

CANADA-POLAND WHEAT DEAL

Trade Minister Robert Winters and Ambassador Wolniak of Poland recently signed a new three-year wheat agreement that provides for the purchase by Poland of a minimum of 33 million bushels and a maximum of 44 million bushels of Canadian wheat. Representatives of the Canadian Wheat Board and Rodimpex, the Polish grain agency, participated in the negotiations. The agreement will come into force on November 5 when the current agreement expires.

TERMS OF AGREEMENT

Poland will purchase at least 11 million bushels of wheat in the first year and a combined total of not less than 22 million bushels in the second and third years. An additional 3.7 million bushels may be purchased during each year of the agreement.

These purchases will once again be facilitated through extension by the Canadian Government of credit guarantees under the Export Credits Insurance Act. As under the previous agreement, payment terms will be ten per cent cash and the balance payable in equal installments 24, 30 and 36 months from the date of each shipment.

Since 1955, Poland has bought 125 million bushels of Canadian wheat valued at approximately \$225 million. The new agreement, worth an estimated \$85 million, will bring total purchases by Poland to about \$310 million.

POLAND AND GATT

Canada and Poland exchange most-favoured-nation treatment under a trade agreement concluded in 1935. In addition, Poland has, since 1959, participated in the work of the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade under "special arrangements" and is at present contemplating provisional accession to the membership of the GATT through the "Kennedy round" of tariff negotiations now under way in Geneva.

During the negotiations of the renewed wheat agreement, a comprehensive review of the trade between Canada and Poland was carried out. It was agreed that the framework that has been established should provide increased opportunities for further development of mutually advantageous trade.

FISHING FLEET EXPANSION FOR '76

An expenditure of \$300 million on expansion of Canada's fishing fleet is indicated over the next ten years, federal Fisheries Minister H.J. Robichaud revealed in an address to the Fisheries Council of Canada 1966 annual meeting. This investment will be made for the construction of some 300 modern fishing vessels and the provision of up-to-date mechanical and electronic gear for these vessels.

Mr. Robichaud predicted that, within the same period, about 10,000 men would have to be trained to man the expanding deep-sea fleet in Atlantic waters. The indicated requirement is between 1,000 and 1,200 fully-trained men every year.

In his report to the industry, the Minister mentioned programmes undertaken to achieve more effective management of the Pacific salmon and Atlantic lobster. It was hoped that measures to control the entry of equipment and manpower into these over-crowded fisheries would "not only permit more efficient regulation of the fisheries, in the interest of conserving the stocks but...also encourage the development of an economically efficient industry."

Development programmes, the speaker said, were in progress to exploit the Atlantic herring and Pacific groundfish resources. New processing plants were being constructed, and a fleet of specialized vessels would be required to fish the available stocks.

The Minister stated that negotiations were continuing with a number of countries on establishment of proposed baselines for Canada's 12-mile fishing zone. Until these negotiations were completed, a 12-mile limit was being enforced against all countries except those with traditional fishing rights.

EXPO SEEKS THEME SONG

A contest has been launched to find a theme song by Expo '67. The winner will receive \$5,000 and retain normal author's rights for publication, recording and performance of his song.

Jean Coté, head of Special Events at Expo, says he hopes the contest will produce an international hit, that could do for Expo '67 what "Meet Me in St. Louis" did for the St. Louis World Fair in 1904.

The deadline for entries, which can be in English or French, is August 31. The selection will be made by a five-man Canadian jury.

NEW DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Paul Martin, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced recently that Miss B.M. Meagher had been appointed as Canada's first resident High Commissioner to Kenya. Miss Meagher, who has been Canada's Ambassador to Austria since 1962, will be replaced by Mr. J.A. McCordick, formerly the Head of Information Division of the Department of External Affairs.

Miss Meagher is the first woman to be appointed by Canada as high commissioner or ambassador to an African country.

LAOS COMMISSIONER

Mr. Martin also announced that Brigadier P.S. Cooper would shortly be seconded to the Department of External Affairs to take up an appointment as Canadian Commissioner to the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Laos in September.

Brigadier Cooper comes to his new appointment with a military career dating back to 1931 and a record of previous service with the Canadian delega-