

crude petroleum, copper, nickel and other non-ferrous metals, and automotive products.

Changes in the imports were distributed over many commodities. Imports of industrial machinery, aircraft, office machines and electronic computers rose significantly, while imports of agricultural machinery, passenger automobiles and vehicle parts declined.

After adjustment for seasonal variation, monthly exports and imports have fluctuated within a fairly narrow range in 1970. Both exports and imports declined 3 per cent from May to June.

YOUTH HOSTEL TASK FORCE

The Welfare Grants Division of the Department of National Health and Welfare has awarded a grant of \$22,490 for the operation of a national hostel task force to promote the establishment of hostels for young transients and to collect and disseminate information about such services in the summer of 1970.

Co-ordinator of the task force is 22-year-old Patrick Esmonde-White of Ottawa. The task force staff of three works out of the Canadian Welfare Council office in Ottawa and its co-ordinating committee of 18 represents 14 Canadian cities from Victoria, British Columbia to St. John's, Newfoundland.

"The formation of the task force follows directly on recommendations made in the Canadian Welfare Council national consultation on transient youth held at Ste. Adele, Quebec," Mr. Esmonde-White said. "One of the most urgent, immediate needs for transient young people noted in the consultation and in the report of the Canadian Welfare Council's transient youth inquiry that preceded it, was the need for safe, clean, comfortable and inexpensive accommodation."

The hostel program received a boost on July 9 with the announcement by the Secretary of State, Mr. Gerard Pelletier, that \$200,000 would be granted for youth hostels in armouries across Canada. "But that is just a beginning," Mr. Esmonde-White commented. "The national consultation recommended not only shelter but medical counselling and referral services to make the travelling experience a positive rather than a disintegrative one." Because of the tremendously large number of young people on the roads this summer, the task force's aim is to alleviate the immediate situation. Mr. Esmonde-White said that he hoped the need for a more permanent system of hostels would be recognized.

LAKE NAMED FOR PIONEERING JUDGE

A lake in the Northwest Territories is to be named for the late Mr. Justice John Howard Sissons, the first Justice of the Northwest Territories, known to Canadian Indians and Eskimos as the man who represented justice in the North.

Mr. John Turner, Minister of Justice, and Mr. Jean Chrétien, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, in a recent joint announcement, said that a lake measuring 75 square miles in the Keewatin District would be named after Justice Sissons, who died in July last year, to commemorate his many historic court decisions which set a new pattern in establishing justice between the often conflicting cultures of the white man and the Indian and Eskimo.

In his book *Judge of the Far North*, Justice Sissons said that his constant aim in bringing white man's law to the Indians and Eskimos was "to establish their rights on the basis of their own customs". To the Eskimos he became known as Ekoktoegee, "The One Who Listens to Things".

He was first appointed in 1955 as the first judge of the Northwest Territories court and served in the North until his retirement in 1966. During these years his area of responsibility covered a third of Canada's land mass and he often flew thousands of miles over frozen tundra in adverse weather to bring justice to the people.

Judge Sissons Lake lies in the silent barrens of the eastern Northwest Territories and is located about 75 miles west of the settlement of Baker Lake.

NRC SEMINARS ON MEASUREMENT

The National Research Council of Canada has scheduled annual seminars to help industry keep abreast of new techniques involving basic units of physical measurement.

By law, NRC has responsibility for maintaining the six basic units of physical measurement for mass, length, time, temperature, electric current and luminous intensity. These provide standards for use in industry and science.

The first seminar, to be held in October will deal with measurement of moderately high accuracy and precision in the field of light and colour. It will be designed mainly for representatives of the textile, paint, pulp and paper and lighting industries. Speakers include Professor Eugene Allen of the Centre for Surface and Coatings Research, Lehigh University, Lehigh, Pennsylvania; Wolfgang Budde, Dr. A.R. Robertson, Dr. C.L. Sanders and Dr. Gunter Wyszczeki, all of NRC.

Dr. Wyszczeki, head of the Radiation Optics Section of the Division of Physics, is in charge of the seminar. "We are planning five years ahead. We will have annual seminars and repeat a subject every four to six years. Changes in measurement techniques and turnover of seminar participants should provide a continual updating of information and a broadening of the pool of people knowledgeable in techniques for Canadian industry," he said.

The seminar in 1971 will deal with temperature measurement. In 1972 the subject will be electrical measurements; in 1973 noise and other acoustic measurements; and in 1974 length and other mechanical measurements.