

Balthazar Gilles Gahwege, a photogeologist from the African country of Burundi.

Gilles, who is 22 years old, came to Brinex and CFLCo through an arrangement with the United Nations. During his first two months in Canada, he brushed up on his photogeology with a Montreal company specializing in aerial-survey work and map preparation, then went to CFLCo. For the past three months, he has been studying at l'Ecole polytechnique of the University of Montreal.

While working with Brinex, Gilles visited the mine and copper smelter at Whales Back, Newfoundland, and the geological laboratory at Springdale, both Brinex installations. Also on his itinerary was a visit to Twin Falls and Churchill Falls, where he joined one of the prospecting groups under the direction of geologist John Callahan of Brinex.

"What impressed me," he said about the Churchill Falls project, "is the size of the undertaking and the number of people working together in building it. I could hardly grasp the immensity of the task involved, so big is your project."

Gilles believes that Labrador and Burundi have one important thing in common — both areas have vast undeveloped natural resources — and he hopes that the experience he has gained with Brinex will stand him in good stead when he returns home.

## CONFERENCE ON FARM PROSPECTS

Agriculture Minister H.A. Olson has announced several major changes in the format and content of the Canadian Agricultural Outlook Conference, which will be held in Ottawa on November 24 and 25. This event, which has been held annually for more than 25 years, forecasts production and demand for agricultural produce.

"We're reorganizing both the format and content to provide information that's going to be of direct interest and importance to every farmer from coast to coast," Mr. Olson declared. The changes fall in line with Mr. Olson's announcement at the end of the Canadian Agriculture Congress in March, that steps would be taken to change and strengthen the annual Canadian Outlook Conference.

"This week we are sending a team of eight economists to every region across Canada to meet with provincial, university, major farm organization and regional experts from our Department," Mr. Olson continued. "They will be discussing local, provincial and regional factors that could have a bearing on the commodity outlook papers. We are involving as many people as possible in this process, calling on the expertise of the entire industry, not only the Canada Department of Agriculture."

During the Outlook Conference, more attention will be paid to the implications of the projections. "For example," the Minister says, "instead of merely telling farmers that there will be more hogs next spring, we shall be calling on experts — most of them from outside our Department — to outline the

meaning of this type of projection to hog farmers in every part of Canada, to feed suppliers, to packing plants, to the entire industry."

The Conference has been expanded to include discussions about agricultural adjustment, a topic that will blend all the individual commodity outlooks into a comprehensive and total look at Canadian agriculture and the changes that might be expected in the future.

## HEALTH FILMS

The most recent films sponsored by the Department of National Health and Welfare and produced by the National Film Board are among a new series of short anti-smoking clips for television. The five are the latest of a number of films on the cigarette campaign. They were preceded by the controversial *King Size* which, in turn, followed the Academy Award nominee *The Drag*. The Department now has 87 English and French titles and some 3,000 prints in NFB distribution.

Several of the Department's films have been in constant demand over the years through the distribution offices of the Film Board, libraries and provincial departments of health across the country. Four of the films of recent years have been international award winners. *The Drag*, besides its Hollywood nomination, won trophies in festivals at Columbus, Ohio and New York; *Figure Skating* was honored in Cortina D'Ampezzo, Italy and at the American Film Festival in New York; *Lacrosse* was a first prize winner in Belgrade, Yugoslavia and both it and *Ski* also won awards in Cortina D'Ampezzo, Italy.

In an average year, it is estimated that 40,000 people in Canada see Department of Health and Welfare films in 2,000 screenings.

## MANUFACTURING LABOR COSTS

The second survey of labor costs for the calendar year 1968 was conducted early in 1969. Like the 1967 survey, it covered a sample of manufacturers with 20 or more employees in any one month. The survey, which is conducted jointly by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and the Canada Department of Labor, was designed to produce estimates of selected labor costs by major industry groups for salaried employees and wage earners.

Preliminary results show that employers in manufacturing paid an average of \$1,263 for each employee as supplemental pay in 1968. This amount represented 18.4 per cent of the total of the labor cost items selected for study, which averaged \$6,873 for each employee in 1968. Supplemental pay represents the total of employer expenditures covered in excess of basic or straight time pay for in-plant time. A total of \$341 for each employee was paid by employers into private benefit plans or funds. Vacation pay, at \$298 an employee, was the largest single cost item.