

**PLAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT WINDSOR:** The Minister of Transport, Mr. Chevrier, announced on September 18 that the U.S. Civil Aeronautics Administrator, Mr. D.W. Rentzel, accompanied by Mr. Percy Warner, U.S. Department of State, and Mr. W. Willoughby of the U.S. Embassy had met with the Chairman of the Canadian Air Transport Board, Mr. J.R. Baldwin, and the Director of Air Services, A/V/M/A.T. Cowley, for an informal and exploratory exchange of views on a variety of subjects. Among other things discussed was the possibility of providing in the Windsor area an international airport for use by both Canadian and U.S. airlines serving the Detroit-Windsor community.

Subsequently, the Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. Howe and the Minister of Transport also met with the officials.

These discussions ranged over such topics as location of site, type of airport required, measures for joint control, and similar administrative problems.

As a result of the exchange of views, it was felt that prospects for development justified a further and more detailed study of the problems involved. This will be undertaken by the officials of both Governments with a view to further discussions at an early date.

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**WHEAT QUALITY DOWN:** Rains over the past 10 days have delayed harvesting in Manitoba and Saskatchewan but ideal harvesting weather has been experienced in Alberta, the Bureau of Statistics reported on September 19. While yields of cereals will be above average, the quality, particularly of wheat, will be generally poor. Extensive areas were affected by frost with the result that a large portion of the wheat crop will grade Number 5 or lower. While about half of the cutting or swathing has been completed in Manitoba, less than 10 per cent has been threshed. In Saskatchewan, up to 65 per cent of the crop has been cut to date. About 10 per cent has been threshed in southeastern Saskatchewan with 35 per cent threshed elsewhere in the Province. Cutting and threshing are well advanced in southern Alberta. In the remainder of the Province cutting should be finished by the end of the month while threshing has just commenced.

Harvest in Manitoba has been delayed by recent heavy rains. About half of the cereal crop has been cut or swathed to date with less than 10 per cent threshed. Fields are drying now, however, and harvest is again in full swing in many areas. Wheat and oats in some districts are yielding rather less than anticipated earlier in the season and grades run quite generally from Number 3 down. Barley is turning out quite well. Another week to 10 days of warm, frost-free weather will be re-

quired in southern and central areas to see the corn and sunflower crops through to maturity. Lifting of sugar beets started last week and the crop is promising. Pastures are excellent.

Adverse weather has held up harvesting in Saskatchewan for the past week or 10 days. About 65 per cent of the cutting has been completed except in the northern portion of the southeast part of the Province. With the exception of this area 35 per cent of the grain has been threshed. Frosts have reduced yields and caused a drastic lowering of grades of wheat in most parts of the Province.

In contrast to the adverse weather conditions experienced in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, weather in Alberta has been ideal and harvest is progressing satisfactorily.

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**LABOUR INCOME HITS NEW PEAK:** Labour income in Canada reached a monthly peak figure of \$683,000,000 in June, showing an advance of 3.6 per cent over May, and an increase of 5.9 per cent over the same month last year. This raised the aggregate for the first six months of 1950 to \$3,862,000,000 from \$3,695,000,000 in the corresponding period of 1949.

The principal cause of the latest increase in labour income was the upward movement in employment as reflected in the employment index which moved from 192.3 for June to 133.0 at July 1; it was also due, partly, to a slight rise in average weekly earnings. At 167.5, the all-Canada cost-of-living index for July was 2.1 points higher than in June.

Labour income was higher than last year in each of the groups of industries both in June and the half-year period. The month's total for manufacturing advanced from \$216,000,000 a year ago to \$229,000,000, and in the six-month period from \$1,276,000,000 to \$1,316,000,000. In utilities, transportation, communication, storage and trade, the June figure was \$180,000,000 as compared with \$170,000,000 and in the six months stood at \$1,026,000,000 against \$978,000,000.

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**WHEAT STOCKS:** Deliveries of wheat from farms in the Prairie Provinces during the week ending September 7 were sharply higher than in the corresponding week last year, while overseas export clearances were moderately below last year's volume. Visible supplies on September 7 also declined.

Deliveries during the week ending September 7 amounted to 17,079,804 bushels as compared with 5,104,625 a year earlier, and the export clearances totalled 2,332,115 bushels as against 2,642,678. Stocks in store or in transit in North America on September 7 amounted to 98,673,259 bushels compared with 106,668,403.