

### WINNIPEG SATELLITE AIRPORT

Purchase negotiations for the land to be used for a "satellite" airport for Winnipeg have now been completed, it was announced on August 26 by the Minister of Transport, Mr. George Hees.

The transaction involved dealing with some 20 property owners and the transfer of title for approximately 1,000 acres. The site is the junction of highways 8 and 8A in St. Andrews municipality, 11 miles north of Winnipeg.

The purpose of the airport is to provide suitable facilities for light-aircraft operations, clear of the growing volume of traffic at Winnipeg's busy main airport.

The initial phase calls for an all-way grass area, drainage and maintenance building. The Department plans to undertake this during the coming fiscal year if funds are made available. Any further developments, such as landing strips and additional buildings, would be wholly dependent upon the future needs of this secondary airport, it was stated.

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### HOG PREMIUMS

Agriculture Minister Douglas S. Harkness announced recently that, effective for hogs slaughtered on and after October 3, the quality premiums would be \$3.00 a hog for carcasses grading Canada Grade A, instead of the present \$2.00 for Grade A and \$1.00 for Grade B.

Mr. Harkness pointed out that this is in line with a statement he made in connection with the change in national grade standards for hog carcasses, which went into effect October 5 last year.

At that time, he said that, in view of the importance of encouraging the highest possible percentage of Grade A hogs, it was proposed to devote the quality premium entirely to hogs of that grade, starting the latter part of 1960.

### QUALITY IMPROVEMENT NEEDED

Mr. Harkness emphasized the need for improvement in quality if the Canadian hog industry is to maintain its rightful position in the domestic and export markets. A higher proportion of lean, meaty carcasses is necessary to sustain and increase consumer preference for pork products in the face of strong competition from other foods.

There has been some improvement in the percentage of Grade A hogs since the revision in carcass grades, and the Minister hoped the adjustment in quality premiums would provide added incentive. During the first half of this year, 30.1 per cent of hog carcasses qualified as Grade A.

It would be profitable for producers to increase the percentage of Grade A's, he said, and, judging from past performance of individual producers and communities, it would seem that they could easily double the present figure.

### SECRETARY OF AUTO COMMISSION

Prime Minister Diefenbaker announced on August 26 the appointment of Miss J. Elizabeth Leitch, economist, as Secretary of the Royal Commission on the Automobile Industry. For the past ten years Miss Leitch has been employed in the Department of Trade and Commerce in Ottawa, where she has participated in a variety of economic and statistical studies. Since 1953 she has been Assistant to the Director of the Economics Branch of that Department.

Miss Leitch will retain her connection with the Department of Trade and Commerce; the service with the Royal Commission is, of course, only for the duration of the inquiry.

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### CANADA LENDS TEACHERS

The Department of External Affairs has announced that fourteen Canadian teachers will shortly be leaving Canada to take up assignments abroad under Canadian foreign aid programmes. This is a result of one of the decisions taken at the Commonwealth Education Conference held at Oxford in 1959, when Canada offered certain assistance designed to help other Commonwealth countries in the training of teachers. The fourteen teachers are: Mr. G. Wayne Hall, Secretary of the Institute of Education at Macdonald College, and Mr. J.G. Egnatoff of the Teachers' College, Saskatoon, both of whom are going to the Teachers' College at Lagos, Nigeria; Mr. J.I.F. Levaque, Supervisor of the Industrial Arts Department for the Ottawa Separate School Board, who is going to Uganda in Africa; Mrs. M.M. McDonald of the Eston High School, Saskatchewan, Mr. J.C. Jensen, Superintendent of Schools for the city of Drumheller, Alberta, Mr. F.L. Bates of the Teachers' College, Regina, Saskatchewan, Mr. R.V. Whiteley, Head of the Science Department of the Seaforth High School in Ontario, Mr. R. B. Gould, Superintendent of Schools for the city of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, and Mr. C.A.E. Hensley, Head of the Schools Science Centre at Winnipeg, Manitoba, all of whom are going to the West Indies; Mr. D.M. Collacott of the Community Planning Branch, Department of Education for the Province of Ontario, who is going to North Borneo; Mr. C.S. Carroll, Head of the Mathematics Department of North Vancouver High School, and Mr. W.G. Wedder, Assistant Principal of Hardisty Junior High School, at Edmonton, who are going to the Teachers' College in Singapore; and Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Smith, both teacher counsellors of the Victoria School District in British Columbia, who are going together to Kanowit in Sarawak.

Eleven of the fourteen teachers were in Ottawa from August 24 to 26, where they attended lectures and talks on the under-developed countries and their problems, with special emphasis on education, and were shown appropriate films.