

### SMALL-BUSINESS COURSE ENDS

Representatives of five provincial governments and a trade association were recently presented by James A. Roberts, Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce, with certificates marking their successful completion of the National Small Business Management Training Course.

This intensive 12-week course, conducted by the Small Business Branch of the Department of Trade and Commerce, instructed the participants in the kinds of training needed by small-business owners and operators and the means of organizing such training at the community level.

#### SECOND PHASE

The return home of the provincial representatives to begin the task of organizing courses and recruiting qualified instructors from the ranks of local business and professional men constitutes a second phase. The courses will be available for sponsorship by local business associations and service clubs working with provincial departments responsible for education and trade.

The initial courses to be offered starting this fall to groups of small businessmen will be selected from among the following subjects: retailing, accounting for owners, marketing for manufacturers, bookkeeping and purchasing. The training materials for all courses were prepared by the Small Business Branch. The courses are eligible for financial assistance under the terms of the Federal-Provincial Technical and Vocational Training Agreements.

#### A GRASS-ROOTS MOVEMENT

In presenting the certificates to the provincial representatives, Mr. Roberts said: "...You can achieve results that will be both widespread and significant to the nation. You have the opportunity of launching what will be essentially a grass-roots movement whereby the more able members of the business community will help other businessmen to help themselves." He called on them to demonstrate "the same resolution which carried you through your training, when you embark upon the programme in your provinces".

Mr. Roberts commented that "there are many optimistic signs pointing to the success of small-business management training. These include a growing demand by businessmen for courses, increasing interest at all levels of government in helping business, especially small business, and the latent interest of many business and professional men in helping their fellow businessmen".

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#### TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Motor-vehicle traffic accidents on Canada's streets and highways (excluding Manitoba and the Northwest Territories) claimed 317 lives in May this year, up sharply from last year's corresponding total of 231, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports in a special statement. The all-Canada toll in May was 240.

The May death toll by regions was: Newfoundland, 1 (1 in May 1962); Prince Edward Island, 1 (nil); Nova Scotia 26 (7); New Brunswick, 12 (9); Quebec, 103 (79); Ontario, 113 (92); Manitoba, not available (9); Saskatchewan, 16 (10); Alberta, 21 (16); British Columbia, 24 (17); and Yukon Territory, nil (nil).

#### NEW MEXICAN ENVOY

His Excellency Rafael Urdaneta de la Tour recently presented to the Deputy Governor General, the Honourable Wilfred Judson, Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, his letter of credence as Ambassador of Mexico. The ceremony took place at the Supreme Court of Canada.

The Ambassador was accompanied by Dr. Nicolas Graham Gurria, Counsellor at the Embassy, and Mrs. Mercedes Cabrera, Third Secretary.

Mr. Urdaneta de la Tour, who is 54 years old, joined the Mexican Foreign Service in 1926 and has served as career consul in New Orleans, Montreal, Bremen and St. Louis, Missouri. He has acted as Secretary of Embassy and Counsellor in Buenos Aires, Santiago, San José and Rio de Janeiro. He was appointed Minister in Lisbon in 1958 and Ambassador to Panama in 1959.

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#### JUNE STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

In June the number of work stoppages in Canada showed an increase over the previous month; there was also an increase in the number of workers involved and the number of man-days lost, according to a preliminary summary of strikes and lockouts recently released by Mr. Allan J. MacEachen, Minister of Labour.

There were 63 work stoppages in June, involving 7,302 workers with a time loss of 78,400 man-days. In May there were 44 work stoppages involving 6,214 workers and a time loss of 30,300 man-days.

More than 58 per cent of the time lost was accounted for by disputes involving paper-products workers in Toronto, transportation-equipment workers in Edmonton, Cold Lake and Namao, Alberta, food-products workers in Montreal and various building workers in Toronto, Kingston and Ottawa.

Only one of the work stoppages, involving one worker, was in an industry under federal jurisdiction. Of the others, 38 were in Ontario, 13 in Quebec, four each in Newfoundland and British Columbia and one each in Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Nineteen of the June work stoppages involved 100 or more workers. Of these, nine were terminated by the end of the month.

A breakdown by industry of the month's stoppages shows 27 in manufacturing, 17 in construction, eight in trade, five in mines, three in transportation and utilities, two in service and one in forestry.

Based on the number of non-agricultural wage and salary workers in Canada, the number of man-