

bought 14.5 per cent of Canada's exports compared to 15.1 per cent, while the rest of the Commonwealth and preferential-rate countries purchased 6.4 per cent of all exports, compared to 5.8 per cent in January-June 1964. The share destined to other countries fell to 21 per cent, compared to 26.6 per cent, principally due to the falling-off in wheat shipments to Russia and some of the satellite countries. Some 9.2 per cent of all exports was sent to Western Europe, compared to 8.7 per cent for the first six months of last year. A larger part went to South America (2.4 per cent against 2.1 per cent), and slightly lower shares of exports were destined for Asia and Central America.

STEEL MISSION TO U.S.

A bid to stimulate United States purchases of Canadian iron and steel castings will be made by a trade mission from Canada.

Under the auspices of the Department of Trade and Commerce, representatives of Canada's iron and steel foundry industry will explore export prospects in a number of major U.S. cities along or near the border. The mission will study opportunities for both current and long-term marketing of Canadian-made iron and steel castings.

Canada's iron and steel foundry industry is growing rapidly under the influence of an expanding economy. There is every reason to believe that it can expand its present level of exports to the United States.

The trade mission commenced its tour in Chicago on September 13 and will end it in Buffalo on October 22. Members will meet senior purchasing agents and executives of leading consuming companies at Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland and Boston and vicinity. Their itinerary also includes calls on potential customers in Maine, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Connecticut and northern New York.

BUDGET DEFICIT REDUCED

In a recent press release, Mr. Walter L. Gordon, Minister of Finance, reported a deficit of \$38 million for the fiscal year ended March 31. The Minister has now released the details of final revenue and expenditure figures for the fiscal year 1964-65 and of the Government's assets and liabilities and net debt position as at March 31.

The budget deficit amounted to \$38 million, compared to the forecast deficit of \$83 million in the budget speech of April 26. Revenues for the fiscal year as finally determined were \$7,180 million, or \$44 million more than the estimated figure of \$7,136 million given in the budget speech. Expenditures were \$7,218 million, or \$1 million less than the budget forecast of \$7,219 million.

At March 31, the gross liabilities of the Government amounted to \$26,574 million, of which \$18,978 million consisted of unmaturing bonds and treasury bills. As net recorded assets totalled \$11,070 million, the net debt of Canada amounted to \$15,504 million at the end of the fiscal year.

CONGRESS ON ILLITERACY

Canada is taking part in the World Congress on the Eradication of Illiteracy, which convened in Tehran on September 8 under the sponsorship of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The Canadian delegation is headed by Mr. Paul Malone, Canadian Ambassador to Iran. Other members are: Dr. H.T. Coutts, Dean of the Faculty of Education, University of Alberta, and Vice-President of the Canadian Education Association; Mr. Joseph L. Pagé, Associate Deputy Minister of Education, Quebec; Mr. Ernest McEwen, Executive Director, Indian-Eskimo Association, Professor Irving Brecher, Director of the Centre for Developing Area Studies, McGill University, Montreal.

The conference is being held in Iran at the invitation of the Shah, who takes pride in the achievements of his Literacy Corps, which employs high-school graduates enlisted for military service to teach in village schools. Plans for the Congress were discussed when the Shah visited Ottawa in May.

The purpose of this meeting is to review the illiteracy problem throughout the world and to study various techniques used in combatting it. Consideration will be given to the place of literacy projects in programmes of technical, economic and social development, the kind of international co-operation essential to this work, and the measures required to secure the participation of people in all countries in rooting out illiteracy.

FLIGHTS TO EUROPE DOUBLED

Air Canada will double its winter service to Britain and continental Europe this year, operating 16 weekly return flights across the Atlantic by DC-8 jetliners. This is eight flights a week more than last winter, increasing the weekly number of seats to 2,128 in each direction.

NEW SPECIAL FLIGHT

The airline's "Europe 870 - Canada 871" flights, between Canada and continental Europe, inaugurated on April 25, will continue through the winter months. These flights, which originate in Vancouver, will stop at Edmonton, Toronto and Montreal on the way to Paris and Dusseldorf, the Edmonton stopover replacing the Calgary and Winnipeg summer stops.

Air Canada plans to add two new routes to its system with the introduction of its winter schedule. Direct DC-8 jet service once a week between Montreal and Guadeloupe will be inaugurated on November 6, subject to Government approval, while a once-a-week, non-stop *Vanguard* service will begin operating between Halifax and Bermuda on December 14.

CARGO JET SERVICE

The introduction of all-cargo jet service between Montreal and Vancouver beginning November 1 will further increase Air Canada's capacity in the rapidly-expanding air cargo field. DC-8 freighters carrying up to 70,000 pounds of freight on 12 pallets will operate daily except Saturday and Sunday in the