

In commenting on the significance of the new post, the Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. Hees, said that the establishment of an office of the Trade Commissioner Service in such an important industrial and commercial area would enhance the assistance to Canadian exporters who were exploring sales possibilities in the United States market. As the trade territory of the Philadelphia office had formerly been covered from the New York and Washington offices of the Trade Commissioner Service, the Minister added, it would henceforth be possible to increase trade promotion efforts directly in the important Philadelphia region.

With the opening of an office in Philadelphia, the Trade Commissioner Service will have 62 posts in 17 countries.

AMBASSADOR TO PORTUGAL

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Howard Green, recently announced the appointment of Mr. Jean Morin as Ambassador to Portugal.

Mr. Morin was born in Montreal in 1904 and is a graduate of the University of Montreal. He was called to the Bar of the Province of Quebec in 1926 and was created Queen's Counsel in 1949. He was a member of the Canadian Delegation to the thirteenth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations in 1958. Mr. Morin studied music in Paris and is a Director of the Montreal Concerts, Governor and Administrator of the Pro Musica Society, member of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, and of a number of other musical and artistic organizations. He was appointed Ambassador to Colombia in 1959 and, later, received the additional appointment of Ambassador to Educador.

CANADA-U.S. BORDER CROSSINGS

Highway traffic entering Canada from the United States was 10 per cent heavier in March than in the corresponding month last year, while entries in the first quarter increased close to 5 per cent. Entries of persons by rail, through bus, boat and plane decreased about 1 per cent in March and 5 per cent in the quarter.

Vehicular border crossings totalled 1,120,800 in March, against 1,020,400 a year earlier, and 3,052,500 in the quarter versus 2,909,300. Entries of foreign vehicles rose 10.5 per cent in March to 490,100 from 443,500 in the corresponding month last year, bringing the January-March total to 1,326,600, up 6.2 per cent from 1,248,600. Canadian vehicles returning to Canada rose 9.3 per cent in March to 630,700 from 576,900 and 3.9 per cent in the quarter to 1,725,900 from 1,660,700.

Total entries of persons into Canada by rail, bus, boat and plane in March numbered 150,800, a slight decrease of 300 persons or less than 1 per cent below the March 1960 figure. Foreign travellers accounted for 57,600 of the total (56,700 in March 1960), while Canadian residents numbered 93,300 (94,400). Entries in the first quarter reached 426,300, a decline of 20,800 or close to 5 per cent under the comparable 1960 total. Included in the crossings were 170,600 foreign (170,900 a year ago) and 255,700 Canadian travellers (276,200).

CANADIAN ENVOY TO SUDAN

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Howard Green, has announced the appointment of Mr. R.A.D. Ford as Canadian Ambassador to the Sudan. Mr. Ford, who is at present Ambassador to the United Arab Republic, will be concurrently accredited to the Government of the Sudan. He will continue to reside in Cairo, but will visit the Sudan regularly and frequently.

Mr. Ford was born in Ottawa on January 8, 1915, and was educated at the University of Western Ontario and Cornell University. He was appointed to the History Department of Cornell University in 1938 and served there until he joined the Department of External Affairs in 1940. He was named Third Secretary at Rio de Janeiro in 1941 and in 1946 was appointed Second Secretary to the Office of the Canadian High Commissioner in London. Later the same year, Mr. Ford went to Moscow for a few months. He returned to London as First Secretary in 1947. In 1951 he was appointed Chargé d'Affaires a.i. at Moscow and upon his return to Ottawa in 1954 he became Head of the Department's European Division. He was appointed Ambassador to Colombia in January 1957, Ambassador to Yugoslavia in December 1958, and Ambassador to the United Arab Republic this year.

During the course of his professional career, Mr. Ford has maintained a lively interest in the field of linguistics and literature. He is the author of "A Window On The North", for which he was awarded the Governor General's Medal for Poetry in 1956, and other poems. He has also translated into English poetry from the French, Portuguese, and Russian languages.

STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

During April there were 30 work stoppages in Canada involving 6,265 workers and a total duration of 59,240 man days, according to a preliminary survey of strikes and lockouts released recently by Mr. Michael Starr, the Minister of Labour. In March there were 34 work stoppages, involving 4,426 workers and a total duration of 41,160 man days.

Twenty-one of the April work stoppages were in industries in Ontario, six in Quebec and one each in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Saskatchewan. None was in an industry under federal jurisdiction.

Ten of the April work stoppages, three of which were terminated by the end of the month, involved 100 or more workers.

Three of the stoppages accounted for more than 62 per cent of the month's time loss. These were in shipyards at Halifax and Dartmouth, N.S., in the shipbuilding industry in Saint John, N.B., and among paper products workers in Pont-Rouge, Quebec.

A breakdown by industry of the month's stoppages shows 14 in manufacturing; five in construction; five in transportation, storage and communication; four in service; one in mining and one in trade.

Based on the number of non-agricultural wage and salary workers in Canada, the number of man days lost in April represented 0.06 per cent of the estimated working time. In March the percentage was 0.04. The corresponding figure for April 1960 was 0.02.