

MONTREAL AIRPORT FIGHTS NOISE

The establishment of special traffic patterns for jet aircraft using Montreal International Airport, in an effort to reduce the noise annoying communities near the airport, was announced recently by Transport Minister George Hees.

The new traffic patterns were introduced after a meeting of Transport Department officials and airline representatives to study the problem, which has become increasingly acute since the advent of jet-powered commercial aircraft.

Techniques to permit aircraft to climb more rapidly, consistent with safety, are calculated to reduce aircraft noise to a level that has been accepted by other countries, including Britain and the United States.

In order to reduce noise from aircraft approaching for a landing, pilots are required to remain at an altitude of 1,500 feet until they reach the glide-path of the runway, when they can use the highest approach angle (approximately three degrees).

Further reduction in landing noise is hoped for as the result of studies in jet-engine design by engine manufacturers.

The traffic patterns that will be followed by aircraft manoeuvring in the Montreal area are based on the most recent knowledge of aircraft capabilities, to avoid where possible flying over built-up residential areas. The new patterns have already gone into effect and the Montreal Airport air-traffic control radar operators are providing an added direction service to help pilots maintain these traffic patterns.

GRAIN PRICES

Mr. Gordon Churchill, Minister of Trade and Commerce, announced recently that initial payments for the basic grades of Western wheat, oats and barley have been approved by the Government and established for the crop year 1960-61. These initial payments will continue at the same level as in effect for the present crop year.

The initial payment for wheat, effective on August 1, is \$1.40 a bushel, basis No. 1 Northern Wheat in store Fort William-Port Arthur or Vancouver. The initial payment for barley is 96 cents a bushel, basis No. 3 Canada Western Six Row Barley in store Fort William-Port Arthur. The initial payment for oats is 60 cents a bushel, basis No. 2 Canada Western Oats in store Fort William-Port Arthur.

The initial payments for all other grades of wheat, oats and barley effective for the crop year 1960-61 will be established later, on the recommendation of the Canadian Wheat Board.

NEW ATOMIC AGREEMENT

The Department of External Affairs recently announced that the Agreement between Canada and the United States for Co-operation in the Civil Uses of Atomic Energy had been amended.

Under the terms of the amended Agreement it will be possible for the United States to lease or, subject to statutory authorization, to lend enriched uranium or heavy water to Canada for use in its power reactor programme. Previously these materials could be made available only through a sales arrangement. The amendment also provides for revised patent provisions.

JUNE EMPLOYMENT

During May and June the number of persons with jobs increased by an estimated 162,000 to 6,154,000, according to the monthly joint news release by the Department of Labour and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The increase in both farm and non-farm employment was about average for this time of year. Almost all the gain was in male employment, with little change in the employment of women.

Non-farm activities accounted for most of the employment expansion during June. As usual at this time of year, large gains occurred in construction and forestry. Employment in Quebec increased more than usual for the month, while in Ontario the gain was below normal. In other regions the employment changes were mainly seasonal.

Compared with a year earlier, there were 101,000 more persons with jobs, about three-quarters of the increase being among women. Farm employment declined by 49,000 over the year, while the number of job-holders in non-farm industries rose by 150,000. Most of the gain took place in the service industries.

The number of persons without jobs and seeking work decreased by 99,000 over the month, to 300,000 in June. The number of those on temporary layoff was practically unchanged at 15,000. The total decline in job-seekers was among males, and half of it took place in Quebec. Of those currently seeking work, 284,000 were men and 52,000 were women. The June estimate of persons without jobs and seeking work represented 4.6 per cent of the labour force, compared to 3.7 per cent in June 1959 and 5.2 per cent in June 1958. The Ontario and Pacific regions were mainly responsible for the increase over the year; about four-fifths of the total gain occurred in these regions.

Of the 300,000 seeking work in June, 85,000 had been seeking work for less than one month, 91,000 for one to three months and 124,000 for four months or more.

The classification of the 110 labour market areas was as follows (last year's figures in brackets): in substantial surplus, 3 (1); in moderate surplus, 68 (51); in balance, 39 (58).