

RETAIL TRADE GROWTH: While Canada's population climbed by close to 22 per cent to 14,009,429 from 11,506,655 in the 1941-51 decade, sales of the nation's retail stores increased nearly ten times as fast or by 210 per cent to \$10,659,945,600 from \$3,440,900,000, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported August 25 in its first bulletin containing final detailed figures on retail trade from the 1951 Census of Distribution. In other words, Canadians spent \$760.91 per capita in retail stores in 1951 as compared with \$299.03 per capita in 1941.

The number of retail stores of all kinds from coast-to-coast, on the other hand, increased only half as fast as the population, by a little more than 10 per cent to 151,611 from 137,331, with the result that in 1951 there was one retail store in Canada for every 92 Canadians as compared to one for every 84 Canadians a decade earlier. Average sales per store rose by more than 180 per cent to about \$70,311 from \$25,055 in the period.

Ontario, with approximately 33 per cent of the population, accounted for about 39 per cent of the total retail sales in 1951, while Quebec, with 29 per cent of the population, accounted for 23 per cent of the sales.

NEED 20,000 APPRENTICES: Speaking on the Department of Labour's radio programme "Canada At Work," on August 25, Mr. W.H. Clark, Vice-President - Industrial Relations of the Ford Motor Company of Canada, raised the question whether Canada could realize the full advantages of her tremendous economic expansion unless a greater emphasis were placed by Canadian industry on the training of more skilled workers.

Mr. Clark's talk is the first of five by leading Canadians dealing with the need for more apprenticeship training in Canada. It has been estimated that Canadian industry needs at least 20,000 more apprentices right now and that there are actually 900 fewer Canadian apprentices today than there were in 1948.

Mr. Clark said that Canada's development promised to surpass that enjoyed by any other country and that her population was expected to increase by about 9,000,000 people in the next 25 years. It was reasonable to expect, he said, that industry would expand at a corresponding rate and that the result of this would be the creation of 30,000 new jobs each year in Canadian manufacturing industries alone. This, of course, was in addition to the constant flow of replacements needed in industry to take the places of those who retired or left the labour force for other reasons.

The 1953 raspberry crop is tentatively placed at 13 million quarts, about 10% greater than last year.

NEW AUTO SUPPLY UP 36 P.C.: Almost 36 per cent more new motor vehicles were available to Canadians in the first six months of this year than was the case in the first half of 1952, the apparent supply of new vehicles for sale in Canada increasing by 75,635 to 286,150 from 210,515, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported August 25. Sales also were up in the six months, but did not increase as much as the apparent supply. Figures released by the Bureau on August 7 placed half-year sales at 274,039, a gain of 29 per cent over the 212,566 sold in the January-June period last year.

Canadian-made vehicles accounted for 88.1 per cent of the apparent supply in the first six months of this year as compared with 87.6 per cent last year, factory shipments for sale in Canada increasing to 252,186 from 184,373. The U.S. share of the Canadian supply also increased, to 6.5 from 4.8 per cent last year, imports of American-made vehicles jumping to 18,503 from 10,198 in the period. British-made vehicles made up a smaller proportion of the apparent supply this year with 5.4 per cent of the total versus 7.6 per cent a year earlier, although their numbers were only slightly lower at 15,461 against 15,944.

NURSING EDUCATION: A new school of nursing to provide basic nursing training in two years is to be opened in September at the Maisonneuve Hospital, Montreal, with financial assistance from a federal health grant.

In making this announcement the Minister of National Health and Welfare said that the new school will be an experiment with a three-fold objective: (1) to improve clinical instruction of student nurses by ensuring more adequate supervision; (2) to improve courses of study, with emphasis on a better understanding of human nature and the role of the nurse as the doctor's assistant; and (3) to improve means of developing a greater sense of responsibility among nurses.

Several experiments in nursing education have been carried out or are under way in Canada at the present time in an effort to increase the supply of nurses.

CITIZENSHIP DIRECTOR: Appointment of Lt.-Col. H.M. Jones, M.B.E., E.D., to the post of Director of Indian Affairs and of Mr. Eugene Bussiere to that of Director of the Canadian Citizenship Branch has been announced by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

TRAIN HOSPITAL TECHNICIANS: The University of Montreal this year plans to open a special training course for technicians to serve in hospitals and clinical laboratories. A federal grant of more than \$34,000 will assist in organizing and carrying on the course.