

Construction of the entrance-wall fenders started December 10; this work is expected to be completed by March 31, 1961.

The timber fenders will be of foot-square white oak, three timbers high, cinch-anchored to the concrete entrance walls of the locks. Creosoted Douglas-fir timbers will also be used in the fender construction with the white oak at some angles of the walls.

At certain corners of the walls, protection will be given by several types of butyl rubber fenders, 12 inches in diameter, shackled to anchor bolts in the concrete in various patterns.

### CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Canada's consumer price index edged up 0.2 per cent from 129.4 to 129.6 during October and November this year. A year ago the index stood at 128.3. In the current period, increases in the clothing and shelter indexes and those for "other" commodities and services offset a decrease in the food index. The household-operation index was unchanged.

The food index dropped 0.2 per cent, from 125.8 to 125.5. Lower prices were reported for beef, fresh pork, veal, lamb, chicken, grapefruit and bananas. Prices were higher for eggs and a number of fresh vegetables.

The shelter index rose a fractional 0.1 per cent, from 144.3 to 144.5. Rents were unchanged, but prices of some items of home-ownership rose slightly. A rise of 1.2 per cent in the clothing index, from 111.2 to 112.5, reflected changes between November prices and prices in effect at the end of the last winter season for winter clothing items, including men's overcoats, women's fur coats, boys' parkas and women's overshoes.

The household-operation index remained unchanged at 123.5. Scattered and minor sale-price decreases were reported for a number of furniture items and floor coverings, as well as lower prices for fuel-oil and some household utensils and equipment. These changes just balanced higher prices for coal and a number of textile items.

The index for "other" commodities and services rose 0.4 per cent, from 137.8 to 138.3. Initial pricing of 1961-model passenger cars showed prices up 4.9 per cent from the year-end prices (September 1960) of 1960 models, but 6.1 per cent below the initial pricing (November 1959) of 1960 models. Higher prices were recorded for theatre admissions, film, men's haircuts and women's hairdressing. Price declines were generally limited to several prescription-drug items and personal-care supplies, including shaving-cream, toilet soap, toothpaste and cleansing tissues.

... Vancouver International Airport. The other covers land and buildings and is based on two appraisals made by the real estate branch of the department of transport, the other by a Vancouver firm selected with the approval of the department. The federal offer does not include city-owned equipment with a present book value of approximately \$210,000. Although this value includes some items at actual cost rather than depreciated value, the Federal Government is prepared to accept this valuation as the basis for further negotiations on the transfer of the equipment. It is also to be noted that the department of transport staff at the Department of Transport and the Civil Service Commission and employees of individual subjects for the Commission's jurisdiction. Subject to the Minister of Transport's approval, it would be our objective to effect a similar employment to present conditions as near the same wages and present employees as possible. It is also possible that the protection of pension rights of municipal and airport employees would also be possible and would be a matter for direct discussion between the city and the Department of Finance. The Transport Department would expedite the preparation of plans for a new terminal building which might cost the Federal Government anywhere from \$13 million to \$18 million.