

CREDIT STATISTICS

Balances outstanding on the books of sales-finance companies (for both consumer and commercial goods), small-loan companies (for both cash loans and instalment credit), department stores and chartered banks (for personal loans) were higher at the end of January this year than last; "outstandings" on the books of furniture and appliance stores were smaller.

January 31 "outstandings" were (in millions): sales-finance companies (for consumer goods), \$771 (\$741 at January 31, 1962); sales-finance companies (for commercial goods), \$423 (\$391); small-loan companies (for cash loans), \$645 (\$561); small-loan companies (for instalment credit), \$44 (\$35); department stores, \$411 (\$387); furniture and appliance stores, \$190 (\$190); and chartered banks (for personal loans), \$1,600 (\$1,438).

NRC SCHOLARSHIPS, 1963-64

The National Research Council of Canada has granted 774 scholarships for 1963-64, with a total value of \$1,875,000. Of these, 714 are for graduate work at Canadian universities; they include 276 bursaries worth \$2000 each and 438 studentships worth \$2400 each.

Awards for study outside Canada include 29 special scholarships worth \$2400 each. Twenty-four of these are to be held in Britain and five in the United States.

Thirty-one postdoctorate overseas fellowships, valued at \$4,500 for married and \$3500 for single fellows, have been granted for work in the following countries: 22 in the United Kingdom; two each in Switzerland and Japan; and one each in Sweden, Germany, Finland, France and Australia.

FILM FESTIVAL AND SEMINAR

The UNESCO Festival and Seminar on Films on Art is to be held in Ottawa May 23, 24 and 25. Film producers of international fame are planning to take part in the Seminar, while offers of films on art for the Festival are coming from all over the world. The committee formed to organize these events is being chaired by G. Hamilton Southam of the Department of External Affairs. Mrs. Dorothy Macpherson of the National Film Board is its Director.

The Organization Committee has already issued a folder on the Festival and Seminar designed by Lawrence Hyde that is calculated to create general interest in the undertaking. The Seminar will give an opportunity for delegates to join distinguished artists, film makers and television producers from Europe, the United States and Canada in exchanging information and ideas on the use of films in the study of art, the challenge of television, the principles and standards of production and the problems of preview, acquisition and programming of films on art.

Delegates from universities, colleges and other institutions concerned with the study of art, art history, design and architecture are expected to attend the Seminar. Others are expected from art galleries, museums, public libraries, university extension departments and other adult agencies, as well as from professional societies, community associations, film sponsors and distributors.

Film productions from the Netherlands, Poland, France, Britain, the United States, Canada and elsewhere will be screened during the Festival, "displaying traditions as different as those of France and Australia, Japan and the new nations of Africa, from India and Bulgaria."

The UNESCO Festival and Seminar on Films on Art has been organized under the auspices of the Canadian National Commission for UNESCO with the co-operation of the National Film Board of Canada, the Canadian Film Institute, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, the National Gallery of Canada, the National Gallery Association of Ottawa, the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, the Canadian Universities Foundation and the National Museum of Canada.

FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT

Employees of the Government of Canada, including its corporations and agencies, numbered 330,306 at the end of December 1962, a decrease of 4,130, or 1.2 per cent, from November 1962, and 6,592, or 2.0 per cent, from December 1961, according to advance figures that will be contained in the December issue of the report entitled "Federal Government Employment" issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Total earnings for December 1962 amounted to \$126,494,000, an increase of \$120,000 over the previous month and \$2,299,000 over December 1961. Total earnings for the calendar year 1962 amounted to \$1,544,157,000, an increase of \$36,823,000, or 2.4 per cent, over the previous calendar year.

Staff of agency and proprietary corporations and other agencies totalled 132,035 at the end of December 1962, a decrease of 3,019, or 2.2 per cent, from November 1962 and 2,735, or 2.0 per cent, from December 1961. Earnings of these employees for the months being reviewed aggregated \$55,071,000, \$55,069,000 and \$53,428,000, respectively. Total earnings for the calendar year 1962 amounted to \$673,149,000, an advance of \$13,392,000, or 2.0 per cent, over the 1961 calendar year.

Employees in departmental branches, services and corporations totalled 198,271 at the end of December 1962, a decrease of 1,111, or 0.6 per cent, from November 1962, and 3,857, or 1.9 per cent from December 1961. Total earnings of these employees were \$71,423,000 in December 1962, \$71,305,000 in November 1962 and \$70,767,000 in December of the previous year. The 1962 calendar-year total earnings amounted to \$871,009,000, an increase of 2.8 per cent over the preceding calendar year.