

annual average during the early or mid-1960's." This is certainly anything but a reassuring prospect for Canada.

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GIFT OF BOOKS FROM URUGUAY

The complete works of Carlos Vaz Ferreira, the great Uruguayan humanist and philosopher, were presented to the Library of Parliament as a gift of the Chamber of Deputies of Uruguay at a special ceremony in the Hall of Honour of the Parliament Buildings recently. Mr. Ernesto Benavides, Chargé d'Affaires of Uruguay, made the presentation on behalf of his country. Senator Mark R. Drouin, Speaker of the Senate and Mr. Roland Michener, Speaker of the House of Commons, accepted the books on behalf of the Parliament of Canada. Mr. F.A. Hardy, Parliamentary Librarian, as well as other officials and Parliamentarians were present at the ceremony.

In a short presentation speech, the Chargé d'Affaires of Uruguay reviewed the distinguished and varied academic career of Mr. Carlos Vaz Ferreira. Noting that during his long life he always held high the importance of a broad interest in the arts and humanities, as opposed to narrow professionalism, Mr. Benavides pointed to the realization of his compatriot's dream in the creation of a Faculty of Humanities and Sciences at the University of Montevideo in 1946.

Mr. Michener and Senator Drouin in brief addresses in response, asked Mr. Benavides to convey to the Uruguayan House of Representatives the thanks of the Canadian Parliament for the generous gift. Mr. Michener expressed the conviction that a wise and noble spirit like that of Mr. Ferreira would provide inspiration to those who read his works.

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SHIPMENTS OF TEXTILE MILLS

Factory value of shipments from Canada's 965 textile mills in 1956 increased 4.4 per cent to \$766,977,000 from \$734,515,000 by 977 mills in 1955, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports in its annual general review. This was the largest total since 1951's record high of \$846,477,000. The index of volume of production (1935-39=100) declined to 182.4 from 185.3 in the preceding year.

Employees increased in 1956 to 70,873 from 69,144 in 1955, salaries and wages to \$199,328,000 from \$187,805,000, material costs to \$430,420,000 from \$408,891,000 and value added by manufacture to \$323,821,000 from \$314,533,000.

All six main groups contributed to the rise in the factory value of shipments in 1956, totals being as follows: cotton textiles,

\$255,570,000 (\$248,045,000 in 1955); woollen textiles, \$126,976,000 (\$123,324,000); synthetic textiles and silk, \$161,161,000 (\$159,234,000); dyeing and finishing of textile goods, \$15,017,000 (\$14,281,000); narrow fabrics, \$18,889,000 (\$17,406,000); and miscellaneous textile products, \$189,363,000 (\$172,225,000).

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FRESH SKIING HONOURS

Miss Ann Heggveit, 20 year old Ottawa skier, brought fresh honours to Canada when she won the coveted combined title in the women's competition of the Arlberg-Kandahar races at Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, on February 7.

Miss Heggveit came second in the slalom race and third in the downhill run of the previous day. It was the best average performance among the 33 top European and North American skiers who took part.

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NATO ANNIVERSARY STAMP

As part of the ceremonies which will mark the 10th anniversary of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Mr. William Hamilton Postmaster General, has announced that a new postage stamp will be issued on April 2, 1959.

Keeping in mind that NATO is working continually toward world peace, the design of the new postage stamp contains, in the upper left-hand corner, the dove of peace with an olive branch in its beak. In the left-hand margin appear the initials NATO and the French OTAN in the right margin. The centre of the stamp depicts the globe of the world showing the area in which the NATO member countries are located. The stamp, designed by Philip Weiss, of Ottawa, is blue in colour on a white background and is of the popular 5 cent denomination. The stamp is being produced by the Canadian Bank Note Company Limited, Ottawa.

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GEORGE MEDAL AWARDED

Her Majesty the Queen has been pleased to approve the award of the George Medal to two officers of the Royal Canadian Navy, Lt.-Cdr. John H. Beeman, 35, of Fort William, Ont., and Halifax, and Lt.-Cdr. F. Roger Fink, 37, of Ponoka, Alberta, and Dartmouth, N.S., and the award of the Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct to two former naval personnel, Lawrence P. Vipond, 32, of Ancaster, Ont., and Paul A. Smith, 30, of Oshawa, Ont.

The awards were for the helicopter rescue in November, 1955, of 21 crew members of the Liberian freighter, Kismet II, aground at the base of a 900-foot cliff on the northern coast of Cape Breton Island and being pounded to pieces by heavy seas and gales.