

Leading Minerals: Output of all but six of Canada's 16 leading minerals moved upwards in March over the corresponding month last year, while in the first quarter, production was advanced in all but five items. In the month there were declines in asbestos, lead, lime, natural gas, salt and silver; in the quarter there were decreases in asbestos, clay products, lead, silver, and zinc. In both periods, the sharp fall in the production of asbestos was a result of the labour dispute.

Population Of Newfoundland: Of a total population of 242,946 in Newfoundland, 10 years of age and over at the 1945 Census, 210,064 or 87 per cent were reported as being able to read and write. Comparative figures for 1935 show that 221,384 persons were 10 years of age or over, and of these, 174,337 or almost 79 per cent were reported as being able to read and write.

The increase in the 10-year period in the number of persons who were able to read and write was 35,727, or more than 20 per cent. Conversely, the number of persons 10 years of age or over reported as being unable to read or write dropped from 40,458 to 29,072 during the same period. These facts are revealed in a report released by the Bureau of Statistics, based on the results of the Census of Newfoundland, taken by the Newfoundland Government in 1945.

Employment Upswing: The Minister of Labour, Mr. Mitchell, announced on June 3 that at the middle of May unplaced applicants registered for employment in Canada with the National Employment Service were 51,400 fewer than one month previous.

Unplaced applicants at May 12 for Canada totalled 178,800 as compared with 230,200 at the middle of April.

The seasonal upswing in employment had been felt in all regions with Quebec leading the way with a drop in unplaced applicants of 17,900 in this 30-day period. Ontario showed a reduction of 12,600; the Prairie Provinces 10,200; Pacific Region 8,700; and the Maritimes 1,900.

The situation in British Columbia had greatly improved during recent weeks, Mr. Mitchell stated. On May 19, unplaced applicants in the Vancouver area numbered about 14,500, 3,400 fewer than the month previous. Unemployment Insurance "live claims" in that city at the end of April stood at about 11,400 as compared with 22,800 at the end of February.

List Of Hospitals: A list of hospitals operating in Canada has been published by the Bureau of Statistics. The various types of hospitals -- public, private and nursing homes, hospitals and homes for incurables, tuberculosis sanatoria and tuberculosis units in other hospitals, mental institutions, and Federal Government hospitals -- are shown by provinces and are listed alphabetically according to location. Figures on the bed capacity of each are also given.

Across Canada: The R.C.A.F. reported last night that a search plane has sighted missing flyers Ernie Boffa and Fred Riley beside their crashed Anson aircraft about 55 miles northwest of Coppermine, N.W.T. and 160 miles inside the Arctic Circle. It was hoped the flyers would be picked up today....The 58-year-old SS "Northumberland" burned at Port Dalhousie early yesterday morning with a loss of \$300,000. The foregoing items are based on Canadian Press reports.