

## AMBASSADOR RETIRING

The Secretary of State for External Affairs has announced the following transfer and retirement in the Canadian Diplomatic Service:

Mr. D.S. Cole, who has been Ambassador to Mexico since November 1954, is retiring. Pending the appointment of a Successor, Mr. Lionel V.J. Roy, who has recently been Chargé D'Affaires A.I. in Beirut, Lebanon, will be Chargé D'Affaires A.I. in Mexico.

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## GOVERNMENT'S MONTHLY STATEMENT

Mr. Donald M. Fleming, Minister of Finance, last week released the regular monthly statement of the Government's financial operations for June, 1958 and the first three months of the current fiscal year.

For June, budgetary revenues were \$315.2 million, expenditures were \$424 million and there was a deficit of \$108.8 million. For June, 1957, revenues were \$399.7 million, expenditures were \$352.3 million and there was a surplus of \$47.4 million.

For the first three months of the current fiscal year, budgetary revenues were \$1,001.5 million, expenditures were \$1,066.4 million and the deficit was \$64.9 million. For the same period last year, revenues were \$1,185.1 million, expenditures (which included \$100 million to the Canada Council) were \$1,064.3 million and the surplus was \$120.8 million.

Operations of the old age security fund, which are not included in budgetary transactions, resulted in a deficit of \$17.3 million for June, 1958 and an accumulated deficit of \$42.4 million for the three months to June 30, 1958. Last year for the three months to June 30, 1957, there was an accumulated deficit of \$2.7 million. These deficits were covered by temporary loans by the Minister under the terms of the Old Age Security Act.

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## INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT

Canada's composite index of industrial employment for June 1 stood at 118.2, a rise of 3.1 per cent over the May 1 figure of 114.6, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports. The rise was slightly below average for the time of year, fractionally reducing the seasonally adjusted index. Industrial employment continued below its level a year ago when the unadjusted index was 123.5.

Weekly wage and salary payments were 3.8 per cent higher in the latest survey period than a month earlier and raised the payroll index to 195.5, virtually the same as at June 1 last year (195.7). Per capita earnings reached a new high at \$70.76 as compared with \$70.35 in the week of May 1 and \$67.82 at June 1, 1957.

Employment and payrolls were generally higher in all provinces than a month earlier. Average weekly wages and salaries dropped slightly in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and British Columbia, mainly due to the addition of lower paid seasonal workers to the reported staffs. Reduced working hours in some establishments also contributed. In all provinces, however, the per capita figures were higher than in the same period in 1957 and preceding years.

Heightened activity was shown at June 1 in all main industrial divisions. As usual at the time of year, the improvement in construction was most noteworthy. There were also substantial gains in forestry, manufacturing and transportation, storage and communication. Within manufacturing, the most important increases were in foods and beverages and wood products.

Industrial employment indexes for the provinces were as follows: Newfoundland, 123.7 (111.3 at May 1); Prince Edward Island, 112.9 (102.7); Nova Scotia, 94.1 (91.3); New Brunswick, 96.5 (87.9); Quebec, 116.7 (112.8); Ontario, 120.4 (118.5); Manitoba, 109.0 (105.4); Saskatchewan, 129.1 (119.5); Alberta, 150.5 (141.1); British Columbia, 115.7 (111.2).

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## GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT

Federal government employees in departmental branches, services and corporations numbered 178,573 at the end of December last year as compared with 171,764 on the same date a year earlier, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports. The total comprised 151,949 salaried employees versus 145,815 at the end of December 1956, 24,249 prevailing rate employees versus 23,729, and 2,375 ships' officers and crews versus 2,220.

Regular earnings paid last December totalled \$52,854,035 compared to \$46,892,804 in December 1956, salaried employees receiving \$46,482,018 versus \$41,178,025, prevailing rate employees \$5,743,158 versus \$5,117,591, and ships' officers and crews \$628,859 versus \$597,188.

Agency and proprietary corporations and other quasi-independent federal government bodies employed 141,029 persons in December 1957 versus 150,217 a year earlier. Earnings of these employees amounted to \$44,898,000 versus \$45,961,000.

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## HUNGARIAN REFUGEES

The Federal Government has agreed to admit an additional 1,100 Hungarian refugees now in camps in Austria and Italy, Immigration Minister Fairclough said last week.

Mrs. Fairclough stated that the special humanitarian action is designed to assist in the settlement of the last of some 200,000