

food. Cod feed on capelin, so the recent appearance of this fish in the Arctic led to the hope that cod might be found also. So far, however, none has been discovered.

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BOOKLET BOOSTS LAGOS FAIR

The first of two Canadian trade fairs in West Africa, the biggest ever held by Canada, opened on January 17 in Lagos, Nigeria. To stimulate attendance, the Department of Trade and Commerce produced a 44-page illustrated booklet, which was used for selective pre-show mailing throughout Nigeria, and is being distributed at the fair. Entitled simply *The Canadian Trade Fair*, the booklet contains descriptive articles on each of the 105 participating companies and the products they are displaying, as well as a list of West African agents representing many of the firms. More than 80 photographs have been used to illustrate the many quality Canadian products on exhibit. The striking, multi-coloured cover symbolizes various aspects of manufacturing in Canada.

A similar booklet has been produced for the Canadian trade fair in Accra, Ghana, which will be held from February 14 to 24.

The intensive trade-promotion drive about to be launched in Nigeria and Ghana is designed to acquaint West Africans with the rich variety and high quality of goods available from Canada, and to afford Canadian manufacturers an opportunity to make personal contact with businessmen of both countries, which are among the most promising markets of the world today.

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FITNESS COUNCIL SET UP

The Minister of National Health and Welfare, Mr. J. Waldo Monteith, has announced the setting up of the National Advisory Council on Fitness and Amateur Sport.

Designed to assist the Government in implementing the new fitness and amateur sport programme enacted at the last session of Parliament, the Council will be under the chairmanship of Mr. Kenneth P. Farmer, who was president of the Canadian Olympic Association from 1953 to 1961 and has been director of the Canadian Sports Advisory Council since 1948. In addition, the Council will include five representatives from the Atlantic Provinces, eight from Western Canada, eight from Quebec, and eight from Ontario.

In announcing the establishment of the National Advisory Council, Mr. Monteith stated that the Government was pleased at the calibre of its members. "We feel they are a most distinguished group of Canadians and that their contribution will do much to ensure that the new fitness and amateur sport programme enjoys the kind of leadership necessary to guarantee its success," he said. "While it has been impossible to include by any means everyone qualified, we have tried to make the Council broadly representative of all Canadians interested in these activities."

FIRST MEETING

Mr. Monteith stated that the Government counted on arranging the first meeting of the National Advisory Council within the next two or three weeks. "We are anxious," he went on, "that the Council get together as quickly as possible so that no time will be lost in getting the whole project moving and in full operation."

In addition to the National Advisory Council, Mr. Monteith stated that his Department hoped to be able to arrange for the establishment of a federal-provincial committee at the deputy minister level to deal with administrative matters arising out of the federal-provincial aspects of the programme. He stated that, prior to working out agreements with the provinces, a federal-provincial conference of ministers was planned to discuss co-operative arrangements between the two levels of government.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Canada's consumer price index rose 0.1 per cent to 129.8 from 129.7 during November and December 1961. For the year 1961, the index averaged 129.2, up by 0.9 per cent from the 1960 average of 128.0.

In the current period, increases in the component indexes for food, housing, and health and personal care offset decreases in the clothing and transportation indexes. The recreation-and-reading and tobacco-and-alcohol indexes were unchanged.

BREAKDOWN

The food index rose 0.7 per cent to 124.5 from 123.6, as price increases occurred for beef, chicken, turkey and most fresh fruits and vegetables. Lower prices were reported for eggs, grapefruit, pork and powdered skim milk.

The housing index increased 0.1 per cent to 133.8 from 133.7, with both the shelter and household-operation components at slightly higher levels. In shelter, the rent index was unchanged and the home-ownership index was up 0.3 per cent. In household operation, the increase of 0.1 per cent reflected higher prices for furniture, floor coverings and textiles.

The clothing index declined 0.3 per cent to 113.7 from 114.0, as a result of lower prices for some items of men's, women's and children's wear, footwear and clothing services.

The transportation index declined 0.3 per cent to 141.1 from 141.5, owing to lower gasoline prices in several cities.

The health-and-personal-care index increased 0.1 per cent to 156.8 from 156.7, as the health-care component was up but the personal-care component was unchanged. In health care, higher premiums in one province for prepaid medical care were responsible for the upward movement.

The recreation - and-reading and tobacco-and-alcohol indexes were unchanged at 146.3 and 117.3, respectively.