

HONOURING EXPLORER: The Department of External Affairs has announced that Superintendent H.A. Larsen of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police has been appointed to represent the Canadian Government at the unveiling of a monument in Norway to honour the Norwegian Explorer, Otto Sverdrup. The ceremony will take place on July 21, at Steinkjer, Northern Norway, where Sverdrup spent his youth. His Royal Highness, Crown Prince Olav of Norway will perform the unveiling.

As Captain of the famous Norwegian Polar Vessel "Fram" from 1888 to 1902, Otto Sverdrup discovered and explored the group of Canadian Islands in the north which still bear his name. In recognition of his exploits, the Canadian Government contributed towards erecting the Sverdrup Monument and is sending a special representative to the unveiling ceremony. Superintendent Larsen, who was born in Norway, is also well known for his explorations in the Canadian Arctic; particularly for his wartime voyages through the Northwest Passage as Commander of the R.C.M.P. Vessel, St. Roch.

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SHAKESPEAREAN SEMINAR: The Canadian Association for Adult Education and Community Programmes Branch of the Province of Ontario, with the collaboration of the Stratford Shakespearean Festival Foundation, are sponsoring a Shakespearean Seminar July 22-26, 1957 at the Stratford Shakespearean Festival and Waterloo College. The Seminar will consist of lectures on Elizabethan England and Shakespeare's plays; films on the Globe Theatre and on play productions; readings and records; a Shakespeare library and group interviews with actors and producers at Stratford. It will also feature attendance at Tyrone Guthrie's production of "Twelfth Night" on July 23 and visits to the New Stratford Theatre and stage.

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AIR ATTACHÉS: New appointments for Group Captain J.A.D.B. Richer, DFC, CD, 46, of Montreal and Wing Commander S.S. Mitchell, CD, 40, of Montreal, were announced July 3 by Air Force Headquarters.

G/C Richer, now serving at Air Defence Command Headquarters, St. Hubert, P.Q., has been appointed Air Attaché, Belgrade, Yugoslavia. W/C Mitchell, a staff officer with the Directorate of Air Defence Requirements at Air Force Headquarters, has been named Air Attaché Moscow, U.S.S.R., replacing acting C/C P.S. Turner, DSO, DFC, whose new appointment will be announced later. W/C Mitchell will be promoted to the rank of acting group captain on taking over his new duties.

QUOTA ON RYE: Mr. Gordon Churchill, Minister of Trade and Commerce, has referred to the announcement made on June 28 by the President of the United States to the effect that import restrictions on rye will be renewed for a further two years, as of July 1. These restrictions, which limit imports of rye into the United States to 185,000,000 pounds per twelve month period, and set a quota for Canada at 182,280,000, have been in effect for the last three years and were due to expire on June 30.

The United States Tariff Commission had recommended that the import quota on rye be reduced to 95,200,000 pounds, of which 93,296,000 pounds would be allocated to Canada, and that it be maintained for an indefinite period. Mr. Churchill said that the Canadian Government had made strong representations to the United States Government urging that the restrictions on rye be discontinued.

He said that, while appreciating the decision by the United States Government to set a substantially higher quota than that which had been recommended by the Tariff Commission, he regretted that the United States Government had not found it possible to remove entirely these restrictions on Canadian trade.

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HIGHER WAGES: An increase of 4.8 per cent recorded in average hourly earnings in manufacturing in 1956 was largely due to upward adjustments in wage rates, although relatively higher employment in industries with above-average pay levels was a factor of some importance, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics annual review of man-hours and hourly earnings. On the whole, labour-management disputes during 1956 caused smaller losses in working time than in 1955 or 1954 and had less effect upon the general averages of hourly earnings.

Average hourly earnings of hourly-rated wage-earners in manufacturing rose to a new high of 151.5 cents from 144.5 cents in 1955, and average weekly wages to \$62.27 from \$59.25. The work-week averaged out at 41.1 hours versus 41.0. Weekly wages in durable manufactured goods rose to \$67.24 from \$64.15 in the preceding year and in non-durable goods to \$56.69 from \$54.14.

In mining, hourly earning averaged 171.4 cents in 1956 versus 161.1 cents in 1955, weekly wages \$73.53 versus \$69.90, and the work-week 42.9 hours versus 43.2. In construction, hourly earnings averaged 163.9 cents versus 150.9 cents, weekly wages \$67.36 versus \$60.21, and average hours 41.1 versus 39.9. In the service industries average hourly earnings were 89 cents versus 85.6 cents, average weekly wages \$35.87 versus \$34.58, and average hours 40.3 versus 40.4.