

WHEAT SALE TO KOREA

The sale of some 3.7 million bushels (100,000 metric tons) of wheat to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was negotiated recently by the Canadian Wheat Board. This is the first direct sale of Canadian wheat to this country.

Delivery of the wheat, consisting of No. 4 Northern, valued at about \$7 million, began last month and will continue until the end of August. All shipments are from ports on the west coast.

The terms of the contract, negotiated with representatives of the Korean Cereals and Foodstuffs Export and Import Corporation, call for the payment of 10 per cent cash when each vessel is loaded, with the balance in six, 12 and 18 months, with interest. All payments are to be made in Canadian funds.

POLYMER PRANGS POLLUTION

Mr. James Richardson, Minister of Supply and Services, recently tabled in the House of Commons the \$50-million capital budget of Polymer Corporation Limited for 1971. Mr. Richardson stated that this sum was considerably larger than last year's figure of \$33 million spent by the Crown Corporation. The current program includes provision for spending on commitments made before December 31, 1970, as well as allowance for continued emphasis on the company's plans for growth and diversification announced early last year.

In Sarnia, Polymer has over \$10 million earmarked for the control of pollution, safety modernization and expansion programs. A marked acceleration in the company's environmental-control program took place in 1967, when air-pollution-abatement was stressed as being the most urgent field for improvement by the company. The most significant single project for the abatement of pollution to take place recently was conversion of the steam and power plant fuel-source from coal supplied by the United States to Canadian natural gas. The result of this conversion, which cost \$1.4 million, was the virtual elimination of sulphur dioxide and trioxide as well as fly ash and other polluting substances released to the air from the plant stacks.

WATER POLLUTION

The emphasis in this continuing program has shifted to water pollution. Included in this year's capital budget, Mr. Richardson said, are facilities for the further reduction of the oil content in the water-discharge from the plant, a sanitary sewage collection system tied in with the city's sanitary sewage lines and further rubber and hydro-carbon removal facilities. In addition, Polymer is participating in a local effort with Imperial Oil, Shell Oil and the Sun Oil Company to establish a contingency plan to deal with major water pollution emergencies.

RADIO AND CENSUS STAMPS

"Speaking to the World", a 15-cent stamp marking the inauguration of powerful new transmitters for Radio Canada International, and "100 Years of Measured Progress", a six-cent stamp commemorating the hundredth anniversary of national census-taking in Canada, will be issued by the Post Office Department on June 1.



The Radio Canada stamp, designed by Burton Kramer of Toronto, measures 40 mm by 24 mm; 10 million are being printed. Hans Kleefeld, also of Toronto, designed the 30-mm-by-24-mm census commemorative issue, of which 25 million are being printed. Both stamps are being produced in three colours by the Canadian Bank Note Company of Ottawa.

Radio Canada International, the shortwave-transmission service of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, began operating on February 25, 1945, with the dual purpose of providing Canadian armed forces abroad with news and entertainment from home and projecting news of Canada to listeners in other countries. It also serves to stimulate an interchange of trade and an exchange of programs with other countries. The transmitters, which are situated near Sackville, New Brunswick, are also used to broadcast daily to people in Canada's remote northern regions.



Canada's national census is conducted every ten years by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Its original constitutional purpose was, and still is, to provide information on which electoral representation is determined. At an estimated cost of \$35 million, and with the recruitment of some 48,000 temporary workers, the 1971 census will be the biggest peacetime operation of its kind.