

SURVEY OF MEDICAL LIBRARIES

A survey of medical-science libraries in Canada has been undertaken by the Association of Canadian Medical Colleges and the Medical Science Libraries Committee of the Canadian Library Association. Miss Beatrice V. Simon, Assistant Librarian at McGill University, spent four months visiting all the important medical libraries in Canada; her report and recommendations should be available soon.

The purpose of the survey was to compile complete information about the medical libraries of Canada and their plans for the future, to consider the feasibility of co-operative schemes on a regional or national basis, and to make recommendations about bibliographical centres and photostatic or microfilm services. It is hoped that the present dependence of Canadian medical libraries on American collections can be lessened, and that the demands on Canadian libraries can be more equally shared.

Cost of the survey was borne by the 12 Canadian universities which operate medical schools and by the Royal Commission on Health Services.

SECURITIES SALES & PURCHASES

Trading between Canada and other countries of outstanding Canadian and foreign securities brought \$23 million of capital into Canada during October. Residents of the United States continued to be large buyers of Canadian securities, while overseas investors, on balance, disposed of holdings as they have in most recent months since the autumn of 1960. The net inflow in October was the largest since May of 1961, and reduced the net capital outflow from these transactions in the first 10 months of this year to below \$93 million.

SALES ABROAD

Net sales to non-residents of outstanding Canadian securities produced \$19.6 million in October. The figure was made up of \$21.5 million of outstanding bonds, debentures, etc., offset by net repurchases of \$1.9 million of outstanding stocks. The latter figure would have been very much larger, and the net inflow correspondingly smaller, if there had not been large sales to non-residents of some Canadian oil stocks coincidental with corporate reorganizations. The net sales of outstanding Canadian bonds and debentures included about \$17 million of Government-of-Canada issues.

FOREIGN ISSUES

The sales balance of \$3.4 million arising from trade in outstanding foreign securities followed a purchase balance of \$4.8 million in September. About \$2.8 million represented United States stocks and \$0.5 million United States bonds.

The net outflow of nearly \$93 million from trade in outstanding Canadian and foreign securities in the first 10 months of 1962 was made

up of net outflows of about \$60 million each to the United Kingdom and to other overseas countries, and net inflows of \$27 million from the United States. In the corresponding period of 1961, these transactions gave rise to a net inflow of \$93 million, net sales of \$167 million to the United States having been partially offset by net purchases of \$63 million and \$11 million from the United Kingdom and other overseas countries, respectively.

MAIL FOR UNEF TROOPS

More than five tons of Canadian Christmas mail reached Rafah, Egypt, recently and an equal amount was expected shortly in another flight by the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Major Bob Deziel of Ottawa, Senior UN Emergency Force Postal Officer, said the shipment consisted of about 6,000 Christmas cards, 1,860 parcels and almost a ton of newspapers and magazines.

His 14-man Royal Canadian Postal Corps unit also handles mail, 23 tons during November, for troops from Brazil, Denmark, Norway and Sweden. The other two contingents, from India and Yugoslavia, have their own postal units.

In November, Canadian servicemen at Rafah, who send and receive more mail than any of the other contingents in the seven-nation peace force, shipped home more than 5,000 pounds of letters, cards and parcels. Christmas parcels weighing a ton and a half more left Rafah for Canada recently.

However, says Major Deziel, his postal clerks don't feel the Christmas rush too much, as UNEF is a heavy-mailing force throughout the year. "We do get a run on money orders", he admits, "as a large number of Canadian soldiers send them home as Christmas presents". He estimated that money-order sales in the six-week period before Christmas would exceed \$35,000.

PERMANENT HQ FOR SURVEYORS

The first permanent headquarters of the Canadian Institute of Surveying was officially opened recently in Ottawa. One of Canada's oldest professional organizations, the Institute was formed in 1882 as the Association of Dominion Land Surveyors. It has since expanded to include all professional surveyors and photogrammetrists. The rapid growth of this body in recent years, from 400 members in 1954 to more than 1800 today, was the main factor leading to the establishment of a permanent office and full-time staff.

The Institute aims to promote professional interest in surveying, to make the public aware of the usefulness of this profession, and to further the knowledge of its members. To this end, it publishes *The Canadian Surveyor* five times yearly, four issues of which are technical.