

FRUIT TREE CENSUS

Completing a fruit tree census of the Province, the Ontario Department of Agriculture has released statistics on orchards of sweet and sour cherries, pears, plums, prunes and vineyards.

Of the total 110,194 trees of sweet cherries, Windsor variety is in the majority with 25,951 and the Niagara Peninsula has the largest number, 93,290 of all varieties. Most of the trees are in the 11-20 years age group, though almost as many are from 1-10 years old.

Sour cherries are grown on 296,388 trees; nearly all being Montmorency and for the greater part in the Niagara Peninsula. By age groups, the division is fairly equal, though a slight majority are in the 6-10 years group.

Pears are grown on 624,226 trees, 467,100 in the Niagara Peninsula. Almost twice as many, 404,847, are 11 years and up as are under that age.

Japanese plum trees total 87,168, European plums 132,512 and prunes 145,393. Niagara Peninsula leads with the greatest number in each variety. Most Japanese plum trees are 11 years old and up, most European plums 6-10 years with those 11 years and up a close second. The majority of prune trees are 6-10 years old.

Niagara Peninsula vineyards have 5,993,373 of the total 6,108,781 vines in Ontario; 5,335,018 vines are 4 years and up in age. Concord variety is in the majority.

TO WEST INDIES CEREMONIES

Prime Minister John G. Diefenbaker has announced that in response to an invitation from the Governor-General of The West Indies, the Canadian Government will be represented at ceremonies inaugurating the first Federal Parliament of the West Indies by three Ministers, the Minister of Trade and Commerce, the Secretary of State of Canada, and the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

The Ministers attending the ceremonies in Port-of-Spain, commencing April 22, will convey to the Government and people of The West Indies the cordial good wishes of the Government and people of Canada on this important occasion in the history of a new nation in the Commonwealth.

Canada has for long had close relations with the islands of The West Indies and under this Federal union it is expected that relations will grow increasingly more intimate and mutually helpful.

The first Canadian Commissioner to The West Indies, R. G. C. Smith, already has assumed his duties in Port-of-Spain.

AID GERMAN AIR FORCE

An advisory group of approximately 40 RCAF personnel will be attached to the German Air Force to assist in advanced operational training of Sabre jet fighter pilots, it has been announced by the Department of National Defence.

Germany is receiving 75 Mark 5 Sabres from Canada as a mutual aid contribution, and has bought 225 Mark 6 Sabres from the manufacturer, Canadair Ltd. of Montreal.

Members of the RCAF advisory group will be drawn from Canada's overseas Air Division. They will advise and assist the German Air Force at Oldenburg, where German pilots receive advanced training on the Sabre. Initial postings will take place shortly.

This arrangement is being financed entirely by the Federal Republic of Germany.

Under separate arrangements, German aircrew are receiving pilot training in Canada. These trainees are brought to wings standard by the RCAF, which includes jet training on the T-33 Silver Star.

NRC SCHOLARSHIPS

The National Research Council of Canada has granted 302 scholarships for 1958-59, with a total value of \$414,700. These scholarships include 94 bursaries worth \$1,000 each and 145 studentships worth \$1,200 each. All of these are to be held in Canada.

Special scholarships awarded for study abroad include 46 awards worth \$2,000 each. These special scholarships are to be held in the following countries: 21 in the United Kingdom, 22 in the United States, and one each in France, Sweden and Switzerland.

Seventeen postdoctorate overseas fellowships, valued at \$3,500 for married and \$2,700 for single fellows, have been granted for work in the following countries: 11 in the United Kingdom, and one each in Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, and Switzerland.