

INSTRUCTORS FOR PRISON GUARDS

Future instructors in the federal penitentiary service are at present undergoing a month's practical training at the Canadian Provost Corps School, Camp Borden, Ontario, in the first course of its kind held there.

Eighteen experienced guards, 25 to 40 years of age, from penitentiaries in British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick, recently completed four weeks of classroom instruction at the Justice Department's Correctional Staff College in Kingston, Ontario. This is part of a three-month course they are now taking to qualify them as instructors of new guards in their own institutions.

PRACTICAL MILITARY SKILLS

During the second month of the course, skilled instructors of the Army's Provost Corps will teach the guards the practical military skills of unarmed combat, handling of weapons, crowd control, basic foot drill and methods of instruction in these subjects.

When the candidates complete this phase of their training at the Provost Corps School on March 13, they will return to the Correctional Staff College in Kingston for the final month of the course. They will then receive more advanced training in methods of instruction as applied to penitentiary matters.

On graduation, the correctional officers will return to their own regions, where they will be employed as instructors of recruits. These recruits will be trained for 12 weeks before being employed as guards in the 30 federal penitentiaries across Canada.

FOOD-PROCESSING MISSION

Six Canadian engineers flew to Mexico City on February 25 to begin a month-long tour of Latin America under the auspices of the Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa. After Mexico, they will visit Ecuador, Peru and Chile. In all four countries, they will investigate potential markets for food and fish processing plants and equipment of Canadian design and manufacture. The mission comprises four representatives of consulting engineering firms, one representative of an equipment firm, and an engineer from the Department of Trade and Commerce, who will act as secretary.

The Canadian trade commissioners stationed in the countries to be visited have prepared the mission's programme of tours and discussions with government officials and businessmen. On their return, mission members will report their findings to the Department of Trade and Commerce, which will make them available to others in the Canadian industry.

Four of the five companies represented on the mission belong to the Canadian Food and Fish Plant Consortium, a business affiliation of some 20 engineering and machinery manufacturing firms, which was formed last autumn with the encouragement of

the Department. Its object is to pool resources for more effective development of export business. Its membership can offer a full range of services and facilities, from design and economic studies to the provision of all the specialized machinery employed in food and fish processing plants.

AN IMPORTANT CANADIAN EXPORT

Canada has for many years been one of the leading fish-exporting nations of the world. More than 48,000 Canadian vessels harvest approximately 2,000,000,000 pounds of fish annually. About \$148-million worth, or two-thirds of the total value, is sold to more than 80 countries throughout the world. By continual development of its catching, packaging and shipping techniques, this country has maintained its position as one of the foremost suppliers of fisheries products in international markets. The current mission will look into the feasibility of exporting the technical know-how and processing machinery developed over the years in the evolution of Canada's fishing industry.

The mission will be primarily concerned with the potential market for fish reduction and processing machinery and equipment, as the Latin American demand for fish and fish products is known to be increasing rapidly. However, as the type of machinery and equipment employed for processing meat and other foods is similar in character to that for processing fish, the mission will study such other potential outlets as well. Mission members will, therefore, visit abattoirs and other food-processing operations as well as dock and harbour fisheries installations, trawlers and fishing equipment.

MEMORIAL SERVICE OVERSEAS

Mr. Roger Teillet, Minister of Veterans Affairs, announced recently that the Canadian Government would hold a Remembrance Service on June 6 at Beny-sur-Mer, a Canadian war cemetery near the Normandy beaches where the Canadian Third Division stormed ashore 20 years ago to breach Hitler's Atlantic Wall.

A similar service will be held on June 9 at the Vimy Memorial. This is Canada's national cenotaph abroad, which symbolizes the sacrifices and achievements of its sons in war. The ceremony will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the beginning of the First World War and will commemorate particularly the 11,285 Canadians of that war who were listed as "missing" and whose names are inscribed on the walls of the memorial.

TOURS FOR VETERANS

The ceremonies will coincide with the Royal Canadian Legion "Maple Leaf Up" tour, one of several visits planned for Canadian veterans to battlefields and war cemeteries of both World Wars in Northwest Europe. The Government expects that Canadian veterans who plan to be in France at that time will include these events in their itineraries.