

Eskimo product. The following month, the dolls were included in three displays of toys produced by Canadian manufacturers.

SALE OF DOLLS

The dolls are offered for sale to the public by the Canadian Handicrafts Guild in Montreal and Toronto. Completely hand-made, they range in price from \$15 to \$50 and are likely to become collectors items. The authentic Port Harrison figures carry a guarantee tag authorized by the Department of Northern Affairs, stating the name of the Eskimo woman who made the figure and clothing.

The production of Eskimo dolls is not confined to Port Harrison, but the figures made there are the first dolls produced as tableaux. Port Harrison, with a population of about 100 Eskimos and 34 whites, is located on the east shore of Hudson Bay. About 250 Eskimos live in six camps in the outlying coastal areas.

ENVOY TO OSLO AND REYKJAVIK

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Howard Green, has announced the appointment of Mr. Louis Couillard as Ambassador to Norway and, concurrently, to Iceland.

Mr. Couillard was born in Ottawa in 1914. He received his education at the University of Ottawa and at Queen's University, graduating in 1938 with an honours degree in Commerce.

In 1941 Mr. Couillard joined the Canadian Army and saw service in the United Kingdom and North-western Europe. He received his discharge in 1944 with the rank of captain.

After the war Mr. Couillard entered Government service and was with several Departments. In 1948 he transferred from the Department of Trade and Commerce to the Department of External Affairs and has since served abroad in Geneva, Havana, Paris, London and Washington. He has also attended a number of Commonwealth and other international economic conferences. His most recent appointment was Ambassador to Venezuela.

CANADA COUNCIL MEDAL

The creation of a new award for distinguished work in the arts, humanities or social sciences was announced by the Canada Council following a recent meeting in Calgary, Alberta. The Canada Council Medal was established as an award of the highest possible distinction to Canadians who, over a period of years, shall have made major contributions to the culture development of the country. Nine Canadians were named as the first recipients of the new honour. In addition, a special posthumous award was made to the late Brooke Claxton for his work as the first Chairman of the Canada Council and his contributions in the fields of national and international affairs.

Other winners of the Canada Council Medal have included: Mr. Vincent Massey, former Governor-General of Canada and Chairman of the Royal Commission on National Development in the Arts, Letters and Sciences; Dr. Marius Barbeau, Ethnologist and Folklorist of the National Museum of Canada; Canon Lionel Groulx, Montreal historian; Lawren Harris and A.Y. Jackson, original members of the "Group of Seven"; Wilfrid Pelletier, formerly conductor at the Metropolitan Opera in New York and now Director of Music Teaching for the province of Quebec; E.J. Pratt, well-known Toronto poet; the composer Healy Willan; and the Vancouver novelist Ethel Wilson.

In making the announcement, Dr. Claude Bissell, Chairman of the Canada Council explained: "It is the intention of the Council to make only three or four of these awards in any one year. But, in order to inaugurate this special programme, the Council has decided to give nine medals for the year 1961-1962." The medals will carry with them a cash award of \$2,000.

CANADIAN TRAVEL CONFERENCE

Canada will soon launch a promotional programme in Great Britain and Europe, according to an announcement by the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Mr. Walter Dinsdale, during the closing session of the Sixteenth Federal-Provincial Tourist Conference, held in Ottawa from November 27 to 29. Reports on the first nine months of 1961, Mr. Dinsdale said, indicated that the year would turn out to be a record one for the Canadian tourist industry. This trade, he added, was now second only to the newsprint industry as a source of national revenue for Canada, having replaced wheat production, which had dropped into third position.

It was pointed out during the three-day meeting that \$7 billion was spent on travel annually throughout the world, chiefly by tourists from North America, the British Isles and Western Europe.

Among the conference's special guests were John Bridges, Director-General of the British Travel Association; Voit Gilmore, Director of the U.S. Travel Service, and William Patterson of Saturday Review, New York.

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will confirm that the Government's stand is reasonable and responsible.

"We shall continue to make every effort to improve opportunities for Canadian trade abroad - our record will show that we have this policy very much at heart. Our vigorous export promotion campaign is opening new markets abroad. Canadian exports have increased by 12 per cent since 1956. We expect others to take reasonable account of our legitimate interests and aspirations. We in our turn shall be prepared to play our part in whatever changes may lie ahead."