

MEDICAL FELLOWSHIPS: This year's National Research Council medical fellowships awards include eight Senior Medical Research Fellowships and fifteen Graduate Medical Research Fellowships, with a total value of \$76,900, plus travelling allowances when required. The eight winners of Senior Medical Research Fellowships are:

Casselmann, W.G.B., B.A., M.A., M.D., Ph.D., Vancouver, graduate of the University of Toronto who will do medical research in the Banting and Best Department of Medical Research, University of Toronto.

Crowson, C.N., B.A., M.A., M.D., C.M., Toronto, Queen's and McGill Universities, who will do medical research in the Department of Pathology, Queen's University.

Fitz-James, P.C., B.Sc.A., M.Sc.A., M.D., Ph.D., Vancouver, University of Western Ontario, who will do medical research in the Department of Bacteriology and Immunology, University of Western Ontario.

Gunton, R.W., M.D., D.Phil., F.R.C.P.(C), Toronto, University of Western Ontario, who will do medical research in the Department of Medicine, University of Toronto and at the Toronto General Hospital.

Heagy, F.C., M.Sc., M.D., Ph.D., Stratford, Ont., University of Western Ontario, who will do research in biochemistry and bacteriology at the University of Western Ontario.

Kalant, H., B.Sc., M.D., Toronto, University of Toronto, who will do research in pathological chemistry at the University of Toronto.

Nichol, J.T., B.A., M.Sc., Ph.D., M.D., Glanworth, Ont., University of Western Ontario, who will do research in biophysics at the University of Western Ontario.

Pearce, J.W., M.D., C.M., D.Phil., High River, Alta., Queen's University, who will do medical research in physiology at the University of Western Ontario.

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WAGE RISE: There was a rise of 3.6 per cent in the index wage rates in Canada between October, 1952, and October, 1953, as compared with a rise of eight per cent during the year ending October, 1952, according to preliminary tabulations of the Labour Department's index of wage rates released on June 4.

The preliminary tabulations were based on a survey of 15,000 establishments conducted by the Labour Department's Economics and Research Branch. A sample survey covering 800 representative establishments showed a further rise of 1.2 per cent during the six-month period from October, 1953, to April, 1954.

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SAFETY AWARD TO C.N.R.: Canadian National Railways has been named a winner of a U.S. National Safety Council award for its public safety activities, according to advice received from Chicago by Mr. Donald Gordon, Chairman and President.

IMPORT TRENDS MIXED: Canada's commodity purchases from the United States, the United Kingdom and other Commonwealth countries taken together were somewhat lower in value, and those from Latin America, Europe and other foreign countries as a group somewhat higher in March and the first quarter this year than in 1953, according to final figures on March imports released by the Bureau.

Total value of commodity imports in March was \$353,000,000, just under 2% below last year's March total of \$360,100,000. Prices were fractionally higher this March, however, so that the volume was somewhat over 2% less. With substantial reductions in value in January and February, total value for the quarter decreased over 7% to \$925,900,000 from \$998,000,000 last year, while volume was down still more as prices were slightly higher in each month.

FROM UNITED STATES

March imports from the United States were down moderately in value to \$269,975,000 from \$272,845,000 last year, but the quarter's imports fell sharply to \$690,104,000 from \$763,054,000. Since total exports to the United States showed smaller declines to \$205,200,000 in the month from \$206,400,000 and to \$537,100,000 in the quarter from \$574,900,000, the import balance with the United States was slightly smaller in the month at \$64,800,000 against \$66,500,000 last year and for the three months was down to \$152,900,000 from \$188,100,000.

Purchases from the United Kingdom declined sharply in March to \$30,890,000 from \$37,568,000 last year, accounting for most of a drop in the quarter to \$88,219,000 from \$95,279,000. In contrast, total exports to the United Kingdom increased in the month to \$52,800,000 from \$38,800,000 last year and in the three months to \$135,900,000 from \$124,600,000. The export balance with the United Kingdom thus rose to \$21,900,000 for March compared to \$1,300,000 and \$47,700,000 against \$29,400,000 for the quarter.

Total imports from Commonwealth countries declined in March to \$9,432,000 from \$10,937,000 last year and in the quarter to \$28,908,000 from \$29,230,000.

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R.C.A.M.C. HONOURED: Her Majesty the Queen has approved the appointment of The Queen Mother as Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps, the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Claxton, announced on June 4.

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WHOLESALE PRICES OFF: Industrial material prices at wholesale were slightly lower in May as indicated by a decline in the composite index for 30 commodities to 224.6 for the week of May 28 from 225.6 for the week of April 30.