959.

Canadian citizens and legal residents of Canada who are in a position to receive and care for their relatives abroad may continue to sponsor them. These relatives are: brothers; sisters; married sons and daughters together with their wives and husbands and unmarried children under 21; as well as the close relatives and the fiance(e)s listed in the Regulations, provided the persons sponsored are citizens by birth or by naturalization of Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, Turkey, or of any country of Europe or of a country of North America, Central America or South America.

The amendment affected only one subsection of the Regulations and hence all the previous Regulations continue in force as before.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS

Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit numbered 766,900 at March 31, 4 per cent less than on February 27 and 11 per cent below March 31, 1958, according to an advance statement by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Seasonal benefit claimants (included in these data) totalled 258,300 on March 31, an increase of 6 per cent over February 27 and 10 per cent higher than last year. Regular claimants (508,600 on March 31) were 8 per cent fewer than on February 27 and 19 per cent lower than March 31, 1958.

Initial and renewal claims filed during March totalled 230,100, an increase of 4 per cent over February but a decrease of 9 per cent from the intake of claims in March 1958. Claims considered under the seasonal benefit terms accounted for 47 per cent of initial claims processed in March, compared with 45 per cent in February and 44 per cent last March.

The average weekly number of beneficiaries was estimated at 763,200 for March, compared to 673,400 for February and 802,200 for March 1958. Benefit payments amounted to \$65.9 million for March, \$58.1 million during February and \$72.4 million during March 1958.