

**HONOURED GUESTS:** The Prime Minister of Ceylon, the Hon. S.W.R.D. Bandaranaike, was in Ottawa November 26-27 as the guest of the Government of Canada.

The Prime Minister and his party, including his wife, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of External Affairs, Mr. Gunasena de Soyza, and his Private Secretary, Mr. Duncan de Alwis, were guests of His Excellency the Governor General, the Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, C.H. at Government House.

Mr. Bandaranaike called on the Prime Minister of Canada, the Rt. Hon. Louis S. St. Laurent, and was the guest of the Prime Minister at luncheon in the House of Commons. The Prime Minister of Ceylon also called on the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. L.B. Pearson. While in Ottawa, Mr. Bandaranaike attended the opening of Parliament and the morning session the next day.

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**REFUGEE AIRLIFT:** The Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, the Hon. J.W. Pickersgill has announced that arrangements are being made with Trans-Canada Airlines and Canadian Pacific Airlines to provide additional flights from Europe to transport Hungarian refugees to Canada. The Canadian Pacific Airlines flights will be direct to Vancouver.

The Minister also announced that the application of the Immigration Regulations will not be allowed to interfere with the speedy examination of Hungarian refugees who are coming to Canada and that staff and facilities are being provided in Austria to cope with the increasing number of Hungarians who are interested in coming to Canada.

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**ALL-TIME HIGH:** During 1955 the mining industry of Ontario produced mineral products whose total value was just under \$600,000,000 the Department of Mines reports. This reflects an increase of nearly \$90,000,000 over the all-time high established in 1954 when, for the first time, the value of mineral production exceeded half a billion dollars.

The final figure for 1955 shows the total production to have been \$592,635,975. This is \$14,694,363 better than the preliminary estimate published in January.

Metallic minerals accounted for \$471,039,709 of the total. Non-metallics were produced to the value \$14,408,742. Structural materials and clay products altogether accounted for \$93,208,162. Fuels (natural gas and petroleum) made up \$13,979,362.

The nickel copper industry with the platinum metals and other by-products alone accounted for more than two-thirds of the total of metal products. The total of this Sudbury-centred group of metals was \$320,519,659. Gold production was valued at \$87,223,660. The 4,362,191 tons of iron ore produced in the province during 1955 was valued at \$34,340,897.

Uranium figured in Ontario's production for the first time in 1955. Although the total value is just \$487,054, this will be considerably increased in the compilation for 1956, as the Pronto mine will have had a full year's production, and the Algom Nordic mine will also figure in the total. The 1957 total will almost certainly spiral as a great many other mines now being developed in the Elliot Lake area and in Eastern Ontario come into production.

Salt was the most productive of the non-metallic minerals. With just under a million tons mined, the total value was \$5,845,340. Next among the non-metallics was asbestos. Its production was valued at \$3,317,542.

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**CANADIAN AID TO KOREA:** Speaking in the Second Committee of the United Nations on the report of the Agent General of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency, Senator David Croll, of Canada, said that this country had contributed to what the Agent General has described as "a more than substantial start on the road to the economic recovery of the Republic of Korea", Senator Croll said Canada believed that the Canadian contribution, which has totalled \$7,750,000, has been effectively used by the Agent General, and said that it must be a source of satisfaction to all contributors to note that UNKRA has provided either materials or technical assistance for projects located at 4,235 sites. This, he said, is a notable record of a widely diversified programme with projects of both immediate and long-term importance.

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**ONTARIO SCHOLARSHIPS:** An extra \$50,000 is being made available this year by the Ontario Government in bursaries for university and normal school students, Education Minister William J. Dunlop announces. The Province will now provide \$370,000 annually for scholarships to go with \$100,000 coming from the federal government.

Dr. Dunlop also revealed there are 3,442 students enrolled in teachers' colleges in Ontario, 303 more than last year. There are also 61 students preparing as elementary school teachers at the Ontario College of Education in Toronto.

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**NEW HIGH COMMISSIONER:** The new High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in Canada, Sir Saville Garner, called on the Prime Minister of Canada November 24 to present his Letter of Introduction from the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. The Chief of Protocol, Mr. E. D'Arcy McGreer, presented Sir Saville to the Rt. Hon. Louis S. St. Laurent. Mr. Neil Pritchard, who has been acting High Commissioner since the departure of Sir Archibald Nye in September, was also present.