

WHEAT BOARD PAYMENTS

Mr. Mitchell Sharp, the Minister of Trade and Commerce, informed the House of Commons recently that the Canadian Wheat Board had made the following announcement in Winnipeg concerning the final payment on wheat delivered to the Board during the crop year 1963-64:

Including 43,425,117 bushels of Durum Wheat, producers delivered a total of 563,875,208 bushels of wheat to the Board in the 1963-64 crop year. This is the largest volume of wheat ever delivered by producers to the Board in a crop year. The amount of the final payment to be distributed to producers is \$271,964,204. This final payment is a record in the history of Board operations. This is not a payment by the Government of Canada but represents the net returns of the Canadian Wheat Board in the marketing of Western Canadian Wheat for the 1963-64 crop year. Of the total payment, \$18,376,022.00 will be distributed to producers of Durum Wheat.

AVERAGE PAYMENTS

The average final payment for wheat other than Durum is 48.725¢ a bushel, which is also a record. The average final payment for Durum Wheat is 42.317¢ a bushel. These average payments compare with 40.181¢ a bushel for grades of wheat other than Durum and 64.780¢ a bushel for Durum Wheat delivered by producers in the 1962-63 crop year.

NEWFOUNDLAND POWER AGREEMENT

The Northern Canada Power Commission will finance construction of power-transmission facilities in connection with Newfoundland's Bay d'Espoir hydro-electric project, at a cost of \$17,700,000. The NCPCC recently concluded an agreement for this purpose with the Newfoundland and Labrador Power Commission under the Atlantic Provinces Power Development Act. This provides for construction of a transmission-line system 320 miles long in eastern and northwestern Newfoundland, which will serve such centres as St. John's on the Avalon Peninsula and Cornerbrook on the west coast.

The Atlantic Development Board has provided a \$24-million grant to help finance construction of the power plant itself.

TO COMPLETE YUKON HIGHWAY

Up to \$500,000 will be spent this year to complete the 220-mile highway between Watson Lake and Ross River in the Yukon. The Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources has spent some

\$5 million on this road since 1961. Its completion will open up a large mineral-rich area in the south-eastern part of the Yukon.

The highway is being built as a development road, the Federal Government paying the whole cost. Its maintenance will be a joint federal-territorial responsibility, in accordance with the Federal-Territorial Financial Agreement.

One of two completed sections, extending north from Watson Lake, links up with the 80-mile Nahanni Range Road, which serves the property of the Canada Tungsten Mining Corporation on the Mackenzie District border.

CANADIAN FLAG STAMP

Details of a commemorative postage stamp depicting Canada's new flag were announced recently by Mr. René Tremblay, Postmaster General. The new stamp is to be placed on sale June 30, to coincide as closely as possible with Canada's national holiday.

The flag stamp, printed in red and blue, will be of the horizontal large size. Its main theme will be in the official colours red and white and the background will be blue. The only wording to appear on the stamp will be "Canada", in the top right corner, the words "Postes-Postage" along the lower right border and a large 5 in the lower left corner.

In making the announcement, Mr. Tremblay explained that the Department expected a greater demand for the new stamp than for other commemoratives. As a result, some 35 million are to be printed, compared to the usual 27 million.

NEW DEAL FOR CANADA'S CHINESE

The Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Mr. John R. Nicholson, recently announced that, effective immediately, Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada of Chinese origin would no longer be required to record their return to Canada after visits abroad. They will in future be dealt with in the same manner as other Canadians. The decision was made in response to a request by the Chinese community in a brief presented to the Minister.

Mr. Nicholson said that, in the past, visits abroad had been to assist the Chinese in establishing a relationship when they later applied for the admission to Canada of their dependents. The improved system of recording vital statistics in Hong Kong and China had, he added, made it possible to eliminate the use of this procedure for Canadian citizens and legal residents of Chinese origin.