

NEW ONTARIO MAPS

The fifth group of 10 of a series of 160 aeromagnetic maps covering the 60,000 square miles of northwestern Ontario, flown in a geophysical survey, were recently released by the Ontario Department of Mines.

The maps are all drawn on the scale of one mile to one inch.

The survey, the biggest single project of its kind ever undertaken anywhere, was carried out by the provincial department last year in co-operation with the Federal Government.

JULY IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

Canada's commodity exports to all countries were higher in value in July than in the corresponding month last year, while imports were somewhat lower, according to preliminary figures released recently by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The rise resulted in a substantial excess of exports over imports in the month, the first since January of this year.

Imports from all countries in July were estimated at \$426,700,000, down 10.7 per cent from \$478,500,000 in July last year. Total exports for the month, as announced on August 22, were valued at \$465 million, up 8.3 per cent from \$429,400,000 in the same month last year. The resulting excess of exports over imports was \$38,300,000 in contrast to an excess of imports over exports of \$49,100,000 a year ago.

For the 7 months ending in July, imports were valued at \$3,235,400,000, a figure virtually unchanged from last year's total for the same period of \$3,231,900,000, while total exports were up 8.4 per cent to \$3,067,200,000 from \$2,830,700,000 in the same period of 1959. The import balance was smaller this year at \$168,200,000, compared to \$401,200,000 in the like period last year.

U.S. IMPORTS

Imports from the United States in July dropped to \$287,600,000 from \$319,700,000 in the same month last year, while total exports fell to \$249,300,000 from \$282,200,000. In the first 4 months of this year, imports were slightly lower at \$2,228,800,000 compared to \$2,232 million a year earlier, while total exports were slightly higher at \$1,783,400,000 against \$1,779,900,000. The customary import balance was little changed in July at \$38,300,000 against \$37,500,000, and in the January-July period at \$445,400,000 against \$452,100,000.

U.K. IMPORTS

Imports from the United Kingdom declined in July to \$43,700,000 from \$52 million in the corresponding month last year, while total exports to that country rose sharply to \$88,000,000 from \$52,700,000. In the January-July

period imports rose to \$354,300,000 from \$332,200,000, while total exports were up steeply to \$525,200,000 from \$417 million. The export balance was up sharply in July to \$45,200,000 from \$700,000 a year ago, while the seven month export balance was about doubled at \$170,900,000 versus \$84,800,000.

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HISTORIAN CHAIRS FEDERAL BOARD

Dr. C.B. Fergusson of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Provincial Archivist and Associate Professor of History at Dalhousie University, has been appointed Chairman of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada. Dr. Fergusson succeeds the late Monsignor Antoine d'Eschambault of Centon, Manitoba.

Dr. Fergusson studied history at Dalhousie University and as a Rhodes scholar at Oxford. He was appointed Provincial Archivist in 1956 and became an Associate Professor in Dalhousie's History Department the same year. He has represented Nova Scotia on the 14-member Historic Sites Board since 1955, and is the author of many historical papers and articles.

EXTEND WINTER WORKS

The Minister of Labour, Mr. Starr, announced on September 7 that the Federal Government's Municipal Winter Works Incentive Programme would start October 15, 1960, thus extending the operative period of the plan from five to six and a half months and advancing its commencement date by six weeks.

"This is the latest of a series of steps taken by the Federal Government to provide additional jobs for Canadians", the Minister said, "and further measures are under active consideration by the Government."

Mr. Starr estimated that the new extension of the Winter Works Programme would provide at least 10,000 additional "on-site" jobs and about 10,000 others indirectly by the increased use of materials and services. "The extra month and a half", he said, "plus the extensions announced by the Prime Minister on July 23rd, is expected to bring the total of jobs covered by the Programme to 83,000 direct and approximately 165,000 direct and indirect."

The Minister made a strong plea for stepped-up co-operation and action on the part of provincial and municipal governments and industry and labour. "Although there were some 300,000 more people with jobs in non-agricultural industries in July 1960 than there were in July 1957, it must be clear by now", he said, "that unemployment presents a challenge and cannot be solved at any one level of action. It cannot be solved by complaint or criticism. The leadership given by the Federal Government is a matter of record, and we intend to implement that record in ways that

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