

and the cost of two textbooks purchased from sources outside Africa would be, for thousands of people, the equivalent of a year's income.

In 1964 and again in 1966, Canada donated to EACSO, which comprises Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania, 80 tons of paper and paper stock. The printing equipment sent by Canada will further reduce textbook costs.

Besides supplying paper and equipment, Canada's External Aid Office has sent Alfred Bruce Stirling, a native of St. John's, Newfoundland, as publications adviser to the East African Literature Bureau in Nairobi, Kenya. According to Mr. Stirling's reports, Canada's contributions are helping the Organization promote new African authors and spread literacy. The fact that the entire staff of the Bureau is African makes it possible for Mr. Stirling to train individuals who will be able to continue serving after he has completed his assignment and returned to Canada.

The Bureau is at present producing some 50 soft-cover books a year, published in 5,000 to 10,000 copies of 120 to 160 pages each.

In addition to primers, the new printing equipment will be used to print readers, follow-up literacy materials in a number of African languages, and adult education textbooks for which there is a desperate need.

TOKYO TRAVEL OFFICE

The Minister of Manpower and Immigration Mr. Jean Marchand, opened the new office of the Canadian Immigration Service in Tokyo last month, and officiated at the opening of the new Tokyo office of the Canadian Government Travel Bureau, a branch of Canada's Department of Trade and Commerce.

The two ceremonies reflect Canada's broadening interest in skilled immigrants and in visitors to Canada.

Canada now has immigration offices providing information and selection services for potential immigrants in 37 major world centres.

The new travel office is the latest addition to the 20 Canadian Government Travel Bureau posts in Europe, the United States, Latin America, and the Orient, where trained travel counsellors help promote travel to Canada.

CENTENNIAL SPORTS GRANTS

Sports grants totalling nearly half a million dollars were announced recently by the Minister of National Health and Welfare Mr. Allan MacEachen and the Secretary of State, Miss Judy LaMarsh.

The grants were awarded under the provisions of the Fitness and Amateur Sport programme and the Centennial Commission Sports Programme and will support nine world championships and world tournaments, seven international competitions, six Can-

adian tournaments, tours or events and two additional special projects, to be held in Canada during centennial year.

WORLD EVENTS

World championships in fencing, badminton and lacrosse are to be staged in and around Toronto, and a world horseshoe tournament. World snowshoeing and water skiing championships are to be held at Ottawa and Sherbrooke respectively. A world lawn-bowling tournament is slated for Montreal and a figure-skating tournament is scheduled for Calgary or Vancouver. World championships in 12 different yacht classes will also be staged.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

International competitions supported through the grants include a tri-country young athletes track meet in Ottawa, two weightlifting matches among athletes from the Canadian, and top national teams competing in the Pan-American Games in Winnipeg; a cross-Canada tour by the top basketball teams competing in the 1967 Pan-American Games, a ski-jumping meet near Ottawa, a demonstration softball tournament in conjunction with the Pan-American Games; the Commonwealth Junior Tennis Championships in Ottawa in conjunction with the Canadian Junior Tennis Championships, and an international archery tournament in Toronto.

NATIONAL EVENTS

National events and competitions being supported through the grants include a cross-country tour by the Marylebone Cricket Club of England, a country-wide tour of international field hockey teams competing at the Pan-American Games, the Centennial Canadian Paralympic Games (Canadian Olympic for Paraplegics), in Montreal, a cross-country tour of the All-England Rugby team, and a Centennial Canadian Midget Hockey Championship series, to be staged at Kingston during the Easter holidays.

INCREASED LABOUR FORCE

During June and July employment in Canada increased by an estimated 240,000 to 7,543,000 an increase which is above average for this time of year. A similarly large increase of 254,000, brought the labour force to 7,787,000. Unemployment rose by 14,000 to 244,000 during the month, whereas it usually registers a slight decrease during this period.

EMPLOYMENT

About a third of the increase from June to July in employment was in agriculture. The advance of 160,000 in non-agricultural employment stemmed mainly from increased activity in manufacturing, construction, trade and transportation. In all other industries employment levels remained practically unchanged.

Non-farm employment was up 343,000, or 5.2 per cent, from July 1965; the largest gains were in