

CANADIAN ROUNDUP

Immigration Act

Immigration Minister Mr. Otto Lang told the House of Commons September 9 that he does not know whether he will introduce the Immigration Act changes or publish an Immigration Policy White Paper after working for a long time on Act amendments. Facing change is a clause permitting visitors to Canada to apply for landed immigrant status, then stay in Canada while appeals against the Department's reaction are taken to the Immigrant Appeal Board and the Federal and Supreme courts. Those applying for landed-immigrant status while in their own country cannot come to Canada until approval of their application.

Ontario Elections

Ontario Premier William Davis on September 13 called a provincial election for Thursday, October 21. The Progressive Conservative Government has been in power for the past 28 years. In the past eight provincial elections in Canada, six have resulted in a governmental turnover.

Standings in the legislature at dissolution were: Progressive Conservative 68, Liberals 27, NDP 21, Independent 1=Total 117.

Price Index

The consumer price index jumped sharply in August to 135 from 134.1 in July, Statistics Canada reported on September 16. The figure represents the largest July to August increase in food prices in more than a decade. The index, based on 61 prices equaling 100, was 130.5 in August last year. Food prices contributed mostly to the rise although nearly all segments of the over all index showed increases.

Unemployment

Unemployment dropped to 455,000 at mid-August from 514,000 in July, but the seasonally adjusted rate rose to 6.5 per cent from the July rate of 6.3 per cent. The figures, released jointly by Statistics Canada and the Manpower Department September 16 showed that the number of unemployed was 5.1 per

cent of the labour force as compared with 5.7 per cent in July. The seasonally adjusted figure, used to forecast long terms trends, is computed to take summer peaks and winter slumps into account.

John Diefenbaker

Former Prime Minister John Diefenbaker celebrated his 76th birthday on September 18 by reading hundreds of letters and telegrams welcoming him home from a Welsh hospital. Mr. Diefenbaker, who became ill with an ulcer while visiting Wales, arrived back in Ottawa on September 17.

Toronto Telegram to Close

John Bassett, publisher of the Toronto Telegram, told employees September 18 a decision has been taken to cease publication of the 95-year-old newspaper, Canada's fourth largest daily. The announcement, posted on bulletin boards of the newspaper, said many details still must be completed "and, hopefully, the newspaper will continue to appear for a time, but decision has been taken." The Telegram has been involved in labour contract negotiations with 900 editorial and mechanical employees.

Frank Underhill

Frank H. Underhill, Canadian historian, political commentator and educator, died September 17 at the age of 81. He wrote the first draft of the **Regina Manifesto**, adopted at the founding convention of the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation, the CCF, in 1933.

Cigarette Advertising

Tobacco manufacturers will stop advertising cigarettes on radio and television January 1 and will freeze spending on print advertising, the Canadian Tobacco Manufacturers' Council said on September 21. The Council also said health warnings will appear on packages and vending machines next April; brands exceeding the 22 milligrammes tar content and 1.6 milligram-

mes nicotine content will be taken off the market; and cigarette promotion through consumer prices would end January 1. Initial effects include a loss exceeding \$7 million in cigarette advertising to the broadcast industry. At least five brands probably will be withdrawn from the market. A Government Bill introduced on June 10 would prohibit all cigarette advertising and promotion from January 1; require a health warning; and ensure the government regulation of tar and nicotine levels. The manufacturers would be allowed promotion through sponsorship of sports and cultural events.

Canada at the UN

Canada on September 29 called for the United Nations to accept the Peoples Republic of China as the sole Chinese representative at the U.N. External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp called for the member nations to seat China promptly and effectively.

Mr. Sharp also criticized both the U.S.A. and the Soviet Union for testing nuclear weapons, and called for a ban on all such tests. His China comments were the sharpest yet in regard to a proposal to seat both the Peoples Republic and Taiwan in the General Assembly and to give China Taiwan's Security Council seat.

Cover : The 560 foot Idikki Arch Dam in Kerala. The dam is one of three being constructed with Canadian assistance by the Kerala State Electricity Board on the Peryar River in the Western Ghats. When completed the arch dam will be the highest in Asia and will add 780 MW to the southern grid.