

CANADIAN CRAFTS COMPETITION

Canada Crafts '67, a national competition-exhibition, participated in by hundreds of amateur and professional craftsmen throughout Canada, was opened recently by Mr. Jean Marchand, the Minister of Manpower and Immigration, in Montreal.

Out of some 700 items by 460 craftsmen, the jury chose about 100 to make up the exhibition, which will remain open until August 24.

Prizes of \$100, \$50 and \$25, to a total of \$1,755, were awarded for the outstanding articles in some 12 categories.

COMMENTS OF JURORS

The jury, which was composed of Paul Smith, director of the Museum of Contemporary Crafts, New York, Jacques de Tonnancour, Canadian painter and teacher, and Moncrieff Williamson, director of the Confederation Art Gallery and Museum in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, felt that the quality and execution of textiles - weaving, batiks and hangings - was particularly outstanding. Many of the items not accepted for the exhibition were, they felt, technically competent but unrelated to the world of today. "We looked for originality, workmanship and appropriate use of the chosen material," Mr. Williamson said. The jury felt that, though many of the works submitted were of excellent craftsmanship, their major fault was in the lack of originality and creativeness.

Mr. de Tonnancour said that the most successful works had a feeling of truth, while Mr. Smith noted that few new materials had been used in the articles submitted. He would, he said, have been pleased to see craftsmen using the plastics available today.

EDUCATING INDIAN CHILDREN

Indian Affairs Minister Arthur Laing has announced the signing of an agreement between the Federal Government and the Northern School Board of Saskatchewan for the education of Indian children in provincial schools located in the northern part of the province. Mr. Laing said the pooling of federal-provincial resources would greatly facilitate the education of Indian students in that area of Saskatchewan.

The Minister explained that the Federal Government had agreed to share, on a *pro rata* basis, capital costs of all classrooms and teachers' houses erected in the area, and would pay the tuition fee for each Indian child enrolled.

"With the consent of Indian parents, increasing emphasis is being placed on the attendance of Indian children in schools with non-Indian students whenever the necessary agreements can be negotiated with the provinces and school boards," Mr. Laing said. There are about 30,000 Indian children, or over 47 per cent of all Indian students, attending more than 1,000 provincial schools throughout Canada at present.

CADETS COMPETE AT BISLEY

Twelve members of the Royal Canadian Army Cadet Bisley rifle team will compete against British cadets in the ninety-eighth annual rifle meet at Bisley, England from July 17 to 29. They were chosen from those who participated in the cadet shoot at the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association matches last summer at Connaught Ranges, near Ottawa.

Accompanied by a commandant and an adjutant from the regular army and a team coach from the Cadet Services of Canada, the team will fly on July 10 to Lahr, Germany, and will travel from there to Bisley Camp, Brookwood, a small town in Surrey 15 miles southwest of London.

After the Bisley matches, the cadets will visit points of interest in Britain and continental Europe, including the station in Germany of the 4th Canadian Infantry Group.

MINOR LAG IN TRADE BALANCE

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issued a statement recently to correct an impression made in the financial press that Canada's trade surplus in 1966 might be turned into a deficit when anticipated revisions were made to the external trade statistics.

DBS trade experts stated that there was no basis for predicting a revision of such magnitude, though there was reason for anticipating some revisions to the trade balance. These revisions, they said, would be necessitated by a lag during the 1966 fiscal year in the receipt by the Bureau of import documents from an important customs port. The effect of this lag upon the trade balance last year could not yet be closely measured, but it was apparent that the balance of trade would remain a large item, though reduced significantly from the previous estimate.

The effect of the lag upon the gross value of imports last year would, the experts added, be relatively minor upon such a large total - possibly no more than 1 or 2 per cent.

YUKON HYDRO SURVEY

Mr. Arthur Laing, the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, announced recently that the Treasury Board had approved a \$84,500-contract to survey and assess the hydroelectric potential and the future hydro needs of the Yukon Territory.

The region to be surveyed has a radius of 175 miles and is located in the mineral-rich central Yukon.

"Hydro projects are not planned and built overnight," said Mr. Laing. "We are looking ahead to help ensure that no important resource-development project will be hampered through lack of an adequate supply of electric power at a cost that is economically feasible."

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