

REGIONAL ADJUDICATOR

Richard Ainley, of London, England, son of the famous actor Henry Ainley, will adjudicate this year's drama festivals.

Mr. Ainley, who will begin his tour in January, has been on the stage since 1928 and has appeared in such well-known roles as Claudio in "Much Ado About Nothing"; Orsino in "Twelfth Night"; Laertes in "Hamlet" and many others.

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DRAMA WINNERS FOR STRATFORD

Mr. Michael Langham, Artistic Director of the Stratford Shakespearean Festival, has announced that Stratford is holding three vacancies in the 1959 Festival company for two of the winning actors and one winning actress from the Dominion Drama Festival finals to be held in Toronto during the week of May 18, 1959.

In making the announcement, Mr. Langham stated that the Dominion Drama Festival has long been one of the strong supports of theatrical interest in Canada, and did much to pave the way for the Stratford Festival. Many of the Stratford Company received their first theatrical experience among groups competing in the DDF and Stratford's offer is motivated by the hope that through closer collaboration more amateur actors and actresses may receive professional training. The winning members will join the Festival Company which goes into rehearsal in early May and will play with the Company during the 12 week summer season at Stratford.

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NEW DIVISION OF THE N.R.C.

The President of the National Research Council, Dr. E.W.R. Steacie, has announced the creation of a new Division to be known as the National Aeronautical Establishment.

The formation of the National Aeronautical Establishment was authorized initially by the Minister of Trade and Commerce and the Minister of National Defence in 1951, and it consisted of the aeronautical research facilities of the Division of Mechanical Engineering in the National Research Council. Owing to the heavy and increasing demands on the National Aeronautical Establishment, its scale of operations has reached a point at which it becomes more practicable administratively to separate it from the present Division of Mechanical Engineering, and embody it in a new Division effective January 1, 1959. The present decision is directed also toward the identification of specific laboratories as Canada's National Aeronautical Establishment.

The resources of the new Division will consist of the Flight Research Hangar and laboratories now at Uplands Airport, the new

5-foot supersonic wind tunnel now being constructed at Uplands Airport, and the Aerodynamics and Structures Laboratories in the Montreal Road Laboratories of the National Research Council.

The new Establishment will work intimately with the Defence Research Board on defence problems in aeronautical science, and will also be responsible for meeting the aerodynamic and structural research needs of civil aviation and of the aircraft industry.

Appointed as Acting Director of the N.A.E. is Frank R. Thurston, Head of the Structures Laboratory of the Division of Mechanical Engineering. Mr. Thurston was educated in the United Kingdom, graduating from the University of London. He came to the National Research Council in 1947 from the National Physical Laboratory in London, England, where he did research work on supersonic aerodynamics and on aircraft structural design. In the National Research Council he has been responsible for the structural proving of prototype Canadian-built aircraft, and for a wide range of researches on structural fatigue, towers and shell structures, and aircraft hydraulic equipment. He is the author of numerous papers on these subjects.

Representing Canada, Mr. Thurston in Chairman of the Structures and Materials Panel of the Advisory Group for Aeronautical Research and Development of NATO and works as a Coordinator for the Commonwealth Advisory Aeronautical Research Council.

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GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports that Canada's gross national product, seasonally adjusted at annual rates, amounted to \$32.4 billion in the third quarter of this year, an increase of about one-half of one per cent over the second quarter rate. The value of output in the non-farm sector was higher by a little less than one per cent. It is estimated that the price component of the gross national product showed very little change during the quarter, so that the latest increase reflects a small advance in the volume of total output.

The major contributing factor to the third quarter gain in output was the shift in non-farm business inventories from a position of heavy liquidation in the second quarter to one of modest accumulation in the third quarter. The swing in this component of the gross national expenditure amounted to approximately \$0.5 billion, at annual rates. Other elements on the expenditure side made very little positive contribution to the over-all level of demand. In fact, final domestic demand made only a small advance compared with those recorded in the four preceding quarters.

Personal expenditure on consumer goods and