

allocation of these contracts to the various yards has been made in co-operation with the Canadian Maritime Commission.

Four anti-submarine escort vessels, valued at \$32,000,000, will be constructed by the Burrard Dry Dock Company Limited, North Vancouver, B.C.; Canadian Vickers Limited, Montreal, Que.; Marine Industries Limited, Sorel, Que.; and Halifax Shipyards Limited, Halifax, N.S.

Four gate vessels, valued at \$2,000,000, will be constructed by Victoria Machinery Depot Company Limited, Victoria, B.C.; Burrard Dry Dock Company Limited, North Vancouver, B.C.; Geo. T. Davie and Sons Limited, Lauzon, Lévis, Que.; and Pictou Foundry and Machine Company Limited, Pictou, N.S.

Ten influence type minesweeping vessels, valued at \$9,250,000, will be constructed by Yarrows Limited, Victoria, B.C.; Victoria Machinery Depot Company Limited, Victoria, B.C.; Port Arthur Shipbuilding Company Limited, Port Arthur, Ont.; Midland Shipyards Limited, Midland, Ont.; Canadian Vickers Limited, Montreal, Que.; Davie Shipbuilding and Repairing Company Limited, Lauzon, Lévis, Que.; Geo. T. Davie and Sons Limited, Lauzon, Lévis, Que.; Marine Industries Limited, Sorel, Que.; and the Saint John Dry Dock Company Limited, Saint John, N.B.

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MINES BRANCH SETS UP NEW DIVISION: The present acute shortage of industrial minerals for use in Canada's rapidly expanding chemical, construction, and manufacturing industries and the consequent urgency for research on these minerals to promote the development of new sources has led to the setting up of an Industrial Minerals Division in the Mines Branch of the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys, the Deputy Minister, Mr. Boyer, announced on September 25. The Department has many calls from industry for work on these minerals and establishment of the new Division will enable it to meet the increasing requirements to better advantage. The Division was formerly a section of the Mineral Resources Division, and was set up with the concurrence of the Civil Service Commission.

Mr. M.F. Goudge who has been in immediate charge of the Department's work on industrial minerals for the past several years will head the new division. He will direct the stepped-up programme of investigation work into the processing and utilization of non-metallic minerals, sands, clays, and rocks. Increased attention will also be paid to another important phase of the Division's work, the study of Canada's water supplies for industrial use.

Mr. G.C. Monture will continue as Chief of the Mineral Resources Division, a main feature of the Division's work being the compilation of an index of all known Canadian mineral occurrences. To date in this work all the significant metallic mineral occurrences have

been indexed, and the indexing of occurrences of the non-metallic minerals is well advanced. When completed the inventory will provide a basis for the appraisal of Canada's mineral production potential.

As now organized the Mines Branch under Mr. C.S. Parsons, Director, has six divisions, the four in addition to the above being, Mineral Dressing and Process Metallurgy, Fuels, Physical Metallurgy, and Radioactivity.

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STUDIES BEING MADE OF FAMILY FOOD COSTS: How do families with a low income spend their food dollar and are they getting the most food value for their money?

The answers to these questions are to be sought at the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, in a detailed study of food records from 1,093 families. The investigation is being supervised by Dr. Elizabeth Chant Robertson, an assistant physician of the hospital and clinic teacher in paediatrics at the University of Toronto.

The data on which the study is being based is believed to be the most complete ever obtained in Canada for this type of survey. The information includes not only the amounts and costs of food bought and the types of meals served but also records the size of the family, the ages of children, the parents' occupations, and details about available cooking equipment and food storage space.

This study is being financed by a grant under the national health programme. The Minister of National Health and Welfare, Mr. Martin, said that the results of the research should be of great practical value to public health nurses, nutritionists, home economists, social workers and health educators who are educating families in better eating habits and preparing informational material on food buying.

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DWELLINGS CONSTRUCTION: Starts on the construction of new dwelling units in the first six months of this year were increased over the same period of 1949, gains in both May and June accounting for the rise. On the other hand, completions were lower in the month and half year, resulting in a substantial increase in the carryover of dwelling units in various stages of construction at the end of the period.

The number of dwelling units on which construction was started in the half year was 42,149 as compared with 40,199 in the similar period of 1949. Completions totalled 35,968 as against 39,726, and the carryover of uncompleted units was 63,634 as against 56,787. In June, starts were up to 12,065 units from 10,528, but completions fell to 6,527 units from 7,275. Figures for Newfoundland are included in the 1950 all-Canada totals, but are not available for 1949.