

but, at the same time, some flexibility can be afforded in making changes and adjustments which will arise in developing the programme.

"In the case of assistance to the provinces, of course, any changes affecting the agreements with the Dominion Government are covered by the provisions of Section 6 of the legislation. This ensures that amendments will be dealt with either through a method of amendment agreed upon and included in the agreement itself or by the mutual consent of the federal and provincial governments.

ADVISORY COUNCIL

"Section 7 covers the establishment of a National Advisory Council on Fitness and Amateur Sport to which I have already made reference many times in the course of these remarks. It would, of course, be premature at this stage to discuss its membership in any detail but it will be noted that at least one member shall be appointed from each province. There will be representation from the Federal Government. The remaining membership will be derived from various non-governmental sources.

"A major problem will be to ensure a balance of interest in the wide range of activities covered by the new legislation. We would hope that this could be achieved with a Council of from 25 to 30 members. Even with an upper limit of 30, it will only be possible to select a few of the many Canadians who could make a useful contribution to the work of the Council.

"One further word about the Council. It will be noted that appointments may be up to three years in duration. This could well mean that a number of appointments will be less than three years to permit rotation of members. It will also allow for the fact that some organizations may wish to change their representation more frequently than the maximum term provides. Some, for example, may want to be represented by an annually elected president. In any event, the bill, I believe, furnishes sufficient flexibility to take care of most problems in this regard..."

MOTOR VEHICLE SALES

Sales of new motor vehicles in July increased 15.0 per cent to 45,288 units from 39,373 in the corresponding month of 1960. With decreases in all previous months of the year except January, sales in the January-July period at 321,467 units were smaller

by 4.7 per cent than last year's total of 337,475 units for the same period.

Retail value of July sales advanced 15.2 per cent to \$134,515,000 from \$116,751,000 a year earlier. Decreases in all previous months except January and May resulted in a drop of 4.2 per cent in the January-July retail value to \$972,216,000 from \$1,014,846,000 in the same period of 1960.

July sales of new passenger cars climbed 16.4 per cent to 39,489 units from 33,920 a year earlier, and new commercial vehicles 6.3 per cent to 5,799 units from 5,453. The month's retail value of passenger car sales was up 19.2 per cent to \$114,405,000 from \$95,967,000, while the value of commercial vehicle sales was down 3.2 per cent to \$20,110,000 from \$20,784,000

Total sales of Canadian and United States makes rose 21.7 per cent in July to 34,901 units from 28,673 a year earlier, comprising passenger cars at 29,558 units versus 23,611 and commercial vehicles at 5,343 units versus 5,062. The retail value of these sales in the month increased 18.5 per cent to \$112,674,000 from \$95,116,000, made up of passenger cars at \$93,600,000 versus \$75,129,000 and commercial vehicles at \$19,074,000 versus \$19,987,000.

FRENCH UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE

The first "Congrès international des universités de langue française (et institutions apparentées)" was held in Montreal from September 8 to 13. Delegates from some 40 universities and observers from Canada, Central America, Europe, Africa, the Middle East and the Far East attended. The delegates studied academic problems relating to the exchange of students and teachers, text books, research, etc. The Congress also set up the "Association des universités partiellement ou entièrement de langue française (Aupelf)". This association is meant to assist the universities in making studies and recommendations to the governments concerned in order to further co-operation among member universities. "Aupelf" is composed of a general assembly, an executive council and a secretariat. The headquarters of the latter will be located in Montreal; it is at present headed by Mr. Jean Marc Léger of the newspaper *Le Devoir*. Mgr. Irénée Lussier, Vice Chancellor of the University of Montreal, has been elected chairman of the executive council.
