

"A Farewell to Arms," "War and Peace", "Helen of Troy" and "The Vikings". Several years ago he toured Canada with Maurice Colbourne and Barry Jones.

In London he has had his own fencing school for many years. His "pupils", in addition to those mentioned above, have included Sir John Gielgud, Sir Ralph Richardson, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Anthony Steel, Paul Scofield and Richard Greene.

RETAIL TRADE

Canadian retailers had sales valued at an estimated \$1,431,557,000 in March this year, an increase of 8.1 per cent from last year's corresponding total of \$1,324,109,000. With gains of 4.9 per cent in January and 3.6 per cent in February, sales in the January-March period advanced 5.7 per cent to \$3,813,282,000 from \$3,608,151,000 in the first quarter of 1961.

Sales were above year-earlier levels both in March and in the January-March period in all provinces except Manitoba and Saskatchewan; Manitoba's sales were up 2.4 per cent in the month and down 0.3 per cent in the three months, while Saskatchewan's sales were unchanged in the month and down 1.5 per cent in the quarter. March percentage gains (three-month increases in brackets) were: Atlantic Provinces, 9.1 per cent (5.0 per cent); Quebec, 10.6 per cent (9.2 per cent); Ontario, 8.6 per cent (5.0 per cent); Alberta, 5.1 per cent (3.2 per cent); and British Columbia, 8.9 per cent (9.0 per cent).

March sales were larger than a year earlier for 17 of the 18 kinds of business for which separate data are available; fuel-dealers' sales were smaller by 0.2 per cent. Increases in the month ranged from 1.5 per cent for both shoe and jewellery stores to 19.4 per cent for motor-vehicle dealers. January-March sales were larger than a year ago for all businesses except women's clothing stores, where sales were unchanged. Gains in the quarter lay between 0.6 per cent for both shoe stores and lumber and building material dealers, and 15.1 per cent for motor vehicle dealers.

CANADA HANDBOOK

The 1962 edition of the Canada Handbook has been released in English and French. Under five major headings - the country, the community, the industrial state, the land of business, and the nation - are grouped chapters dealing with the most recent developments in Canadian life, social, economic, industrial and international.

The 1962 chapter entitled "The Nation" is an economic history of Canada, which contrasts with the emphasis on constitutional history in the 1961 edition. A new section describes the fetes and festivals held across Canada throughout the year, and a description of the purposes and organization of the 1961 Census is included.

The 320-page book is profusely illustrated with over 300 photographs, 17 in full colour; the cover reproduces a sealskin print designed exclusively

for this book by an Eskimo artist of the West Baffin Eskimo Co-operative at Cape Dorset.

A specially-prepared political map of Canada in colour, showing the steamship, airline and railway routes, is attached to the inside back cover.

OUTDOOR SCULPTURE EXHIBIT

Twenty-four works by 22 Canadian sculptors have been accepted for the Canadian Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition 1962, organized by the National Gallery of Canada - the first Gallery sculpture display to which any Canadian sculptor may submit works. About five such exhibitions have been organized by the Gallery in co-operation with the Sculptors Society of Canada, the last in 1959, but none has been held outdoors.

The present selection was made from photographs of 139 works submitted by 84 sculptors across Canada. All works have been completed within the last five years. The number of works chosen from Eastern and Western Canada is almost evenly divided (West, 9; East, 11).

The jury of selection consisted of Lynn Chadwick, well-known English sculptor who acted as chairman, Elizabeth Wynn Wood of Toronto; and Arman Vaillancourt of Montreal.

The works will be exhibited in the outdoor court round the National Gallery from June 29 to September 2. The major part of the exhibition will circulate in Canada under the auspices of the Gallery during the 1962-1963 season.

NEW OCCUPATIONAL GUIDES

Two new monographs in the Canadian Occupations series have been released - *Careers in Natural Science* and *Careers in Library Service*. *Careers in Natural Science*, No. 21 in the series, is a revision of the science papers previously included in *Careers in Natural Science and Engineering*. The new booklet covers natural science as a field of professional employment under the headings "Nature of the Work", "What Scientists Do", "Personal Qualities Needed for Success", "Preparation and Training", "Working Conditions" and "Outlook for Scientists". Special sections are devoted to various science fields - physics, chemistry, geology, mathematics, biology, agricultural science and forestry. *Careers in Library Service*, No. 47 in the series, outlines the broad field of employment, professional and non-professional, that awaits young Canadians interested in library work.

The Canadian Occupations series covers a wide range of occupations, including many professions. It is prepared by the Labour Department's Economics and Research Branch to meet a demand for current information on Canadian occupations from young people faced with the need for choosing an occupation and preparing for it; from parents, teachers and vocational guidance counsellors; from workers wishing to change their occupations; from employment service officers; from personnel directors and union officials; and from other quarters.