

TO HONOUR MR. HAMMARSKJOLD: Carleton College, Ottawa, will confer an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) upon Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, Secretary General of the United Nations, at a special convocation to be held in St. James' United Church, Ottawa on Friday, February 26. This will be the first honorary degree awarded by Carleton College.

The announcement was made by Dr. M.M. MacOdrum, President and Vice-Chancellor of the College. In commenting upon the announcement, Dr. MacOdrum said, "It is most appropriate that the first honorary degree ever to be given by Carleton College should be conferred upon one so distinguished in the field of international relations as Mr. Hammarskjold.

"The faculty, the students, and all who are associated with Carleton College will welcome him because of what he is and what he stands for."

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IRON, STEEL INCREASES: Canadian production of pig iron during 1953 increased 12% to 3,012,269 tons from 2,682,065 in 1952 to reach a new high year's total. It was the seventh successive year's gain from the post-war low of 1,406,252 tons in 1946. The wartime high was 1,852,628 tons in 1944.

Production of basic iron accounted for 2,437,749 tons of the total in 1953 against 2,064,357 in 1952, while foundry iron amounted to 170,421 compared to 220,561 tons and malleable iron to 404,099 compared to 397,147 tons.

Output of steel ingots in 1953, as reported on February 3, also reached an all-time high, amounting to 4,010,000 tons as against 3,578,100 tons in 1952, an increase also of 12%.

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LABOUR INCOME: Mainly due to the seasonal reduction in construction and the lower level of factory production, Canadian labour income in November declined to \$995,000,000 from \$1,009,000,000 in the preceding month. It was, however, 4.5% above 1952's November total of \$952,000,000. For the January-November period the aggregate was \$10,664,000,000, up 8.8% from the preceding year's \$9,801,000,000.

The month's total for construction dropped to \$76,000,000 from \$83,000,000, with more than half of the decrease in payrolls in non-residential construction. A decline from \$328,000,000 to \$324,000,000 in total salaries and wages for manufacturing was dispersed among such component industries as canning, textile production, clothing, wood products and rubber products.

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Department store sales rose 5.2% during the week ended February 6 as compared with the corresponding week last year, according to the Bureau's weekly release.

INVENTORIES HIGHER: Reversing the movement of the two previous months, the value of inventories held by Canadian manufacturers at the end of November rose to \$3,969,800,000 from \$3,960,600,000 a month earlier, advances in consumer goods, capital goods and producers' goods, outweighing a drop in construction goods. At the end of November, 1952 total inventory value stood at \$3,720,400,000.

There was a seasonal drop of 8% in the value of shipments as compared with October, and a moderate decrease of 1% from November, 1952. Despite the decline, cumulative shipments for the January-November period were still 3% above those of a year earlier. The value of unfilled orders for the group of firms reporting this item dropped for the ninth consecutive month and were 28% below November, 1952. Total unfilled orders for the group averaged 4.0 times current month's sales value.

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HARBOUR TRAFFIC INCREASE: Harbour traffic continued at a high level in 1953. Traffic returns of the National Harbours Board show an increase in the number and net registered tonnage of vessel arrivals, and a small gain in aggregate cargo tonnage over the previous year. Summary figures, released by the Minister of Transport, Mr. Chevrier, show that in the eight "national" harbours, vessel arrivals in 1953 had a total net registered tonnage of 45,307,299 as compared with a total net registered tonnage of 42,652,542 in 1952. Aggregate cargo tonnage, inward and outward, was 42,522,783 last year, as compared with 42,337,198 in 1952, the increase being 185,585 tons.

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ROTATION PROGRAMME: More than 8,000 officers and men will be involved in the rotation of major units of 25 Canadian Infantry Brigade during the next two months, Canadian Army Headquarters announced on February 12.

Main embarkations from the West Coast for Korea and Japan are scheduled for March and April and the rotation programme will be completed by mid-May. Advance parties of some of the major units will leave for Korea around the end of February.

Units of 25 Canadian Infantry Brigade now serving in Korea will return to Canada as soon as they are relieved and the handover completed.

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OFFICERS TO PALESTINE: Two senior Canadian Army officers have been selected for a tour of duty with the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine. They are Lt.-Col. J.E.L. Castonguay, CD, 39, of Montreal, and Lt.-Col. D.R. Ely, MBE, 42, of Toronto. They will report to the United Nations Secretariat in New York this month, before departing for Palestine.