

LABOUR INCOME SETS RECORD: Labour income received by Canadian wage and salary earners in October reached a new high monthly total of \$1,036,000,000, up \$6,000,000 from September's \$1,030,000,000, and \$14,000,000 or 2.4% larger than the preceding year's corresponding total of \$1,012,000,000. For the January-October period the total rose 1.9% to \$9,857,000,000 from \$9,677,000,000.

There were increases both in the month and cumulative period in labour income in agriculture, forestry, fishing, trapping and mining; utilities, transportation, communication, storage and trade; finance and services; and supplementary labour income. Declines were posted for manufacturing and construction.

October's totals follow by groups, in millions: agriculture, forestry, fishing, trapping, mining, \$86 (\$78 a year earlier); manufacturing, \$323 (\$333); construction, \$82 (\$83); utilities, transportation, communication, storage, trade, \$265 (\$257); finance, services, \$244 (\$226); and supplementary labour income \$36 (\$35).

NORTHLAND GOVERNMENT: The job of governing Canada's northland is being shared to an increasing degree by the people who live there.

While the nine-man Council of the Northwest Territories meets in Ottawa on Monday, January 17th, elected representatives comprise almost half its numerical strength.

This is the first time that Council has met since elections were held in the Mackenzie District last September. Then, some 6,000 voters including, of course, Indians and Eskimos chose four members to represent them on the governing body of the North. A new and broader geographical distribution increased the original three electoral ridings, created in 1951, to four.

The enlarged Council reflects the trend of northern development. A growing population has created the need for wider opportunities in education and vocational training, more social and health services, new approaches to community planning, as fresh areas open up and settlement extends farther north.

Field Marshal Viscount Alanbrooke, KG, GCB, OM, GCVO, DSO, Master Gunner, St. James Park, and wartime Chief of the Imperial General Staff, is to arrive in Montreal March 22 to begin his two-week visit to Canada. He is coming at the invitation of the Royal Canadian Artillery Militia units of Montreal.

Grocery and combination chain store sales increased nearly 13% in November as compared with a year earlier, variety stores by 4.2%, women's clothing stores 3% and shoe stores 0.3%. Hardware and drug store chain sales decreased 2.8%.

WARSHIPS' VISITS: Canadian warships will visit India and Pakistan for the first time next month when the destroyers Huron and Iroquois pay formal calls at Bombay and Karachi on their way home from the Far East.

The two ships, which have just completed abbreviated tours of duty with United Nations naval forces in Korea, leave Hong Kong, January 15 for Halifax.

The destroyers will make informal calls at Singapore, from January 19 to 25; at Colombo, Ceylon, January 29 to February 3, and at the Indian naval training base at Cochin on February 4 before making their formal visits to Bombay, February 7 to 13, and Karachi, February 15 to 20.

"PROVINCIAL LABOUR STANDARDS": Publication of the 1954 edition of "Provincial Labour Standards", prepared by the Legislation Branch of the federal Department of Labour, was announced on January 14, by Mr. Milton F. Gregg, Minister of Labour.

This edition of the bulletin sets out the standards in effect in the Provinces of Canada with respect to child labour, holidays, hours of work, minimum wages, weekly rest-day and workmen's compensation and, for the first time, the requirements of equal pay and fair employment practices laws which since 1951 have been enacted in some Provinces.

POPULATION 15,410,000: Canada's population increased by 97,000 in the three months from September 1 last year to bring it to 15,410,000 at December 1, according to the Bureau's quarterly estimate.

This total compares with an estimated 15,005,000 at December 1, 1953, making a gain of 405,000 or 2.7% in the twelve months. Estimated increase for the previous twelve months was 381,000 or 2.6% and for the corresponding period ending December 1, 1952, was 396,000 or 2.8%.

The estimated gain in the months of September to November last year compares with 112,000 in the corresponding period of 1953, and was at an annual rate 2.6% as against 3%. The smaller gain last year was due to fewer immigrant arrivals. In contrast, the increase in the preceding three months of 1954 was at a record level of 118,000.

WHEAT SUPPLIES: Visible supplies of Canadian wheat on December 29 totalled 355,114,000 bushels, moderately larger than the 350,144,000 bushels of a week earlier, but 6% smaller than last year's 378,897,000 bushels. Deliveries of wheat from farms in the Prairie Provinces during the week were cut to 8,444,000 bushels from 12,331,000 a year ago and overseas export clearances dropped to 2,081,000 bushels from 2,932,000.