

Confederation Memorial Building, honouring as it does the peaceful welding of a nation by negotiation and goodwill, should have a useful and cultural purpose as well as a commemorative one."

In what manner this purpose has been achieved, Your Majesty will presently observe and judge.

We have been successful, we think, in creating a fitting memorial to our great men of a century ago. It is a memorial that honours the past, is inspired by the living present, and is a not unworthy legacy to future generations of Canadians who will take delight and enlightenment from it - the legacy of an advancing civilization, of a national culture that, from its uniquely diverse roots, draws even greater enrichment.

Your Majesty, this occasion is the more significant, the sense of dedication to the future that it stirs in us is much the greater, because you have come across the ocean to be with us today.

We thank you for coming and we give you the assurance of our devotion and our loyalty.

STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS IN JULY

Although there was an increase in July in the number of work stoppages over the number in the previous month and also an increase in the number of workers involved, the actual number of man-days lost during the month showed a reduction over the June figure, according to a preliminary summary of strikes and lockouts recently released by the Department of Labour.

There were 72 work stoppages during July, involving 18,183 workers, with a time loss of 147,710 man-days. In June there were 66 work stoppages involving 15,148 workers and a time loss of 195,680 man-days.

MOST COSTLY DISPUTES

Over 62 per cent of the July time loss was accounted for by five disputes, involving printing workers in Montreal, office workers at Port Alberni, British Columbia, commerce and office employees at Montreal, nine workers at Kimberly and Trail, B.C., and printing workers in Toronto.

STOPPAGES BY FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Two of the work stoppages were in industries under federal jurisdiction. Of the others, 37 were within Ontario jurisdiction, ten in Quebec, eight in British Columbia, five each in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, two each in Nova Scotia and Alberta and one in New Brunswick.

Twenty-seven of the July work stoppages involved 100 or more workers. Of these, 21 were terminated by the end of the month.

A breakdown by industry of the month's stoppages shows 42 in manufacturing, 16 in construction, seven in trade, six in transportation and utilities, and one in agriculture.

Based on the number of non-agricultural wage and salary workers in Canada, the number of man-days lost represented 0.12 per cent of the estimated working time. In June the percentage was 0.16. The corresponding figure for July, 1963, was 0.15 per cent.

DELEGATION TO UNESCO CONFERENCE

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Paul Martin, recently announced the composition of the Canadian delegation to the thirteenth session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, which will take place at the Organization's headquarters in Paris from October 20 to November 19.

The chairman of the delegation will be Dr. Henry Hicks, President of Dalhousie University, Halifax, and President of the Canadian National Commission for UNESCO. The vice-chairman will be Mr. S.F. Rae, Canadian Permanent Representative to the European Office of the United Nations, Geneva. Other members of the delegation will be: Professor W.A.H. Dobson, Department of Far Eastern Affairs, University of Toronto; Professor Yves Dubé, Director of the Department of Economics, Faculty of Social Sciences, Laval University, Quebec; Madame Sylva LaMothe, Provincial President and National Vice-President of the Canadian UNICEF Committee, Outremont, Quebec; Mr. L.V.J. Roy, Canadian Permanent Delegate to UNESCO, Paris; Dr. J. Tuzo Wilson, Professor of Geophysics, University of Toronto; Mr. Gordon Selman, Acting-Director, Department of University Extension, University of British Columbia.

The appointment of a person with experience in the field of public education will be announced following further consultation with the provincial educational authorities through the Canadian National Commission for UNESCO.

Mr. D.W. Bartlett, Acting Secretary-General of the Canadian National Commission for UNESCO, will act as adviser to the delegation, with other advisers drawn from the Department of External Affairs.

UN VALOUR AWARDS TO CANADIANS

The Minister of National Defence, Mr. Paul Hellyer, recently announced that the Queen had approved awards to three Canadian soldiers in recognition of gallant service while on duty with the United Nations in the Congo last January. Brigadier J.A. Dextraze, 45, of Montreal, becomes a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE). Lieutenant-Colonel Paul A. Mayer, 47, of Ottawa, and Sergeant J.A. Leonce Lessard, 41, of Quebec City have both been awarded the George Medal.

As Chief of Staff of the UN force, Brigadier Dextraze was in charge of a series of missionary-rescue operations. His citation mentions his "superb leadership and control" and credits him with "saving over 30 missionaries and students from death."

Colonel Mayer and Sergeant Lessard were responsible for saving several priests and nuns, at great personal risk. Colonel Mayer's citation says that "during the operation his life was in constant danger" and praises his courage and composure as "an inspiration to the UN personnel serving under him and also to the missionaries". Sergeant Lessard is credited with at least five rescues under fire from arrows, spears and guns. His devotion to duty was cited as "a shining example and an inspiration to all members of the force".