

Year-to-year increases in employment were recorded in British Columbia (4.2 per cent), the Prairies (2.3 per cent) and Ontario (2.1 per cent). There was little change in the Atlantic Region and in Quebec.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT

From June to July unemployment decreased by 24,000 to 371,000, compared to an average June-to-July decrease of 7,000 during the past five years.

Of the total unemployed in July, 123,000, or 33 per cent, had been unemployed for less than one month. Some 147,000, or 40 per cent, had been unemployed for one to three months, and some 101,000, or 27 per cent, for four months or over.

Unemployment in July 1968 represented 4.5 per cent of the labour force, compared to 3.5 per cent in July 1967, and 3.1 per cent in July 1966. The seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate for July was 5.3 per cent.

#### GREEK TRADERS IN WINNIPEG

A Greek trade delegation paid a two-day visit to Winnipeg in June to meet government and business executives for discussions aimed at stimulating trade between Greece and the Province of Manitoba.

The group was led by Mr. John Canellopoulos, President of the Athens Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and included Mr. A. Antonapoulos, President of the Association of Industries of Patras, Mr. A. Gregoriades, importer, Mr. G. Katsonis representing the Panhellenic Exporters Association, and Mr. A. Mercouris, Greek Minister of Trade. The Consul of Greece in Manitoba, Mr. Michael Mercury, accompanied the mission during its Winnipeg tour.

To decrease its \$7 million trade deficit with Canada, Greece would like to increase its exports to Canada, which last year totalled \$3.5 million. Products considered suitable for increased trade are olives and olive oil, figs, wine and cotton yarns. Mr. Canellopoulos pointed out that Greece was the only country in Europe producing cotton and that the Greek cotton was well known for its fine quality and was in good demand.

In addition to Manitoba's interest in exports to Greece and imports from that country, the mission was told of the province's growing interest in immigration from Greece. Manitoba's Deputy Minister of Industry and Commerce, Mr. Lorne D.R. Dyke, said: "Greece has a pool of labour, some skilled, others semi-skilled and unskilled, who are potential residents of Manitoba. We have been focusing some attention on Greece with our immigration programme and the initial response has been encouraging."

#### LIBRARY TRAINING FOR INDIANS

Two years ago David Sparvier, a Cree from the Cowessess Reserve in Saskatchewan, became the first Canadian Indian to obtain a bachelor of library science degree. His desire to use his professional training on behalf of the Indian people laid the founda-

tions for a programme started last year by the Department of Indian Affairs in co-operation with provincial and regional library systems throughout the country. The programme was designed to do two things: to provide "in-service" training to Indian students planning a career as library technicians or professional librarians, and to encourage and assist Indian bands in establishing libraries on their reserves. Twenty training positions have been filled so far this year.

#### PURPOSE OF TRAINING

Under the programme, Indian students with a special knowledge of their own people and culture and an interest in reading and libraries receive four months intensive training in provincial and regional libraries to acquaint them with the resources of the library system and the techniques of establishing, organizing, and operating community libraries. Having completed their training, the students work with Indian bands in the area to help provide library services adapted to the special needs of each reserve community. Training costs are shared between the Department and the employing library.

Last year four bands in southern Saskatchewan - Sakimay, Cowessess, Kahkewistahaw, and Ochapowace - began using public libraries at nearby Broadview and Grenfell under an agreement with the South-eastern Saskatchewan Regional Library System. Early this year, under a similar agreement, the Muskeg Lake Band began to use the public library at Marcelin, near Saskatoon. But it was only with the signing of an agreement between the Walpole Island Band and the Lambton County Library on January 1, 1968, that the first "on-reserve" library was established at Walpole Island as part of the provincial public library system. Most Indian communities have neither a library nor access to off-reserve library facilities.

#### PHOTOS FIGHT FOREST FIRES

The Alberta Forest Service is using photography in a unique system of locating and reporting new outbreaks of forest fires. The method, which is an expansion of a United States system, has proved to be highly effective in transmitting accurate early-warning information concerning new blazes in a minimum of time.

Each of the 146 manned lookout towers throughout the forest area of Alberta will be equipped with a set of 10 to 16 photographs comprising the 360-degree view from the tower. Identifiable landmarks are clearly indicated on each photograph with their distances from the tower. All photographs in the set have the same scale and are marked with a grid so that the distance from the tower to any point on a particular photo may be measured with a plastic scale that comes with the set.

When possible, a detected fire is also checked by triangulation by adjoining towers, and the exact location established by fire-control headquarters, so that quick action may be taken.