

advanced from 10,011,000 bushels to 15,367,000, and flaxseed from 2,284,000 bushels to 5,165,000.

Widespread frosts have occurred in western Canada subsequent to August 15 with both yields and quality of grain crops adversely affected. The extent of the damage cannot be fully determined until harvest is completed, but it is known to be considerable.

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WORK-WEEK ANALYSIS: One-quarter of all plant workers in the manufacturing industries of Canada were on a 40-hour week, according to the last annual survey conducted by the Economics and Research Branch of the Department of Labour in October 1949. This survey, which covered 6,400 establishments employing over 720,000 workers in all provinces except Newfoundland, reveals an increase of over 20 per cent in the proportion of workers on a 40-hour normal work week in 1949 as compared with 1948. The normal work week is the usual number of hours worked by most of the employees in an establishment, exclusive of any overtime or short time. The plant workers include all the employees of a manufacturing establishment except the office staff.

In addition to the 25 per cent of the plant employees working 40 hours a week, some 17 per cent of all employees in Canadian manufacturing were working 44 hours a week, 21 per cent were working 45 hours a week and another 20 per cent were working 48 hours a week. There were only seven per cent of the plant employees working more than 48 hours a week.

REGIONAL VARIATIONS

The normal weekly hours of work differed substantially within each region and industry as well as between them. Some indication of the difference in the distribution of hours in the five regions of Canada may be obtained by comparing the proportion of workers in each region working 44 hours a week or less. Forty-eight per cent of the workers in the Maritime Provinces, 28 per cent in Quebec, 51 per cent in Ontario, 71 per cent in the Prairie Provinces and 96 per cent of the workers in British Columbia were on a normal work week of 44 hours or less.

In the Durable Goods Division of the Manufacturing Industries, 27 per cent of the workers were on a 40-hour week, 18 per cent were on a 44-hour week, 22 per cent were on a 45-hour week and 13 per cent were on a 48-hour week. This compares with 22 per cent, 16 per cent, 19 per cent, and 26 per cent respectively for workers in the Non-Durable Goods Division.

The five-day week was reported by 55 per cent of the establishments employing 61 per cent of the plant workers in the manufacturing industries. This represents an increase of ten per cent in the proportion of workers on a five-day week in 1949 as compared with the year previous.

The largest proportion of workers on the five-day week was reported in Ontario, where 72 per cent of the plant employees were on this basis. Sixty-six per cent of the workers in British Columbia, 53 per cent in Quebec, 43 per cent in the Prairie Provinces and nine per cent in the Maritime Provinces were reported on a five-day week.

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NATIONAL NOTES

The 480,000-member Trades and Labour Congress of Canada barred 20 suspected Communists from its annual convention which opened in Montreal on September 11. The Convention pledged full support to the UN in Korea.

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Gen. H.D.G. Crerar, Commander of the Canadian Army in the Second World War, addressed the opening session of the Canadian Legion's five-day convention at Winnipeg on September 10. The convention later called for immediate conscription of manpower for armed forces service.

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Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey was elected President of the Association of Canadian Clubs which met at Calgary, Alberta.

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Senator Henry Alfred Mullins, 89, Progressive Conservative, Marquette, Man., has resigned his seat in the Senate for reasons of health and advancing age.

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The revenues of the Province of Alberta during the first three months of the fiscal year, which ended on June 30 last, have set an all-time record, amounting to \$38,221,000. Total expenditures, including those made on public works of a permanent nature, came to \$24,065,000, leaving an overall cash surplus of \$14,156,000. The total revenue from oil, including sales of leases, royalties on production and rentals, amounted to approximately \$18,000,000. This figure compares with some \$6,000,000 from the same source during the corresponding three-month period last year.

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DELEGATION TO UN ASSEMBLY: The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Pearson, announced on September 12 the appointment of two additional Parliamentary Advisers to serve on the Canadian Delegation to the General Assembly of the United Nations. They will be Mr. John Decore, Liberal M.P. for Vegreville, Alberta, and Mr. Gordon F. Higgins, Progressive Conservative M.P. for St. John's East, Newfoundland.