

concerning offshore fishermen and the offshore fleet. It required a major survey to provide the answers.

The study will determine categories of labour employed on the offshore boats and at shore plants, skills and how they were acquired, future requirements for fishermen and plant workers, and the training they will need.

### OPERATION EXPORT LAUNCHED

Trade and Commerce Minister Robert Winters said recently that Montreal's response to his new export selling programme had been gratifying.

On April 17 Mr. Winters inaugurated "Operation Export 1967", a cross-country tour by more than 60 Canadian trade commissioners, which, he said, would take them to nine major commercial centres talking with the businessmen "it is our pleasure to serve".

### MONTREAL'S GREAT INTEREST

Ninety-six per cent of the available time for interviews in Montreal had been booked by nearly 600 applicants, the Minister added. "So heavy has been the response, so numerous have been the requests for interviews with our trade commissioners," he continued, "that another six commissioners have had specially to be called in for the Montreal operation."

Mr. Winters said response had also been excellent elsewhere. "To date," he noted, "with a month and a half to go before the last session of 'Operation Export', some 14,000 interviews have been booked by nearly 2,000 companies."

Mr. Winters was addressing a luncheon meeting sponsored by La Chambre de Commerce du District de Montreal, with the co-operation of the Department of Industry and Commerce, Province of Quebec, the Montreal Board of Trade, the Canadian Export Association and the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, Quebec Division.

### IMPORTANCE OF EXPORTS

Mr. Winters stressed the importance of export trade to the strength of the economy. Exports, he observed, had been important in the past, and would be even more important in the immediate future. "By exporting, Canadians are able to reap the benefits of international specializations and longer production runs which contribute toward the development of more productive industry," he said.

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### CANADA'S MAN-MADE FORESTS

According to a report by the Department of Forestry and Rural Development, over 1,850,000 acres of land were artificially forested in Canada between 1900 and 1965. The report was submitted to an international symposium sponsored by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations held in Canberra, Australia, from April 14 to 25.

Of the total acreage forested in Canada, about 40 per cent, or 730,000 acres, involved afforestation (planting on lands that had not supported a forest for at least 50 years). The remainder, some 1,120,000 acres, was reforestation of cut-over and burned-over forest land.

Afforestation on abandoned farmland and heathland totals 380,000 acres, and on grassland 350,000. The man-made forests on abandoned farmland are largely coniferous, and most are located in Ontario and Quebec. Grassland afforestation is confined to the Prairie Provinces and is either shelterbelt or farmstead planting.

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### CHEVRIER STATE VISIT HOST

The Prime Minister has announced that Mr. Lionel Chevrier, former High Commissioner in London, has arrived in Canada to take up his post in Montreal as Commissioner-General for Visits of State 1967. Mr. Chevrier will officially represent the Government of Canada during the visits of heads of state and heads of government to Expo '67. Although the official welcome to Canada by the Government will continue to take place in Ottawa, arrangements for the visitors in Montreal will be made by the Commissioner-General.

### DUTIES IN HALIFAX

In addition to his duties in Montreal, Mr. Chevrier will be in Halifax on July 10 to meet the Queen Mother and to assist with arrangements for her visit. He will also join the Governor General and the Prime Minister in greeting the Queen and Prince Philip on their arrival in Canada on June 29.

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### DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments to Canadian missions abroad were announced recently:

Mr. S.F. Rae, now Canadian Permanent Representative and Ambassador to the Offices of the United Nations in Geneva, to be Ambassador in Mexico where he will replace Mr. H.F. Feaver, who will be the new Ambassador to Greece. Mr. Rae will be replaced by Mr. J.L. Delisle, now the Canadian Ambassador to Turkey.

Mr. J.H. Cleveland, now Canadian High Commissioner to Nigeria, will become the new Ambassador to Colombia, replacing Mr. O.W. Dier, who recently became the Canadian Commissioner on the International Control Commission in Saigon. Mr. Klaus Goldschlag, at present at headquarters of the Department of External Affairs in Ottawa, will replace Mr. Delisle in Turkey, and Mr. John Timmerman, also at headquarters in Ottawa, will become the new Canadian High Commissioner in Ceylon.

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