

On May 29 the Orchestra will travel to the old west-of-England city of Bristol, where it will perform in Colston Hall, and on June 1 it will move to London for an appearance at the new Queen Elizabeth Hall on the South Bank. The following day, the Orchestra will perform in the Llandaff Festival in Wales, where it will play in the twelfth-century Llandaff Cathedral.

Two days later, on June 4, the ensemble will perform at the Versailles Music Festival amid the splendours created by Louis XIV. The concert will be given in the jewel-like theatre in the palace built for the Sun King's private diversion by the great architect of his time, Jacques Ange Gabriel.

TOKYO ADULT EDUCATION MEET

Secretary of State for External Affairs Mitchell Sharp announced recently that a Canadian delegation would be attending the Third International Conference on Adult Education, which is being held in Tokyo by UNESCO from July 25 to August 7. Mr. Peter Nicholson, Minister of Finance and Education, Deputy Premier of Nova Scotia and Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada, has agreed to lead the delegation, which will also include: Jean-Marie Beauchemin, Associate Deputy Minister, Department of Education, Quebec; Paul Bélanger, Deputy Director General, Institut canadien d'Éducation des Adultes; Bert Curtis, Dean, College of Applied Arts, Algonquin College of Applied Arts and Technology; Johann Phillipson, Deputy Minister of Education, British Columbia; Maxwell Yalden, Assistant Under-Secretary of State, Department of the Secretary of State.

ADVISERS

The delegates will be advised by: Réal Michaud, Director General, Service des Moyens techniques de l'Enseignement, Department of Education, Quebec; Jacques-Victor Morin, Associate Secretary-General, Canadian Commission for UNESCO; Dr. Garnet T. Page, Department of Regional Economic Expansion; Dr. Maurice Richer, Secretary-General, Council of Ministers of Education, Canada; and Gordon Selman, Director of Extension, University of British Columbia.

Advisers from the Department of External Affairs and the Department of Manpower and Immigration will also attend the Conference.

MACKENZIE RIVER CHARTS

Twenty-six navigational charts covering 1,071 miles of the Mackenzie River from Fort Simpson to Tuktoyaktuk are now available from the Water Management Service of Environment Canada.

The charts are the result of three years' work by the Canadian Hydrographic Service of the Marine

Sciences Directorate. They have been revised to include data obtained from survey operations to the end of the 1971 navigational season.

Two major transportation firms – Northern Transportation Company Limited and Kaps Transport – are the chief users of the Mackenzie River. Because of exploration activities in the Arctic, traffic on the river has increased sharply in the past few years.

INCREASED TONNAGE

Barges used by the two companies are expected to carry approximately half a million tons of supplies on the river this year, an increase of 100,000 tons over 1971. A similar increase is expected next year. A large percentage of supplies going into northern areas is moved by river transport.

The charts, numbering 6410 to 6434 inclusive, and chart 6388, cover the area of the West Channel and Reindeer Channel in the Mackenzie River Delta. Hydrographic survey operations on the Mackenzie are continuing this year to update them.

Five areas on the Mackenzie River are recognized as troublesome for navigation – the Sans Sault Rapids, Green Island Rapids, the Ramparts, Providence Rapids and Beaver Lake. Strong currents with winding channels – here chutes with rocks on both sides and there white-water rapids – cause difficulties in these areas. Only shallow-draft vessels are able to use the river system.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

Unemployment decreased from 592,000 in April to 552,000 in May. This was a smaller decline than usual for this time of year, resulting in an increase in the seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate from 5.8 to 6.2. Seasonally-adjusted unemployment rates have been characterized by irregular movements since the beginning of the year.

The number of employed persons increased to 8,345,000 in May from 8,085,000 in April. This is about the usual increase, resulting in little change in the seasonally-adjusted employment level.

The increase in the actual size of the labour (+220,000) during April and May was about usual for this time of year.

Compared to a year ago, the labour force was up 270,000 (3.1 per cent); employment was up 261,000 (3.2 per cent) and unemployment was up slightly.

The seasonally-adjusted employment level fell slightly, from 8,288,000 in April to 8,279,000 in May. The employment level decreased marginally for persons 25 years of age and over and increased slightly for persons 14 to 24.

Regionally, employment increased in Quebec and Ontario and fell in British Columbia, the Atlantic Provinces and the Prairies.