

### FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT

Federal Government employees in August this year numbered 351,549 and their earnings totalled \$125,553,000 according to advance figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics that will be contained in the August issue of "Federal Government Employment". Excluding staff employed outside Canada by agency and proprietary corporations and other agencies, the total for the month was 342,722, against 349,444 in the same month last year. Earnings were \$102,966,000 against \$115,103,000.

Employees in departmental branches, services and corporations numbered 202,670 in August, compared to 203,381 a year earlier and had earnings of \$68,590,000 against \$62,037,000. August earnings include an estimated \$300,000 increase in pay granted to some 9,500 employees effective on the first of July and a \$1,350,000 increase to approximately 37,400 employees effective on the first of August. Employees in agency and proprietary corporations and other agencies (excluding staff located outside Canada) numbered 140,052 in the month against 146,063, with earnings of \$52,376,000 against \$53,066,000.

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### ALLARD TO COPENHAGEN

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Green, recently announced the appointment of Mr. Hector Allard as Ambassador of Canada in Denmark. Mr. Allard succeeds Mr. J.B.C. Watkins, who has been assigned to duty in Ottawa.

Born in Notre Dame de Grace, Manitoba, in 1902, Mr. Allard is a graduate of the University of Manitoba and of Oxford University.

He joined the Department of External Affairs in 1932, and served as an officer at the Canadian embassies in Washington, Mexico City, and Brussels. In 1944, he was charged with the task of establishing Canada's first Embassy in Mexico. On his return from Belgium, Mr. Allard was for more than two years chief of the International Refugee Organization's Mission in Canada. In 1953, he was appointed Permanent Representative and Minister of Canada to the European Office of the United Nations, where he transformed the post-war Geneva office into the present Permanent Mission of Canada in that city. From 1957 to 1959 he was Canadian Ambassador to Cuba and concurrently to Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

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### MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

The National Research Council has announced the establishment of a Medical Research Council with responsibility for all activities formerly conducted by NRC's Division of Medical Research. The new Council will have virtually complete autonomy in its operations

and full responsibility for policy concerning the support of medical research, but will function under the general administration of the National Research Council.

The Medical Research Council has been set up as an interim measure pending the Government's future consideration of appropriate legislation. The eventual establishment of a completely independent Medical Research Council was implied in a statement in Parliament last summer by Mr. Gordon Churchill, Chairman of the Privy Council Committee on Scientific and Industrial Research.

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### TRAINING CRUISE IN NEW YEAR

Three frigates of the Fourth Canadian Escort Squadron will sail from Esquimalt, British Columbia, January 9 on a three-month training cruise to Hawaii, Fiji, New Zealand, Australia and Samoa.

Embarked in HMC Ships "Sussexvale," "New Glasgow" and "Beacon Hill" will be naval cadets from HMCS "Venture," the RCN junior-officer training establishment at Esquimalt.

In the course of the cruise, the ships will take part in a ceremony at Waitangi, New Zealand, commemorating the 121st anniversary of the signing of the treaty of February 6, 1840, between Queen Victoria and the Maori chiefs, which brought New Zealand under the protection of the British Crown. Later, the ships will participate in the Festival of Wellington at Wellington, New Zealand, February 24 to March 4.

For the "Venture" cadets, the cruise will provide sea training that will consolidate their academic and theoretical knowledge through practical experience in navigation, torpedo anti-submarine, gunnery, seamanship, communications and bridge and engine-room watchkeeping duties. At the same time, the ships will carry out evolutions and tactical exercises as part of the squadron's training programme.

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### SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

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"You will be asked to approve legislation requiring the disclosure of information by business and labour organizations in Canada controlled from outside Canada.

"...You will also be asked to consider means of encouraging the youth of Canada in amateur athletics.

"A bill to revise the Civil Service Act will again be submitted for your approval... You will also be asked to revise the Penitentiaries Act to bring it into accord with my Minister's policies of correctional reform. Amendments will be proposed to the Criminal Code having to do with capital punishment and with the treatment of criminal sexual psychopaths..."