

metallic mineral products. There are other lay-offs pending but many firms have been able to make emergency arrangements to continue production at least for a short while.

"These lay-offs have come at a time when shortages of certain types of workers were becoming increasingly apparent across Canada. On the eve of the strike, at August 17, applications for employment on hand with the National Employment Service from men totalled 91,400. This was only 2.3 per cent of the total number of men in the labour force and 7,000 fewer than at the same time last year..."

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NATIONAL NOTES

Appointment of Hon. Gaspard Fauteux, former Speaker of the House of Commons, as Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec, to succeed Sir Eugene Fiset, was announced on August 26 by the Prime Minister, Mr. St. Laurent. Simultaneously, the Prime Minister announced that T.W.L. Prowse of Charlottetown has been named Lieutenant-Governor of Prince Edward Island and that C. Laurence Wallace has been appointed Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia.

Mr. Justice Pierre François Casgrain, Chief Liberal whip in Ottawa for many years and descendant of one of the earliest families to settle in Canada, died in Montreal on August 26 at the age of 64.

Sir Henry Drayton, prominent Conservative and one-time Minister of Finance, died on August 28 in Muskoka, Ontario, at the age of 81.

The Prince Edward Island Legislature has been called to assemble on September 7 to discuss "questions arising out of the present railway strike." The ferry service from Cape Tormentine, N.B., was temporarily tied up in the strike.

Major-General Harry W. Foster, CBE, DSO, 48, general officer commanding Eastern Command with headquarters at Halifax, has been appointed Chief Administrative Officer of the Central European District of the Imperial War Graves Commission at Brussels, Belgium, succeeding Major-General J.H. Roberts, CB, DSO, MC, 58, who is retiring to civil life.

Major Harry F. Cotton, 41, second in command of the 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, has been appointed officer commanding the Ground Training Wing, Canadian Joint Air Training Centre, Rivers, Man.

WEEKLY WAGES AT PEAK: Industrial employment and per capita weekly wages showed further increases at the beginning of July, according to advance figures released by the Bureau of Statistics on August 28. As a result of the gains, the July 1 index of employment in the eight non-agricultural industries reached a new high for that date, and per capita weekly wages rose to an all-time high level.

The advance index number of employment, on the base 1926=100, stood at 201.8 as compared with 196.4 at June 1, and 199.5 on July 1 last year. There was an increase of 4.1 per cent in the general index number of payrolls, and per capita salaries and wages moved up to \$45.20 from \$44.59 at June 1, and \$42.96 at July 1, 1949.

Most industrial divisions for which data are available showed heightened activity as compared with June 1; the improvement was particularly marked in manufacturing, logging and construction. On the whole, the changes generally indicated in the various industrial groups conformed to the seasonal pattern.

There were gains over June 1 in all provinces, advances ranging from two per cent in British Columbia to 8.4 per cent in New Brunswick. The increase in Quebec was 2.2 per cent, and in Ontario 2.4 per cent.

The advance index number of employment in manufacturing was 207.4, as compared with 204.2 a month earlier, and 207.4 at July 1 last year. The latest index number of payrolls in these industries was higher by 3.1 per cent than at June 1, and exceeded by 6.1 per cent the July 1, 1949, figure. The advance figure of per capita weekly earnings of persons employed in larger factories at July 1 stood at \$46.78 as compared with \$46.11 at June 1, and \$44.09 at the beginning of July, 1949.

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SPECIAL FORCE ENLISTMENTS 8,129. About 2,000 volunteers were taken on strength in the regular Navy, Army and Air Force from July 20 to August 26, inclusive, it was announced on August 29, by the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Claxton. A recruiting campaign for all three services was launched July 20.

Hundreds of others have been found suitable and are "in process" of joining the regular forces. The enlistments are in addition to the 8,129 men signed on for the Canadian Army Special Force up to 5 p.m. on August 28.

During the July 20 to August 26 period 338 men were attested by the Navy, 1,228 by the Army and 426 by the RCAF. Of the RCAF total 195 were aircrew and 231 groundcrew.

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PETAWAWA COMMANDANT: Col. D.K. Todd, DSO, 43, commandant at Camp Borden since March, 1948, has been appointed commandant at Petawawa Military Camp, it was announced on August 30 by Army Headquarters.