

amendments to our existing law. Amendments have already been introduced in connection with the latter two of those three cases. They were introduced by the Government, supported by my hon. friend and passed by this Parliament. There is no necessity in matters of this kind for a Bill of Rights. All that is needed is an amendment to the law."

No decision was reached on the issue and the debate was adjourned.

AUSSIES GREET "ONTARIO": On Board HMCS Ontario, February 9. This Canadian cruiser arrived in Brisbane on Monday and received a typically hearty Australian welcome.

During a two-hour visiting period more than 2,500 persons came on board the ship and another 2,000 were still lined up on the jetty when the visiting period ended. A second "open house" will be held before the Ontario sails on Friday. Earlier in the day, 50 Brisbane sea cadets toured the training cruiser.

Brisbane is the third port of call thus far for the Ontario, which left Esquimalt early in January on a three-month training cruise to the South Pacific, Australia and New Zealand.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: The consumer price index receded 0.2% from 116.6 to 116.4 between December 1 and January 3. The decrease was due entirely to a drop in foods as the index for this series changed from 112.6 to 112.1. Shelter, the only other group to change, advanced from 128.2 to 128.4, reflecting increases in both rent and home-ownership.

TV RISE: Canadian manufacturers sold 94,451 television sets for \$33,327,745 in November as compared with 55,549 sets sold for \$22,324,109 in the same month in 1953, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports. November sales of radios, on the other hand, declined to 59,245 worth \$4,581,822 from 69,713 worth \$5,258,004 a year earlier.

Canadian output of pig iron last December was down to 185,634 tons from 220,526 tons a year earlier, and in the full year 1954 totalled 2,213,433 tons as against 3,012,269 in 1953, according to the Bureau's monthly report on production of pig iron and steel.

Per capita consumption of coal in Canada fell to 2,580 tons in 1953, the lowest level since 1938. The postwar peak was 3,678 tons in 1948.

1954 AUTO SALES DOWN: New motor vehicle sales in Canada last year declined 17% in number and 15% in retail value from 1953's all-time peaks, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. At the same time financing of sales dropped 19% in number and 15% in value. Combined shipments in Canada of Canadian, U.S. makes and European-made motor vehicles during the year were down 25%.

The drop in sales of new motor vehicles was Canada-wide in scope last year, the national total dropping to 381,882 units from 462,526 in 1953 and the retail value to \$987,439,000 from \$1,162,471,000. Passenger car sales fell to 309,837 units from 359,172 and the value to \$796,039,000 from \$899,726,000, and commercial vehicles to 72,045 in number from 103,354 and in value to \$191,400,000 from \$262,745,000.

WHEAT SUPPLIES: Visible supplies of Canadian wheat on January 26 totalled 357,151,000 bushels, moderately below last year's 373,435,000 bushels, according to the Bureau's weekly release. Deliveries of wheat from farms in the Prairie Provinces during the week ending January 26 jumped to 4,252,000 bushels from 1,019,000 but overseas export clearances dropped to 3,590,000 bushels from 4,190,000.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE OPENS: The Ontario Legislature opened in Toronto, February 8. The Speech from The Throne forecast the largest public investment in the history of the Province, based on public works, highways, St. Lawrence Seaway and other projects.

CIVIL DEFENCE: Chiefs of many of Canada's large industrial medical services are to attend a series of special courses to study disaster preparedness and action, it was announced February 4 by the Department of National Health and Welfare.

Canadian production of both copper and nickel increased in November and the first 11 months of 1954 as compared with a year earlier. The month's output of primary copper amounted to 26,167 tons versus 17,256, bringing the cumulative total to 275,456 tons versus 235,486. November production of nickel totalled 13,204 tons versus 12,764 and in the 11 months aggregated 144,167 tons versus 131,571.

The process cheese industry shipped a record \$27,271,289 worth of products in 1953, \$1,788,723 worth or 7% more than in 1952.