

from an excess of exports to an excess of imports in trade with all other countries as a whole."

Against this background, Canada's traditional deficit in non-merchandise transactions has also continued to grow, and had reached a record \$482 million in the first six months, while the total current account deficit stood at \$837 million.

However, the deficit has been financed by a greater flow of funds into Canada on capital account, the composition of which has shown considerable change, with long-term capital movement accounting for less of the total.

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### VANIER HONOURS STRATFORD

His Excellency, Major General Vanier, Governor-General of Canada, recently consented to become a patron of the Stratford Shakespearean Festival.

"We are honoured indeed to have His Excellency's patronage," said David M. Rae, president of the Festival's Board of Governors, "and we hope that during his term of office we may have many opportunities to show our gratitude."

"For the past seven years the Stratford Shakespearean Festival Foundation of Canada has developed to the point that it is now recognized not only nationally but internationally as an expression of Canadian culture. We in the Foundation are naturally very proud of this reputation."

"We are also very proud," Mr. Rae continued, "of the part the Festival has played in bringing the French and English speaking actors of Canada together, and thereby, in a small way, helping to build a greater unity between the two major races of this country."

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### U. A. R. SCIENCE STUDENTS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Howard Green, announced recently that a group of students had begun to arrive in Canada from the United Arab Republic to undertake scientific studies in Canadian universities.

Mr. Green said that the U.A.R. Government had recently requested the assistance of the Canadian authorities in finding places for a number of U.A.R. students in Canadian universities, for the current academic year. The Department of External Affairs had approached Dr. H.H. Saunderson, President of the National Conference of Canadian Universities and Colleges, on the matter and, despite the short time available before the beginning of the academic year, the response of the NCCUC and of Canadian universities had been very forthcoming.

The students, who are all at the post-graduate level, have been admitted to the

Universities of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba, Western University, the University of Toronto, Ontario Agricultural College, Macdonald College and McGill University. Their fields of study include physics, chemistry, electrical and civil engineering, metallurgy, soil science, soil chemistry and botany. All their expenses will be paid by the U.A.R. Government. These students, some accompanied by their families, have already begun to arrive in Canada and the World University Service has volunteered to meet and assist them upon arrival.

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### SINGLE ENVOY TO CUBA, HAITI

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Howard Green, announced recently the appointment of Mr. Allan Anderson, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Canada to Haiti.

Mr. Anderson's appointment in a similar capacity to Cuba has already been announced. He will hold both positions concurrently.

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### SEPTEMBER EMPLOYMENT

Employment declined seasonally between August and September, largely as a result of the seasonal withdrawal of students who had taken jobs for the summer months, according to a joint press release by the Department of Labour and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. For the more regular members of the labour force there were some offsetting increases in employment stemming from such developments as the return of teaching staffs, renewed production of motor vehicles in Ontario and the start of relatively heavy pulp-cutting programmes in Quebec, New Brunswick and Newfoundland.

An estimated 6,078,000 persons had jobs in September, 108,000 fewer than the previous month, but 190,000 more than a year earlier. As usual, the largest part of the decline between August and September was in agriculture. There was little change in non-farm industries except for an increase in services and a decrease in trade, both seasonal in nature.

The number of persons without jobs and seeking work declined by 26,000 to an estimated 213,000 between August and September. About half of this decline took place in Quebec, the result of brisk hiring in forestry and textiles. There were 58,000 fewer seeking work than last year at this time, with decreases for both sexes and in all regions.

The number of workers on temporary layoff dropped from 18,000 to 12,000, nearly all the decline occurring in Ontario. The number on short time at 31,000 was unchanged from the previous month but was only about 60 per cent of last year's figure.