

-- the trend under which Canada has been becoming an increasingly urban country is expected to continue. In 1951, 62 per cent of the population lived in metropolitan areas or in other cities, towns and villages with more than a thousand people. By 1980 this proportion may rise to 80 per cent;

-- foreign trade will continue to be an extremely important determinant of growth and prosperity of the Canadian economy. But the perceptible decline since the 1930's in the value of exports as a proportion of Gross National Expenditure is expected to continue. Similarly, it is expected that the share of our total exports going to the United States and of our total imports which come from that country will continue to increase.

The Royal Commission pointed out that in making its forecasts of future development it had assumed that there will not be a global nuclear war during the next 25 years, that there will not be another depression of the kind experienced in the thirties or prolonged periods of mass unemployment, and that there will be no major change in the policies of the government which have a bearing on economic development.

It pointed out that the realization of Canada's tremendous potential will depend in large measure on the maintenance of a flexible market economy. But, it maintained, it will be equally important for governments to continue to adapt their role in economic affairs to changing conditions and, in particular, to accept the implications of the effort to maintain a high level of employment.

FILMS TRAVEL: Canadian travel films are now reaching over a million United States viewers in each quarter of the year. In addition to these direct screenings of 16 mm. sound and color films, since September 1954 there have been 3,158 telecasts of Canadian travel films, seen in 167 cities.

Federal, provincial and other travel promotion bodies have spent more than \$1,500,000 in production of 145 different film subjects, and nearly 5,000 prints are in circulation. The continuing use of such films sometimes shows remarkable results. One travel film, representing a total investment of \$29,707, has already promoted Canadian travel pictorially to audiences totalling nearly 13 million, or at a cost of less than a quarter-cent each.

The Canadian Government Travel Bureau, in co-operation with the National Film Board of Canada, maintains a network of film libraries across the United States. From these libraries travel films may be borrowed by interested groups and organizations at no cost other than for transportation. Surveys indicate about 10 per cent of tourist visitors to Canada decided to come as the result of seeing Canadian travel films, either directly or on television.

STRATFORD SEASON: Irish actress Siobhan McKenna, currently appearing in the Cambridge Festival Theatre production of Shaw's "Saint Joan" in New York, has been signed to play in the fifth annual season of Shakespearean drama at Stratford, Ontario, next summer.

The ten week Stratford season, July 1 to September 7, will feature "Hamlet" directed by Michael Langham, opening July 1, and "Twelfth Night", directed by Tyrone Guthrie, opening July 2.

Miss McKenna, whose "Saint Joan" is scheduled to end its New York run January 6 after more than a hundred performances, will be appearing as Viola in "Twelfth Night". Co-starring in the Stratford season are Canadian actors Christopher Plummer, Douglas Campbell and Frances Hyland. Christopher Plummer, who last season starred in the Festival production of "Henry V", will be playing the title role in "Hamlet" and Sir Andrew Aguecheek in "Twelfth Night". Douglas Campbell will appear as Claudius in "Hamlet" and Sir Toby Belch in "Twelfth Night". Miss Hyland who played leading roles with the Festival company during its second and third seasons will play Ophelia in "Hamlet" and Olivia in "Twelfth Night".

Tanya Moiseiwitsch, United Kingdom designer for the Canadian productions during the last four seasons will design "Twelfth Night", with Desmond Heeley, English artist who created the costumes for the Stratford Memorial Theatre's production of "Hamlet" last season, designing the Canadian production of "Hamlet".

The Symphony Orchestra of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation will be featured during the third annual Festival of Music at Stratford. The Symphony will present a series of four Wednesday night Concerts, from July 31 to August 21.

As announced earlier, the English Opera Group will have its North American premiere at the Festival with performances of Benjamin Britten's "The Turn of the Screw".

Jazz artists who will appear during the Music Festival, which will run from July 31 to September 6, are Count Basie and his orchestra, singer Billie Holiday, Toronto's Ron Collier Quintet, the Gerry Mulligan Quartet and pianist Teddy Wilson. Jazz was included in the Festival for the first time last year.

TRAILER HOMES: Fifty thousand Canadians live in mobile homes, and Canada's 20 trailer manufacturers this year turned out about 5,000 units, with an additional 1,000 being imported from the United States. Production of mobile homes has more than doubled in Canada every year since 1950, when only 20 Canadian-made trailers were sold. The industry expects to sell 10,000 trailers in Canada in 1957, and it is predicted that within the next 10 years the mobile homes business will be a \$100,000,000 a year industry.