

right royalties and similar payments for the use of literary, dramatic, musical or artistic materials (excluding royalties for motion picture or television films) shall be exempt from tax in the country where the royalty or other payment has its source.

All the provisions will apply retroactively to the dates when the old agreement ceased to have effect.

Under the new agreement, a resident in Canada may be entitled to a refund of income tax levied in Britain on pensions, annuities and copyright royalties received from sources in Britain.

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CANADIAN ORCHESTRA IN BELGIUM

Mr. Paul Martin, the Secretary of State for External Affairs announced recently that the Hart House Orchestra of Toronto would give a series of concerts at the Palais des Beaux-Arts in Brussels and on the Belgian television network early in June, under the federal programme of cultural exchanges with French-speaking countries in Europe. The orchestra will be under the direction of its conductor, Dr. Boyd Neel.

Mr. Martin said that he welcomed the opportunity being given to this Canadian chamber music orchestra to perform in the Belgian capital, thus helping to make Canadian music better known in that country.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

Consumer price indexes advanced during March and April in eight of the ten regional cities and declined in two. Increases ranged from 0.1 per cent in Saskatoon-Regina to 1.0 per cent in Ottawa. The Winnipeg index decreased 0.1 per cent and the Vancouver index decreased 0.3 per cent.

April indexes advanced or remained steady in all cases except for recreation and reading in Halifax, food in Winnipeg, transportation, and recreation and reading in Edmonton-Calgary, food, transportation, and health and personal care in Vancouver. Food indexes were higher in eight cities and lower in two. Housing indexes moved up slightly in eight cities and held steady in two. Clothing indexes increased in all ten cities. Indexes for transportation were higher in five cities, lower in two, and unchanged in three. Health-and-personal-care indexes rose in nine cities and fell in one. Recreation-and-reading indexes showed mixed movements with increases in six cities, decreases in two, and no change in two. Tobacco-and-alcohol indexes remained at March levels in six cities and advanced in four.

REGIONAL INDEXES

St. John's - The all-items index rose 0.4 per cent to 125.3 from 124.8, mainly as a result of higher food prices. Indexes for clothing, transportation, and health and personal care moved up fractionally while the indexes for housing, recreation and reading,

and tobacco and alcohol remained unchanged.

Halifax - An increase of 0.7 per cent in the all-items index to 137.9 from 136.9, reflected higher indexes for food, housing, clothing, and health and personal care. Indexes for transportation and tobacco and alcohol were constant, while the recreation-and-reading index was slightly lower.

Saint John - With higher indexes for five of the main component groups, the all-items index advanced 0.6 per cent, to 139.7 from 138.8. The indexes for recreation and reading, and tobacco and alcohol remained at March levels.

Montreal - The all-items index advanced 0.4 per cent to 141.6 from 141.1. Six of the main component indexes registered upward movements. The transportation index was unchanged.

Ottawa - A rise of 1.0 per cent in the all-items index, to 143.4 from 142.0, reflected the impact of the higher sales tax on the non-food group indexes. Price increases were recorded for dentists' fees. The clothing index advanced 2.0 per cent to 130.7 from 128.2, and the tobacco and alcohol index was up 3.0 per cent to 132.6 from 128.7. Increases in the remaining five component groups were associated with the new tax rates levied in Ontario.

Toronto - An increase of 0.9 per cent in the all-items index, to 145.8 from 144.5, resulted mainly from the change in the Ontario sales tax. Higher prices were reported for dentists' fees. The clothing index advanced 2.0 per cent to 133.9 from 131.3 and the tobacco and alcohol index rose 3.3 per cent to 129.9 from 125.7. Prices in the remaining groups also moved up with the new Ontario tax rates.

Winnipeg - The all-items index declined 0.1 per cent to 138.7 from 138.8. A decrease of 0.4 per cent in the food index, to 142.3 from 142.9, outweighed slight increases in the indexes for clothing, health and personal care, and recreation and reading. Indexes for housing, transportation, and tobacco and alcohol were unchanged.

Saskatoon-Regina - The all-items index edged up 0.1 per cent to 135.2 from 135.0. Six of the main component indexes were fractionally higher. The tobacco and alcohol index held steady.

Edmonton-Calgary - An increase of 0.3 per cent in the all-items index, to 133.3 from 132.9, resulted from upward movements in the indexes for food, housing, clothing, and health and personal care. Indexes for transportation and recreation and reading declined while the tobacco and alcohol index remained unchanged.

Vancouver - Lower indexes for food, transportation, and health and personal care moved the all-items index to 137.5 from 137.9, a decrease of 0.3 per cent. Indexes for housing, clothing, recreation and reading and tobacco and alcohol were slightly higher than in March.