

Fewer marriages were performed in 1958 compared to a year earlier in all provinces except Ontario. Totals were: Newfoundland, 3,022 (3,280 in 1957); Prince Edward Island, 616 (629); Nova Scotia, 5,220 (5,379); New Brunswick, 4,178 (4,361); Quebec, 37,810 (39,105); Ontario, 48,195 (46,287); Manitoba, 6,432 (6,619); Saskatchewan, 6,464 (6,507); Alberta, 10,353 (10,521); and British Columbia, 12,523 (12,632).

Of the 10 provinces, only Prince Edward Island and British Columbia reported more recorded deaths in the year compared to 1957. Totals: Newfoundland, 3,043 (3,117 in 1957); Prince Edward Island, 936 (899); Nova Scotia, 6,127 (6,329); New Brunswick, 4,573 (4,781); Quebec, 33,912 (36,128); Ontario, 49,146 (49,597); Manitoba, 7,141 (7,441); Saskatchewan, 6,557 (6,768); Alberta, 8,422 (8,465); and British Columbia, 13,843 (13,705).

* * * *

STRATFORD, 1959

Michael Langham, Artistic Director for the Ontario Stratford Festival has named Irene Worth and Douglas Campbell as lead members of the 1959 Festival company. The productions featured will be Shakespeare's tragedy "Othello" and his comedy "As You Like It", with Miss Worth appearing as Rosalind in the comedy and Mr. Campbell playing the title role in the tragedy, and Touchstone in "As You Like It." The Canadian actress, Frances Hyland, plays Desdemona opposite Mr. Campbell in "Othello" with Toronto actor, Douglas Rain, appearing as Iago. The twelve-week season will open with "Othello" on June 29 and will run until September 19.

British director, Peter Wood, whose recent productions include O'Neill's "The Iceman Cometh", in London's West End, and "Mary Stuart" for the Old Vic will be directing "As You Like It". "Othello" will be directed by Jean Gascon, director and founder of Montreal's Le Theatre du Nouveau Monde and Canadian actor-director George McCowan, last season's co-director of the Festival production of "Henry IV, Part One."

Desmond Heeley, designer of Stratford's 1958 production of "Much Ado About Nothing" will design "As You Like It", with Robert Prevost, designer for Montreal's Le Theatre du Nouveau Monde costuming the tragedy.

* * * *

DELEGATION TO VENEZUELA

The Department of External Affairs has announced that at the inauguration of the new President of the Republic of Venezuela, His Excellency Romula Betancourt, in Caracas on February 13, 1959, Canada will be represented by a special delegation headed by Senator George Stanley White, Q.C., who has been

designated special Ambassador for the occasion.

In addition to Senator White, the Canadian Delegation will include Mr. L.E. Couillard, Ambassador, Mr. R.E. Gravel, Minister, Mr. M. Gauvin, D.S.O., Counsellor, and Messrs. W.G. Brett and R.D. Sirrs, Second Secretaries.

* * * *

NEW ARCTIC ICEBREAKER

The new icebreaker being constructed at Vancouver for the Department of Transport's operations in the Western Arctic will be named C.G.S. "Camsell" after the late Dr. Charles Camsell, C.M.G., LL.D., noted for his explorations in the Western Arctic and former Deputy Minister of Mines and Resources and also Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

In announcing the name which had been selected for the Department of Transport's new icebreaker, Transport Minister George Hees said: "In my opinion no name has been more closely associated with the Western Arctic and the coastline of the Northwest Territories than that of the late Dr. Charles Camsell and it is but fitting that we should perpetuate his name in these waters by naming our new icebreaker the C.G.S. 'Camsell'. I am sure that he himself would have been appreciative of our efforts to improve transportation facilities in these waters."

The new icebreaker is to be launched at Burrard Shipyard, Vancouver, on February 17 with Mrs. Howard C. Green, wife of the Minister of Public Works, as its sponsor.

* * * *

NICKEL-COPPER INDUSTRY IN 1957

Primary products of Canada's nickel-copper mining, smelting and refining industry had a gross value of \$640,667,065 in 1957, reaching a new all-time peak, 4.3 per cent above the previous high of \$614,096,947 established in 1956, according to the annual Dominion Bureau of Statistics' report. The industry employed 23,464 people (22,684 in 1956), paid \$113,459,592 in salaries and wages (\$103,619,044), and used materials and supplies worth \$290,781,769 (\$270,422,772).

During the year the number of establishments increased to 92 from 62 in 1956. Ore hoisted amounted to 19,289,516 tons (18,453,360 in 1956); ore smelted directly 1,528,151 tons (1,519,261), ore milled 18,882,680 tons (16,548,476), and concentrates produced 3,992,989 tons (3,855,425).

Nickel production from Canadian ores during 1957 amounted to 187,958 tons valued at \$258,977,309 versus 178,515 tons valued at \$222,204,860 in 1956. Production of new copper totalled 359,109 tons worth \$206,897,988 compared with 354,860 tons valued at \$292,958,091 in 1956.