

## NEW LIBERAL LEADER

Mr. Lester B. Pearson has been chosen to replace Mr. Louis St. Laurent as Leader of the Liberal Party.

Delegates to the national Liberal convention at Ottawa chose the former Secretary of State for External Affairs to fill the post left vacant by the resignation of Mr. St. Laurent, who had been Liberal Leader and Prime Minister from 1948 until the general election of June 1957.

When ballots were cast on January 16, Mr. Pearson received 1,074 votes. His principal opponent, Mr. Paul Martin, former Minister of National Health and Welfare, gained the votes of 305 delegates. The third candidate for the leadership, Rev. H.L. Henderson, mayor of Portage la Prairie, Man., received one vote.

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## DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

HRH Prince Souvanna Phouma, Prime Minister of Laos, and three ministers of the Laotian Government paid an official visit to Canada January 16-19.

Members of the official party were the Prime Minister, who was accompanied by HRH Princess Souvanna Phouma, and their daughter, HRH Princess Moune Souvanna Phouma; the Minister of National Defence, Sports, and Youth Affairs, Mr. Ngon Sananikone, and Mrs. Sananikone; the Minister of Finance, Mr. Leuam Insisiengmay, and Mrs. Insisiengmay; the Minister of Public Works and Transport, HRH Prince Souk, and HRH Princess Souk.

In Ottawa, the visitors held meetings with Prime Minister John G. Diefenbaker and with Mr. Sidney E. Smith, Secretary of State for External Affairs, called on Governor-General Vincent Massey, held discussions with Cabinet Ministers and with Government officials regarding the Colombo Plan, and attended a session of Parliament.

During a stay in Montreal the Laotians were received by Mayor Sarto Fournier and paid a visit to the University of Montreal. HRH Prince Souvanna Phouma and HRH Princess Souvanna Phouma gave a reception at the Windsor Hotel for young Laotians who are studying in Montreal.

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## DAIRY PRODUCTS PRODUCTION

Larger quantities of creamery butter, cheddar cheese, and concentrated milk products were made in Canada in 1957 than in the preceding year, according to preliminary figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Ice cream production was slightly smaller.

Production of creamery butter was slightly larger in the full year at 304,498,000 pounds versus 303,248,000 in 1956. Year's estimated domestic disappearance increased 3 per cent to

322,760,000 pounds from 313,538,000. Declines in production in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Ontario were more than outweighed by increases in the other provinces.

Year's make of cheddar cheese rose 11 per cent to 93,194,000 pounds from 84,144,000 in 1956. Production gains were posted for all provinces except Prince Edward Island and Alberta. Ice cream make declined slightly to 33,175,000 gallons from 33,217,000.

Output of concentrated milk products increased 12 per cent to 540,609,000 pounds in 1957 from 484,020,000 in the preceding year. Production of whole milk products rose 5 per cent to 382,909,000 pounds from 365,477,000, and milk by-products 33 per cent to 157,700,000 pounds from 118,543,000.

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## WUS SCHOLARSHIPS

During the 1958-59 academic session, fifteen World University Service Scholarships will be available for overseas students at Canadian universities. Bilateral scholarships, that is, scholarships on an exchange basis, have been offered by the University of British Columbia (6), and the University of Saskatchewan (2). The remaining 7 offers, which do not require exchange arrangements, will be available at Alberta (2), Saskatchewan (2), McMaster (1), Toronto (1), and the University of New Brunswick (1).

The terms of the scholarships vary, but they are valued at approximately \$1,200 each. In every instance they provide for full board and lodging for the period of the academic year (September - May), tuition fees, book allowance, and some pocket-money. Travel grants are not available. Full details of the scholarships will shortly be sent to World University Service National Committees in the countries to which the offers are made.

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## MILESTONES IN NORTHERN EDUCATION

The people of the Northwest Territories began the new year with the opening of a new school and hostel at Fort Smith.

The Fort Smith Federal School, with 20 classrooms, combines residential facilities for the children with a curriculum that carries them from Grade One to Senior Matriculation. Vocational training for both boys and girls is an important feature in the curriculum with the emphasis on skills that are most urgently needed and in shortest supply at this stage in the north's development. The new school and hostel, built by the Department of Northern Affairs, include a consolidation of the residential school at Fort Resolution and the two smaller schools already at Fort Smith. The Department is responsible for providing schools, teachers and curriculum throughout the Northwest Territories.