

Crop Prospects: Crop prospects for all of Canada's more important field crops, except oats and sugar beets, were less favourable at June 30 this year than a year ago, according to the report on numerical condition of field crops at that date by the Bureau of Statistics. While conditions varied in different parts of the country, the all-Canada prospects for all major crops were also for yields below the long-time averages.

For wheat, the numerical condition, expressed as a percentage of the long-time average yield, was placed at 72 per cent at June 30, as compared with 95 per cent at June 30 last year. Adverse temperature and moisture conditions in the fall wheat belt of Ontario and in much of the spring wheat area of western Canada account largely for the low level of this year's wheat condition figure.

The dry, hot spring and lack of pre-seasonal rainfall in the major rye-growing areas of the West affected the development of the rye crop to such an extent that at 54 per cent, this crop had the lowest over-all condition figure of any Canadian field crop this year. At the same date last year the figure was 78 per cent.

Mr. Chevrier To London: The Minister of Transport, Mr. Chevrier, leaves for London on July 17 to represent Canada at a civil aviation conference. He will be accompanied by John R. Baldwin, Chairman of the Air Transport Board, A.S. MacDonald, legal adviser to the Board and a representative of the Department of External Affairs.

The meeting is being held in order to review and co-ordinate existing civil aviation agreements between Canada and the United Kingdom. The discussions will include matters relating to trans-oceanic aviation services, both Atlantic and Pacific.

Employment Higher: The trend of employment in the major industrial divisions was upward at the first of May as compared with April 1, advances being shown in Quebec Province and the four western provinces, and declines in the remaining provinces. The increase was seasonal in character and was accompanied by a small rise in the sums disbursed in weekly salaries and wages.

According to information furnished the Bureau of Statistics by 20,204 leading establishments, their staffs at May 1 rose 0.6 per cent over April 1. Based on the 1926 average as 100, the index number of employment stood at 188.6 -- a new high for the time of year -- as compared with 187.6 for April 1, and 186.5 for May 1, 1948.

France's 17 Awards: Seventeen awards have been conferred by the Government of France upon members of the wartime Royal Canadian Navy, Canadian Army and Royal Canadian Air Force, the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Claxton, announced on July 15. The awards are in recognition of distinguished services in the cause of the Allies in connection with the liberation of France during the Second World War.

Maj.-Gen. Letson Honoured: Major-General H.F.G. Letson, CB, CBE, MC, ED, secretary to the Governor General of Canada, has been appointed Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of the British Columbia Regiment (13th Armd. Regt.), the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Claxton announced on July 15.

Across Canada: Barbadoes yesterday suspended issue of import licenses for goods other than essential foodstuffs, imported from Canada and the United States the Canadian Press reported from Bridgetown....The Newfoundland Legislature yesterday passed a bill providing for a 12-man Cabinet.