

As in the 1941-51 decade, when its population soared 42.5 per cent, British Columbia continued to lead the provinces in rate of growth from 1951 to 1956 with an increase of 20 per cent. Fourth in proportionate rise in 1951, Alberta was close behind British Columbia with a five year increase of 19.5 per cent compared to a 1941-51 rise to 18 per cent. Ontario was next with a 17.6 per cent increase on top of its 21.4 per cent gain in the previous ten years.

Newfoundland was fourth in rate of gain with an increase of 14.8 per cent, closely followed by Quebec with 14.1 per cent (21.7 per cent in 1941-51). Manitoba's population rose 9.5 per cent substantially larger than the increase of 6.4 per cent from 1941 to 1951. A still more notable shift is shown for Saskatchewan with an increase of 5.9 per cent in contrast to a decline of 7.2 per cent between 1941 and 1951.

Rates of increase for the other areas (1941-1951 increases in brackets) were: Nova Scotia, 8.1 per cent (11.2 per cent); New Brunswick, 7.5 per cent (12.7 per cent); Prince Edward Island, 0.9 per cent (3.6 per cent); Yukon Territory, 34 per cent (85.1 per cent); and the Northwest Territories, 20.7 per cent (33.1 per cent).

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**VISITS OTTAWA:** Mr. B.R. Sen, Director-General of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, was in Ottawa from the evening of Thursday, January 24, until the afternoon of Tuesday, January 29, and stayed at the Chateau Laurier. Mr. Sen was elected the Director-General of FAO in September 1956 to succeed Dr. P.V. Cardon of the United States.

While in Ottawa he called on the Prime Minister and the Minister of Agriculture and on Ministers or Deputy Ministers of Departments whose interests are associated with the work of FAO: National Health and Welfare, Northern Affairs and National Resources, Fisheries and Trade and Commerce. Mr. Sen also attended meetings of the Interdepartmental FAO Committee. The honoured guest held a press conference and addressed an open meeting sponsored by the Ottawa branches of the Ag-

ricultural Institute of Canada, the United Nations Society, Canadian Political Science Association, the Institute of Public Administration, and the Civil Service Assembly of the United States and Canada.

Canada has been a member of this Specialized Agency of the United Nations since its inception in Quebec City in 1945. The Canadian contribution to the \$6.8 million FAO 1957 budget is 4.61 per cent and will be the fifth largest percentage contribution in the 74-member organization.

FAO has administered the agricultural phases of the United Nations expanded programme of technical assistance since 1951. Canada has provided over 100 experts for assignment abroad and has welcomed 24 trainees to Canada under FAO auspices. Of Canada's contribution to the United Nations technical assistance programme, approximately half a million dollars furthers the work of FAO.

The Canadian FAO Interdepartmental Committee includes representatives of the Department of Agriculture, with Dr. J.F. Booth of that Department as Chairman, and of the Departments of Trade and Commerce, Northern Affairs and National Resources, National Health and Welfare, Finance, Fisheries and External Affairs. The Bureau of Statistics is also represented.

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**TAKES UN POST:** Canada has agreed to lend another top government servant to the United Nations. The Hon. Paul Martin has announced that Mrs. D.B. Sinclair, who has been Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister of National Health and Welfare since 1946, is to take over the important post of Deputy Director of the United Nations' Children's Fund (UNICEF). She will be the first woman to occupy this key appointment in the international agency working on behalf of the world's children.

Mrs. Sinclair leaves early in March for New York to take up her new work. The Department of National Health and Welfare has made it clear that she in no way severs her connection with federal welfare administration, and that she will be serving strictly on a loan basis. Her leave of absence to carry on the work in a wider sphere is initially for one year.