

armour, and supporting units served in the Korean war.

Canada's casualties in the Far East since 1950 totalled 1,511 officers and men. This figure includes 309 killed and 1,101 wounded. In addition, 101 were injured in battle. Thirty-two prisoners were returned. Almost 100 more died as a result of training accidents, vehicle accidents or natural causes. Some 350 Canadian soldiers won individual decorations for gallantry or outstanding service in Korea.

Canada decided to reduce her contribution to the United Nations forces in Korea in September 1954 and almost immediately began returning the bulk of the 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade to Canada. The 1st Commonwealth Division was disbanded in May 1956 and passed into history as the first such division of its type.

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ROTATE UNEF TROOPS: First rotation of more than 800 Canadian troops serving in the Middle East with the United Nations Emergency Force will begin this fall and continue throughout the winter, Army Headquarters announced. Selection of the new Canadian UNEF contingent is already underway.

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NEW JET ENGINE: Last week at Malton, Ontario Defence Minister George R. Pearkes unveiled the "Iroquois", Orenda's new jet engine designed to power the supersonic Avro Arrow. The minister was accompanied by Air Marshal C. Roy Slemmon, Chief of the Air Staff. The party toured the Orenda plant before the unveiling ceremony.

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PC's GAIN SEAT: A Progressive Conservative Party spokesman announced last week that Mr. Henri Courtemanche, who was elected as Independent Progressive Conservative member for the riding of Labelle, Quebec, in the federal election of June 10, had been accepted into the party caucus. This increases the strength of the progressive Conservative party in the House of Commons by one seat to 111.

As a result of the announcement party standings are as follows:

Progressive Conservative	111
Liberal	106 (1)
C.C.F.	25
Social Credit	19
Independents	2
Ind. Liberal	1
Vacant	1 (2)

(1) Includes one Liberal-Labour member

(2) By-election to be held September 9 for Lanark, Ontario seat.

LINES BUSY: Number of telephones operated by the 15 largest telephone systems in Canada increased 9 per cent in 1956 to 4,182,488 from 3,837,235 in 1955, according to a preliminary report released by Dominion Bureau of Statistics. An increase of almost 14 per cent was registered by telephones on individual lines which numbered 1,426,198. Private branch exchange and extension telephones numbered 1,022,341, an increase of 11 per cent. Almost 32 per cent of the total (1,310,762 telephones), were on two and four-party lines, an increase of nearly 3 per cent. There were 58,097 public pay stations, an increase of 4 per cent, while telephones on party lines of more than four parties increased 8 per cent.

Cost of property and equipment rose 14 per cent in 1956 to \$1,609,137,767 from \$1,413,651,371 in 1955. Revenues totalled \$397,449,777 compared with \$355,092,373 in the preceding year, an increase of almost 12 per cent. Expenses also rose 12 per cent and the net operating revenue rose 11 per cent to \$115,071,858 from \$103,411,014. Net income for the year amounted to \$53,526,261, up 16 per cent from \$46,064,480. Employees numbered 58,022, an increase of 8 per cent over the 53,708 in 1955, while salaries and wages rose nearly 12 per cent to \$188,390,888 from \$168,729,471.

Conversations, estimates of which were only available from 12 systems, increased nearly 13 per cent to 7,441,864,000 in 1956, an average of 1,816 calls per telephone. Included in this estimate was a total of 163,851,993 completed long distance calls, 7 per cent above the 1955 count of 153,087,485.

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VANCOUVER'S AIRPORT BUSIEST: Vancouver's airport was the busiest in Canada in terms of the number of landings and take-offs during the second quarter of this year, according to Department of Transport statistics.

The Department's air traffic controllers handled 94,580 landings and take-offs at the Vancouver airport and seaplane base during April, May, June. Second place went to Montreal's Dorval airport with a total of 65,894. Ottawa ranked third with 61,873. Next were Cartierville, 56,591; Toronto's Malton airport 56,326; Edmonton, 53,263 and Winnipeg 46,728.

Local and itinerant civilian aircraft accounted for 72,783 landings and take-offs at the Vancouver airport.

In terms of scheduled airline landings and take-offs, included in the above figures, Montreal led with 13,151, followed by Malton 12,719; Vancouver, 8,830; Edmonton, 7,299; Winnipeg, 5,527 and Gander, 5,032.

Airport traffic controllers of the Department of Transport at the 26 main airports under review supervised 751,400 landings and take-offs as compared with 593,235 for the same period last year. This represents an increase of 26.7 per cent.