

on its floors and, until the construction of Fort York Armoury in 1937, this was the home of almost every Militia unit of the Toronto Garrison.

INDUSTRIAL ARTS

Residents of Toronto last week had an opportunity to observe the handiwork of 167 Ontario elementary and high school teachers at an industrial arts exhibition.

The display consisted of leather-work, elementary woodwork, plastics, sheet and art metal work, and ornamental iron work. The teachers voluntarily came to Toronto for the five-week course and were selected from all parts of the province.

Summer courses are held in Toronto every year to qualify teachers to give instruction in industrial arts in their schools.

D.W. Gordon, inspector of industrial arts for the Ontario Department of Education who organized the course, said there is an increasing demand for these types of teachers today.

He stated that in 1939 only 11 secondary schools taught industrial arts. At the present, the number has risen to 259.

"In these courses we only try to teach literacy in the subject rather than develop a degree of skill", he said. "Many of the students though do develop a comparatively high level of skill."

Most of the teachers came to Toronto at their own expense during the summer holidays.

Mr. Gordon said that during the past 20 years an average of 25 new industrial arts classes has been started yearly.

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TELECOMMUNICATION APPOINTMENT

The appointment of Ronald G. Griffith, P. Eng., Chief Engineer of the Canadian Overseas Telecommunication Corporation to become Vice-President of the Corporation, was announced August 7 by Transport Minister George Hees. The Minister said that Mr. Griffith "has had much to do with the development of overseas communications throughout the world and is recognized as one of Canada's top telecommunications engineers."

Mr. Griffith who started studying telecommunications general engineering at the age of eighteen, joined the Canadian Overseas Telecommunication Corporation in 1954 as Chief Engineer. Since then he has supervised the installation of the West Coast overseas radio services; the Canadian engineering requirements for the first trans-Atlantic telephone cable; and the establishment of the communication centre in the new Montreal building. He has had the unique experience of having de-

signed major communication centres in Montreal, London and New York.

CONGRESS OF GENETICS

The X International Congress of Genetics will be held at McGill University in Montreal from August 20 to 27 inclusive. This is the first International Congress of Genetics to be held in Canada.

Genetics is the science of heredity, a branch of Biology. It has to do with the laws governing the transmission of characters from one generation to the next and the development of the characters and functions of individuals in each generation. These laws apply in various ways to all living things; phages, viruses, microbes, bacteria, worms, plants, birds, fishes, other animals and man.

Officials expect that approximately 1,800 people will attend the Congress. These include over 1,500 members of the Congress and their wives, plus about 300 children. There are 44 countries represented including many parts of the Commonwealth.

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ATOMIC ENERGY CO-OPERATION

The Department of External Affairs has announced that the instruments of ratification of the agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Confederation of Switzerland to provide for co-operation in the peaceful uses of Atomic Energy signed at Ottawa on March 6, 1958, were exchanged July 31 in Ottawa. The Agreement enters into force upon the date of this exchange.

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VEHICLE ENTRIES

The number of vehicles entering Canada from the United States declined 0.9 per cent in the first six months of this year to 7,546,000 from last year's corresponding total of 7,616,000, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Entries of foreign vehicles in the half-year fell to 3,688,000 from 3,721,000 and returning Canadian vehicles to 3,858,000 from 3,896,000. June entries dropped 4.5 per cent to 1,760,000 from 1,843,000 a year earlier, number of foreign vehicles declining to 970,000 from 1,030,000 and returning Canadian vehicles to 790,000 from 813,000.

Travellers entering Canada by rail, bus, boat and plane numbered 220,500 in May, down 2.7 per cent from the year-earlier total of 226,700, foreign travellers entering by these means declining to 115,500 from 119,500 and Canadians returning by these means to 105,000 from 107,200. January-May entries fell 3.5 per cent to 831,700 from 862,100, foreign travellers dropping to 357,500 from 365,300 and returning Canadians to 474,200 from 496,900.