

## TECHNICIANS TO STUDY IN GERMANY

The Minister of Labour, Mr. Allen J. MacEachen, announced on May 23 that seven graduates from a number of Canadian institutes of technology would attend a one-year postgraduate course in a large German company located in Düsseldorf.

The students, all of whom are 1963 graduates in mechanical technology, will undergo intense practical and theoretical training in smelting works, and tube factories, or in the machine factory of the Mannesmann Company. It is the first time Canadian students have participated in this project, which has been sponsored for some years by a number of companies in West Germany.

### FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

The students will pay their own air fare to Germany, and the Mannesmann Company will bear the costs of the return trip. While under training, the students will be paid according to an established wage scale and the company will provide accommodation at a minimum charge in company homes.

It is hoped that 25 Canadian graduates will attend these courses in Germany during the next three years. If the first venture proves satisfactory, there are indications that a number of large German industries will provide similar courses for Canadian graduates in the future. During the past eight years, some 2,000 students from other countries have attended courses of a similar nature in West Germany.

The Technical and Vocational Training Branch, Department of Labour, is co-ordinating the movement of graduates and assisting in making necessary arrangements for their departure to Europe.

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## IRON ORE

Iron-ore shipments from Canadian mines advanced sharply (64.2 per cent) in March, to 820,959 tons from 500,054 a year earlier, but less steeply (53.8 per cent) in the January-March period, to 2,282,787 tons from 1,484,298 in last year's first quarter. Shipments of ore for export increased in March, to 595,033 tons from 368,505 a year earlier, and in the January-March period to 1,656,852 tons from 1,113,017 a year ago. Shipments to Canadian consumers climbed in the month to 225,926 tons from 131,549 and in the three-month period to 625,935 tons from 371,281.

Shipments of iron ore were larger in March and the January-March period this year compared to last from mines in Quebec, Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia. No ore was shipped during the month from mines in Newfoundland. March totals were: Quebec, 492,985 tons (342,722 a year earlier); Ontario, 176,216 (105,913); and Alberta and British Columbia, 151,758 (51,419). January-March shipments: Newfoundland, 183,093 tons (168,079 a year ago); Quebec, 1,245,949 (809,202); Ontario, 376,038 (267,643); and Alberta and British Columbia, 477,707 (239,374).

## MEXICAN LIVESTOCK MISSION

Members of a livestock mission from Mexico are touring Central and Western Canada as guests of the Canadian Government. The five-man mission, which consists of the General Director of Livestock of the Mexican Department of Agriculture, a representative of the Mexican Chamber of Deputies and three presidents of Mexican livestock associations, arrived in Canada on May 25. Their tour will end on June 9.

The immediate purpose of the mission is to inform Mexican government officials and livestock producers of the full range and quality of purebred dairy and beef cattle and other types of livestock available from Canada. The long-range objective is to increase Canada's share of the Mexican livestock market.

Mexico has for some years been the largest market in Latin America for Canadian purebred cattle. From 1951 to 1960, Canada exported 7,208 head of cattle, valued at \$2,648,956, to that country. However, of the approximately 9,000 head of purebred cattle Mexico imports annually, Canada provides less than ten per cent.

### IMPROVING AND EXPANDING

Another consideration prompting the invitation to the mission to visit Canada was that the Mexican Government had been taking active steps to improve and expand that country's livestock industry. As this programme will entail long-term increases in the importation of purebred stock, the visit of the mission is expected to prove both timely and effective.

The mission's visit began with a six-day tour of dairy and beef cattle herds in Southwestern Ontario, during which the group called on officials of the Ontario government and on cattle breeders' associations, and visited the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph. On May 31 the mission was in Ottawa to talk to the Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. James A. Roberts, and other officials of the Departments of Agriculture and Trade and Commerce.

### WESTERN SWING

Over the weekend, the mission travelled west. Some members stopped off to visit a cattle sale at Arcola, Saskatchewan, and cattle herds in the Killarney district of Manitoba. On June 4, 5 and 6, the mission will be in Calgary, where members will visit the stockyards, a packing plant, cattle and swine herds, and a feed lot. They will also visit the Department of Agriculture's Experimental Farm at Lacombe, where an outstanding new breed of swine has been developed.

On June 6 the mission will visit Banff National Park, and the following day will go on to Vancouver, where members will visit the British Columbia Artificial Insemination Unit and several cattle and swine herds. On June 9 the mission will return to Mexico.