

work due to temporary layoff, while 584,000 or 9.1 per cent worked less than full time for "other" reasons. The "other" reasons included holidays (426,000), illness (79,000), industrial disputes (24,000), and "other" (55,000).

During the corresponding week of 1958, there were 6,314,000 in the labour force of whom 5,686,000 usually worked 35 hours or more at the jobs they held during that week, 337,000 usually worked less than 35 hours, and 291,000 were without jobs and seeking work. There were 5,055,000 people classed as not in the labour force.

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BOTANICAL CONGRESS

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was wild flowers, and Louis Muhlstock of Montreal, who painted various botanical subjects.

SPECIAL MCGILL CONVOCATION

A special convocation was held at McGill University when honorary degrees were conferred upon five distinguished United States and Commonwealth scientists - Dr. C.W. Wardlaw, head of the Department of Botany, University of Manchester; Prof. Panchanan Maheshwari, head, Department of Botany, University of Delhi; Prof. Irene Manton, Department of Botany, University of Leeds; Dr. Fritz Warmolt Went, Director of the Missouri Botanical Garden; and Professor W.H. Weston, Harvard University.

FIELD TRIPS

Before the Congress started numerous field trips were made in British Columbia, the Prairies, the Sub-Arctic, the Great Lakes region and Quebec's Gaspé Peninsula. There have been short field trips in the Montreal area during the sessions and longer ones will be made to the Maritimes when the Congress closes.

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NEWFOUNDLAND ELECTION

The Liberal Government of Premier Joseph R. Smallwood was returned to power on August 20, in Newfoundland's fourth provincial election since Confederation.

The final results were as follows:

- Liberals - 31
 - Progressive Conservatives - 3
 - United Newfoundland Party - 2
- 36

TREASURY BILLS TENDERED

Mr. Donald M. Fleming, Minister of Finance, announced on August 20 that Tenders had been accepted for \$103,544,000 of Government of Canada Treasury Bills, to be dated and issued on August 21, 1959.

Amount of Issue	Maturity Date	Prices	Equivalent Yields
\$91,544,000	Nov. 20, 1959	Average 98.516	6.04
12,000,000	Feb. 19, 1960	Average 96.711	6.82

Tenders will be received on Thursday, August 27, 1959 for \$95 million of Government of Canada 91 day Treasury Bills to be dated and issued on August 28. Bills maturing on August 28, 1959 amount to \$115 million.

Mr. Fleming said the reduction in next week's offering reflects the Government's view that the recent rise in interest rates on Treasury Bills has gone farther and faster than conditions warrant. At this week's tender, for the same reasons, a number of bids were not accepted as involving too high interest rates. The total of new Bills sold was \$103,544,000 as compared with \$135,000,000 the week before. The Government's strong cash position has enabled it to draw on its current bank balances which are in excess of \$400 million and to rely less on Treasury Bill financing for the time being. In the result the average Treasury Bill rates have declined from 6.16 per cent and 6.87 per cent last week to 6.04 per cent and 6.82 per cent this week for 3 and 6 months' Bills, respectively.

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U. A. R. AMBASSADOR

His Excellency Abdel Hamid Ibrahim Seoud has presented his Letter of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United Arab Republic to the Deputy Governor-General, Mr. Gerald Fauteux, LL.D. The ceremony took place at the Supreme Court of Canada on August 19.

Mr. Seoud was born in 1906. He obtained a law degree from the University of Cairo and joined the foreign service as an attaché. He was secretary-general of the Egyptian Delegation to the United Nations in 1951. He has also held the positions of chief of the Office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs; Minister-Counsellor, London, 1952; Ambassador, Karachi, from 1954 to the present.