

destroying fungi. A set of compounds was developed and tests showed them to be cheap to manufacture, odorless, chemically stable and resistant to water leaching.

FREQUENT PROBLEM IN CANADA

Fungus damage is not restricted to the tropics; it is also a serious problem in Canada, where conditions favorable to fungal growth can be found outdoors in summer and indoors all year round. The fungus problem is particularly acute with materials such as cordage, rope, wood and paper products and yarns and fabrics. Cotton, viscose rayon, jute, hemp and linen yarns and fabrics may rot rapidly under conditions favoring fungal growth - particularly moist, warm, still-air conditions.

Two of the most widely-used fungicides available are the pentachlorophenol and pentachlorophenyl laurate types and Copper 8 (copper 8 - hydroxyquinolinolate). The former is unstable to water, giving off products that damage cellulose fibers and the latter releases metallic copper during outdoor exposure.

Because the NRC fungicides lack these limitations, Dr. Wiles believes they may find an immediate initial use for, among other things, the treatment of fire hose. Many fire-hoses are made of a rubber liner and a fiber outer casing. Copper 8 cannot be used because metallic copper damages the rubber, while pentachlorophenol derivatives provide little durable protection.

TOWARD FRESHER AIR

The appointment of Dr. S.O. Winthrop as chief of the newly-created Air Pollution Control Division of the Department of National Health and Welfare was announced recently.

One of the first responsibilities of the new Division will be to establish the machinery and organization to improve the quality of air. Through the Division, the Department will develop closer relations with provincial and federal government departments and will foster co-operation with industry, research institutions and the public.

CANADA SUMMER GAMES, 1973

The Minister of National Health and Welfare has announced that his Department will support the holding of Canada Summer Games in 1973.

Starting March 15, the Canadian Amateur Sports Federation will accept bids from cities wishing to act as host for the Games; 90 days will be allowed for the submission of bids.

The 1973 Games will be the fourth in the series of Canada Games. They follow the First Canada Winter Games, held in Quebec City in 1967, the First Canada Summer Games, held in Halifax and Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, in 1969, and the 1971 Winter Games, scheduled for Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE PROBLEM OF INFLATION

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in endorsing the results of that meeting and the restraint program of the Prices and Incomes Commission as directed to the private sector.

We have also received from the Commission a series of "Tentative Proposals re Government Support", and you have heard Dr. Young's remarks on them this morning. I hope we will discuss these in detail. The Federal Government is prepared to take positive measures to implement these proposals and hopes that provinces will be ready to do the same.

Provincial co-operation in following responsible and appropriate economic policies, and in taking such measures as are required to ensure the full success of the effort of the Prices and Incomes Commission, is essential if we are to end inflation without undesirably high sacrifices in terms of output and employment. I therefore appeal to you for such co-operation. As I have mentioned, we recognize that the situation is not the same in all provinces and therefore the extent and nature of action might differ. Nevertheless, the determination to fight inflation ought to be as universal as its harmful effect would be. I hope that this Conference will show a determination to act effectively in the interest of the country as a whole.