

\$105,000,000 MOVIE BUSINESS: For Canada's motion picture theatre business 1952 was a year of continued expansion, the number of theatres and halls increasing by three per cent, receipts and amusement taxes by nine per cent and paid admissions by four per cent, according to an advance release of final figures by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Admission was charged for motion picture exhibition in 3,416 theatres and halls last year, 103 more than in 1951, and receipts, exclusive of taxes, passed the hundred-million-dollar mark for the first time, increasing to \$105,459,183 from \$96,319,583. Amusement taxes collected rose to \$12,975,298 from \$11,887,226, and the number of paid admissions was 10,791,162 higher at 262,950,287.

During the year the number of regular theatres increased by 35 to 1,843, the number of drive-in theatres by 22 to 104, the number of community enterprises -- community or parish halls in which motion pictures are shown and admission fees charged -- by 25 to 657, and the number of halls serviced by itinerant operators by 21 to 812.

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RECORD RETAIL BUSINESS: Canadian retailers rang up record second-quarter cash and credit sales this year for a \$3,135,900,000 sales total that was 5.2 per cent above the 1952 second-quarter total of \$2,980,800,000, according to the quarterly report on retail consumer credit by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Cash sales were up 4.1 per cent to \$2,115,500,000 from \$2,031,500,000 in the second quarter of last year, but accounted for a slightly smaller proportion of the total this year at 67.5 against 68.1 per cent. Total credit sales were up 7.5 per cent to \$1,020,400,000 from \$949,300,000.

This year's second-quarter instalment sales established a new all-time quarterly peak at \$395,600,000, 7.4 per cent above the previous record of \$368,300,000 set in the second quarter of last year, and accounted for 12.6 per cent of the total sales as compared with 12.4 per cent a year earlier.

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RECORD VEHICLE ENTRIES: A new monthly record was established in August for foreign vehicles entering Canada on traveller's vehicle permits. The number of entries was 546,135, an increase of two per cent over the previous peak of 534,262 reached in August last year.

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BILLION DOLLAR INDUSTRIES: Total gross production value of Canada's non-ferrous metal product industries passed the billion-dollar mark for the first time in 1951, the \$1,253,599,168 record surpassing the previous peak value of \$960,751,814 for 1950 by 30 per cent, according to the Bureau's annual general review of the group.

2ND HIGHLAND BATTALION TO KOREA: The 2nd Canadian Highland Battalion will leave from a West Coast port early in October to relieve the 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in Korea, it was announced September 29 at Army Headquarters.

The rotation of the PPCLI will mark the first change in infantry regiments in the Korean theatre since the 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade was formed in 1950.

Since then, the 2nd, 1st and 3rd Battalions, in that order, of the PPCLI, The Royal Canadian Regiment and Le Royal 22e Regiment, have all served with the 25th Brigade. The 3rd Battalions RCR and R22eR are due for rotation next Spring and will be replaced by the 2nd Canadian Infantry Battalion and the 2nd Canadian Rifle Battalion.

Commanded by Lt.-Col. R.M. Ross, OBE, CD, 44, of Ottawa, the 2nd Highland Battalion, will leave Wainwright, Alta., on October 6 for the port of embarkation. A small advance party, which will include the battalion commander, will proceed to the Far East by air.

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\$16 BILLION MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY: Canada's manufacturing industries turned out goods with a gross value of nearly \$16,392,200,000 in 1951, a new peak value and 18.5 per cent greater than the value for 1950, according to section 1 of the Bureau's annual report, "The Manufacturing Industries of Canada, By Provinces," for the year released September 28. This final total for 1951 shows a small upward revision from the preliminary figure for the year issued in November last year.

Part of the increased value in 1951 over 1950 was the result of an increase of about six per cent in the physical volume of production, higher prices accounting for the remainder. Accompanying the rise in output was an increase from 1,183,297 to 1,258,375 or 6.3 per cent in the number of persons employed in manufacturing, and an increase of 18.2 per cent in the salaries and wages paid. Salary and wage payments amounted to \$3,276,280,917, exceeding the 1950 payments by over \$500,000,000 and the highest on record.

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PETROLEUM OUTPUT CLIMBS: Canada's output of crude petroleum climbed 29 per cent in the first half of this year to 33,382,766 barrels from 25,906,646 in the first six months of last year, according to the Bureau's monthly report for June. Production reached 6,806,375 barrels in June, up from 6,131,792 in May and well above last year's June output of 5,399,169 barrels. Of the half-year output, Alberta fields produced 31,721,834 barrels or 95 per cent as compared with 24,863,839 barrels or 96 per cent of the total last year.