

bargaining in the Public Service of Canada was before Parliament.

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAWS

Alberta adopted a Human Rights Act, prohibiting discrimination in employment, trade union membership and in public accommodation on grounds of race, religious beliefs, colour, ancestry or place of origin. Ontario passed the Age Discrimination Act, which makes it an offence for employers and unions to discriminate against persons between 40 and 65 years of age solely because of their age. This made Ontario the second province, after British Columbia, to ban discrimination of this nature.

British Columbia adopted legislation designed to ensure that a working woman has a right to maternity leave and does not lose her employment because of it.

PENSION-COST-OF-LIVING TIE

Also during the 12 months under study, workmen's compensation benefits were increased in several provinces, including British Columbia, Manitoba, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Of particular significance was the British Columbia provision, the first of its kind in Canada, which ties pension increases to increases in the cost of living.

STRATFORD FESTIVAL TOUR

A new production of an internationally-popular Russian comedy and one of Shakespeare's best-known plays are in rehearsal now for the Stratford Festival Company's first coast-to-coast tour of Canada. Under the banner of "Festival Canada," the company will open its centennial year tour on February 15 in Calgary, Alberta, and will continue across Canada for six weeks.

David William, one of Britain's busiest directors, is changing the focus of his highly-successful *Twelfth Night*, from Stratford's "thrust" stage to the traditional proscenium stages the company will encounter on tour. A special setting designed by Brian Jackson, who is also responsible for the costumes, will permit what Mr. William terms, "the choreography and the swift pace of the popular 1966 Festival production".

Mr. William flew in from Britain recently with the leading lady for the play, Ann Firbank, who toured North America two years ago as a principal in the Royal Shakespeare Company's presentation of the *Hollow Crown*. Miss Firbank has appeared in films, television shows and stage productions in London. She will portray Viola in *Twelfth Night*. Leo Ciceri and Bernard Behrens will appear in the play.

The Festival Theatre's stages are also occupied with rehearsals for Michael Langham's production of *The Government Inspector*, for which a new translation has been provided by Dr. Leonid Ignatieff and adapted by Peter Raby. William Hutt and Tony van Bridge will appear in this comedy of life in a small

provincial town, which has been an international favourite for many years. Production of *The Government Inspector* was made possible by a special grant from the Centennial Commission.

The productions, cast and crates of costumes and sets will be flown from city to city during the tour.

Cities included in the tour are Victoria, Vancouver, Winnipeg, Fredericton, Halifax, St. John's, Newfoundland, Charlottetown and Ottawa.

INDIAN ADULTS RETURN TO SCHOOL

Indian adults, and many other Canadians, are now taking educational up-grading courses in a number of large cities in Canada.

"Programme Five" is the official name for the up-grading course which, in the case of the Indian people, is sponsored mainly by the Department of Manpower and partly by the Indians Affairs Branch.

Most jobs require a minimum education of grade ten. When a person has not reached this level, Programme Five can help them get the necessary education in a matter of ten months, at the most. Regardless of how little education a person may have, he may be still qualified to take the up-grading course and possibly reach the grade 12 level. However, all applicants must be 18 years of age or older, unemployed, and out of school at least one year. Living expenses and accommodation are provided for these students while attending the course.

Under a federal-provincial arrangement, Programme Five began in Ottawa about four years ago. Since then, almost 75 Indian adults have studied under the plan, either at the Adult Training Centre or the Vocational Centre. The latter offers apprenticeship courses in trades such as hairdressing and machine shop work.

At present, there are about 40 Indian students in the 18-to-33-age group studying at the Adult Training Centre. They applied for the course through their agency office. A regular elementary and high school education is provided and each student is tested periodically to make sure he or she is progressing at a satisfactory pace.

FRESHWATER FISH MARKETING

The establishment, under Federal legislation, of a Freshwater Fish Marketing Board to handle all export and interprovincial sales of freshwater fish in Northwestern Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and the Northwest Territories has been recommended by a royal commission. The report of the one-man Royal Commission of Inquiry into Freshwater Fish Marketing was tabled in the House of Commons recently by Trade and Commerce Minister R.H. Winters. The Commissioner was George H. McIvor.