

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT

Employees of eight provincial governments (excluding Quebec and British Columbia) and the governments of the Yukon and Northwest Territories numbered 179,688 at March 31, 1964, down 1.6 per cent from the December 31, 1963, total of 182,657, according to advance figures that will be contained in the first quarter issue of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics report "Provincial Government Employment". Earnings of these employees in the January-March period amounted to \$189,086,000, a decrease of 2.5 per cent from the October-December total of \$193,842,000. This brought staff earnings for the fiscal year April 1, 1963, to March 31, 1964, to \$762,968,000, a gain of 8.6 per cent from the corresponding 1962-63 total of \$702,286,000.

Earnings of employees for the fiscal year 1963-64 were distributed as follows: departmental services, \$444,028,000 (58.2 per cent of total earnings); institutions of higher education, \$91,444,000 (12.0 per cent); enterprises, \$218,078,000 (28.6 per cent); and workmen's compensation boards, \$9,418,000 (1.2 per cent).

QUEBEC

Statistics for Quebec, which were available but not included in the above totals, amounted to 43,189 employees at March 31 with a payroll of \$45,866,000 in the quarter. This total included 30,136 employees in departmental services, 12,207 in enterprises and 846 in the Workmen's Compensation Commission, with payrolls of \$31,617,000 in departmental services, \$13,594,000 in enterprises and \$655,000 in the Workmen's Compensation Commission.

CANADIAN TO SENIOR NATO POST

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Paul Martin, announced on June 8 that the Government had agreed to release Mr. James A. Roberts from his functions as Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce in order to enable him to assume the post of Deputy Secretary-General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Mr. Roberts had a distinguished record during the Second World War, when he commanded the Canadian 8th Infantry Brigade with the rank of brigadier. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Order and received the Order of Orange-Nassau from the Netherlands Government. He has had a distinguished record in government service since his appointment as Associate Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce in July 1958. As the senior Canadian official in the trade field, he has been a member of, or has led, many trade missions and participated in trade and economic negotiations in many parts of the world.

FIRST CANADIAN APPOINTMENT

This is the first time a Canadian has been appointed to a senior position in NATO, and this appointment will give added emphasis to the transatlantic nature of the alliance, which is so vital if NATO is to

evolve in the coming decade. Mr. Roberts' appointment is an indication of the importance the Government attaches to continuing Canadian membership in NATO.

Mr. Roberts is to take up his new appointment on September 1.

PILOTS' RANKS SOAR

The number of licensed glider pilots in Canada rose steeply, during the 12 months ending March 31, 1964, to 686, Department of Transport figures show. This was a lift of nearly 17 per cent from the beginning of the period, when there were 588.

Commercial pilots reached even greater heights, with 2,552 licensees, up more than 17 per cent from 2,180.

The other classifications (1963 figures in brackets): private pilots 16,058 (15,667); senior commercial pilots 379 (349); airline transport pilots 1,399 (1,325).

This made for a total number of 21,101 licensed pilots by the end of March, up some 4.5 per cent from 20,109 a year earlier.

The number of flight navigators rose to 92 from 84 during the same period; that of engineers, to 36 from 25.

Earthbound aircraft-maintenance engineers expanded their ranks to 2,302 from 2,200, while air-traffic controllers numbered 819, a decrease of one.

ANNUAL CHARTING JOB BEGINS

Mines and Technical Surveys Minister Benidickson announced recently that 60 hydrographers of the Canadian Hydrographic Service had left Ottawa, Victoria (British Columbia) and Dartmouth (Nova Scotia) to continue the charting of Canada's coastal and inland waters. "Our hydrographic programme is drawn up each year with the twofold objective of continuing the long-range programme of making Canadian waters safe for navigation and of meeting immediate needs of industry and the public," Mr. Benidickson said. "For instance, this year one of our ships will work in Chaleur Bay in the vicinity of Belledune Point, where a proposed new copper smelter is to be built. Another is charting the small-boat route in Georgian Bay, i.e. the inland route among the 30,000 Islands, which will open up a whole new area to tourists."

DISTRIBUTION OF GROUP

To do the job this year, the CHS has five ships and one launch at work in Atlantic waters, four ships on the Pacific Coast, and one in Western Arctic waters. Inland, one ship and three launches are carrying out hydrographic surveys on the St. Lawrence River in Quebec, in Georgian Bay and the Ottawa River in Ontario and on the Mackenzie River in the Northwest Territories. In addition, five hydrographers will travel aboard Department of Transport vessels into the high Arctic, charting ship routes and harbours visited.