

MORE GOLD FOR TOP BRASS

An increase in annual pay of up to 5 per cent has been approved by Treasury Board for senior officers in the Armed Forces, effective January 1, 1970.

The salary revision applies to brigadier-generals and above. The new scale for brigadier-general is \$22,920 to \$24,360; major-general \$25,560 to \$27,000; and lieutenant-general \$28,680 to \$29,880.

The Department of National Defence will apply on January 1, 1971, the same salary ranges as now apply to senior executives 1, 2 and 3, their counterparts in the public service. The same merit principles which are followed in the public service will be used in determining salaries within the approved ranges.

SPECIAL GAMES HELD FOR RETARDED

Some 325 competitors aged from 10 to 33 took part in the first Alberta Special Games in Calgary this summer.

Sponsored by the Alberta Association for Retarded Children, with the assistance of the Special Services Section, Recreation Branch, Alberta Department of Youth, the games were for students from the various schools for the mentally retarded in the province, from opportunity classes in public and separate schools, and from the Alberta School Hospital and Deerhome, both located in Red Deer. Fifteen organizations from St. Paul to Lethbridge were represented.

Organized to provide as much opportunity as possible for participants to succeed, competitions were held in track and field, swimming, bowling, and floor hockey. There was about an equal number of boys and girls. Junior, senior and adult classes were further subdivided into ability levels. Events were held at Foothills Stadium, the Vocational Research and Rehabilitation Institute, and the University of Calgary.

COPPER CONTROLS EASED

Mr. Jean-Luc Pepin, the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, has announced that all existing quantitative restrictions on the export of primary shapes of refined copper are removed, effective immediately. Quantitative restrictions on copper scrap and copper base scrap are also removed. Copper in all forms will remain on the export-control list but permits for exports of primary shapes and scrap will be freely issued.

A softening in the world demand for copper and a reduction in the current requirement of Canadian fabricators, coupled with the fact that the world

(London Metal Exchange) price for copper has fallen below the Canadian price, are the reasons for the removal of the quantitative restrictions.

In announcing the withdrawal of the export restrictions, Mr. Pepin said that the copper-supply situation would be kept under continuous review. He indicated that should circumstances again arise in which the adequacy of supply in relation to Canadian requirements was threatened by developments in the world market the Government would again expect that the reasonable requirements of Canadian users would be met by the Canadian copper industry.

WHEAT REVIEW

The highest wheat supplies on record, 2,471.3 million bushels, were held by Canada, United States, Australia and Argentina on or about July 1, 1970. This was 17 percent more than the 21,117.1 million bushels held a year ago. The previous record was set in 1961 at 2,219.5 million bushels.

Both Canada, with 1,070.5 million bushels, and Australia with 427.6 million, broke the records they set last year of 881.6 million bushels and 384.0 million, respectively. Stocks also increased in the United States to 895.4 million bushels from 818.6 million in 1969, and in Argentina to 77.8 million bushels from 32.9 million.

DOMESTIC SUPPLY

Canada's total domestic supplies of wheat for the full 1969-70 crop year (August 1969 to July 1970) are expected to reach an all-time high of 1,536.1 million bushels, consisting of the 1969-70 crop, estimated at 684.3 million bushels, and the 851.8 million bushels carry-over from the previous year. This would be 17 percent more than the 1,315.4 million bushels available in the 1968-69 crop year. If domestic requirements reach 165.0 million bushels, as expected, 1969-70 supplies available for export and carry-over are expected to total 1,371.1 million bushels - 18 percent more than the 1,157.7 million available in 1968-69.

EXPORTS

Canadian exports were 300.6 million bushels for the August-to-June period ending in 1970, slightly more than the 276.1 million exported a year earlier, but less than the previous ten-year average of 369.6 million.

Canadian farmers delivered 329.6 million bushels to elevators up to July 15, compared to 361.7 million bushels the previous year.

The total visible supply of Canadian wheat on July 15 was 407.8 million bushels, 5 percent less on the same date in 1969 (430.2 million bushels), and 3 percent less than in 1968 (419.7 million).