

time of year. Picking of a poor crop of blueberries is finished. Farmers are now proceeding with fall field work in several regions. Early frosts made their appearance in the middle of September.

With harvesting of all major crops now under way or completed in British Columbia, the 1960 crop year can be described as a moderately satisfactory one. Grain and potato harvesting has been carried out under generally favourable conditions, with yields and quality reported fair-to-good in all sections. Some breakdown has been encountered with Elberta peaches, but late pears and apples are showing good maturity and sizing, with yields about average and well above those of a year ago. Pastures in all areas are reported in fair to good condition for this time of the year.

Harvesting throughout the Maritime Provinces is well under way, with yields for cereal crops expected to be about average. Potato harvesting has started and yields may be lower than last year due to the August drought. The first frost of the season was reported on September 16, injuring tender vegetables in low-lying areas. Pastures have improved slightly due to recent rains, but milk producers throughout the Maritimes are drawing heavily on feed reserves.

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INDIAN SCHOLARSHIPS

On September 27, Mrs. Ellen L. Fairclough, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration and Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs, made the following announcement:

"Scholarships ranging from \$250 to \$1,400 have been awarded to 18 Indian students of outstanding ability to enable them to continue their education at nursing and vocational schools, universities and teacher-training colleges across Canada.

"The awards, from the Indian Affairs Branch, are made on the basis of academic ability, leadership qualities and character. They are intended to help the students in paying their tuition fees and in meeting their personal expenses.

"This is the fourth year such scholarships have been awarded by the Government. One young Saskatchewan Indian, Tom Stevenson, of the Cowessess Band, who is studying to be a music teacher, has won scholarships for the past three years. Two others, Marilyn Francis of the Lennox Island Band, Prince Edward Island, and Clare Clifton Brant of the Tyendinago Band, Deseronto, Ontario, won scholarships last year.

"Among this year's winners are two from the Maritimes, four from Quebec, two from southern Ontario, one from northern Ontario, one from Manitoba, four from Saskatchewan, one from Alberta, one from British Columbia and two from the Yukon."

NEW SEAWAY OFFICIAL

The appointment of Dr. Pierre Camu as vice-president of the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority was recently announced. Dr. Camu is professor of economic geography at Laval University (Quebec) and director of the Research Center of the Faculty of Commerce at the university. His appointment as vice-president and member of the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority is for a term of ten years, effective October 15, 1960.

At the same time it was announced that, while there was provision for the appointment of three members to the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority the fact that the main construction programme is now completed and that the Authority personnel includes a competent engineering division, the Government does not consider it necessary to make any further appointments to the Seaway Authority.

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UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, AUGUST

Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit on August 31 this year numbered 280,200, down 5 per cent from the July 29 total of 294,100 and up 33 per cent from last year's August 31 count of 210,000, according to advance figures that will be contained in the August report "Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act" issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

The number of claimants at August 31 was up from a year earlier in all provinces, ranging from 7 per cent in Prince Edward Island to 47 per cent in Alberta. The number of male claimants increased by 40 per cent in this comparison and female claimants by 22 per cent.

Initial and renewal claims received during August numbered 149,600, up 7 per cent from 140,400 in July and 46 per cent from 102,400 in August last year. All provinces except Newfoundland reported a greater intake of claims in August this year than last, with increases of 40 per cent or more, in all provinces, except Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan, which had gains of 6 per cent and 28 per cent, respectively.

Benefit payments in August amounted to \$21.4 million, up 8 per cent from \$19.7 million in July and up 63 per cent from \$13.1 million in August last year.

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STRATFORD MUSIC DIRECTORATE

With the retirement of Louis Applebaum as musical director of the Stratford Festival, Michael Langham, the Festival's artistic director, announced recently that the music directorship in 1961 would be shared by three renowned musicians -- Glenn Gould, pianist, Leonard Rose, cellist, and Oscar Shumsky, violinist. Ezra Schabas, special lecturer in