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**11,569 DWELLING UNITS:** The number of dwelling units completed in Canada in the first three months of 1948 is estimated at 11,569, according to the results of a nation-wide survey carried out by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in co-operation with the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. During the same period, construction was commenced on 6,678 dwelling units and the number under construction was reduced from 42,215 at January 1 to 37,529 at the end of March. Comparable data are available for 1947 only for the urban centres with a population of 5,000 and over which account for about 80 per cent of the total completions in the first quarter. For these areas, completions in the first three months of 1948 are about 42 per cent higher than in 1947.

The average length of time required to build the dwelling units completed in the first quarter of 1948 was between seven and eight months. About 26 per cent took longer than nine months to complete. On a regional basis, construction time was longest in British Columbia and the Maritimes.

**SEA HERRING RESEARCH:** Something new in otter trawling will take place on the East Coast this year when the Atlantic Herring Investigation Committee's fishing boat "Harengus" goes to sea in search of the summer haunts of the sea herring.

The Department of Fisheries, announcing plans made at this week's meeting of the Atlantic Herring Investigation Committee in Fredericton, N.B., revealed that the "Harengus" will use special herring trawling nets devised by the Dutch and Germans. Aboard the 84-foot research craft, investigators will also conduct experiments which may lead to the development of a new kind of trawl net for Canadian fishermen, one that can be towed through mid-water.

Proposal of the AHIC to concentrate on otter trawling this year was decided upon after last year's purse-seining experiments proved unsuccessful in locating summer haunts of the herring. AHIC's scientifically-equipped boat searched vast areas of the Gulf of St. Lawrence but its sonic sounders showed scant traces of the great herring schools.

Dr. A.W.H. Needler, newly-appointed Assistant Deputy Minister of Fisheries and scientific alternate chairman of AHIC, pointed out, however, that the committee obtained valuable information.

"Results of our operations pointed to the probability that the herring disperse in the summer", he said.

Herring catches are the basis of a great commercial fishery. The little silvery fish are caught in weirs and gill-nets in the immediate vicinity of the shore during the spring and fall runs which sweep along the Atlantic coast.

**WHEAT MARKETINGS:** Stocks of Canadian wheat in store or in transit in North America at midnight on April 29 totalled 72,634,023 bushels compared with 76,391,439 on April 22 and 93,996,576 on the corresponding date last year, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Visible supplies on the latest date comprised 72,081,667 bushels in Canadian positions and 552,356 bushels in United States positions.

**TRADE COMMISSIONER SERVICE:** Nine appointments and transfers in the Trade Commissioner Service were announced May 8 by Rt. Hon. C.D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce. Richard Grew, formerly Commercial Secretary in Bombay, has been appointed to the new post of Commercial Secretary in New Delhi. In his new position, Mr. Grew will be attached to the Office of the High Commissioner for Canada in India's capital city. Charles Reid Gallow, formerly Assistant Trade Commissioner in Hong Kong, has been appointed Commercial Secretary in Bombay. R. Campbell Smith, formerly Assistant Trade Commissioner in Cairo, has been appointed Commercial Secretary in St. John's, Newfoundland. W.E. Jolliffe has been transferred from Shanghai to the position of Assistant Trade Commissioner at Hong Kong. B.I. Rankin, formerly in Sydney, Australia, has been transferred to the position of Assistant Commercial Secretary in Shanghai. M.R.M. Dale, formerly Assistant Commercial Secretary in Wellington, New Zealand, has been transferred to the same position in Sydney. J.P.C. Gauthier, previously in London, has been transferred to the position of Assistant Commercial Secretary in Paris. D.W. Jackson, formerly Canadian Economic Representative in Frankfurt, Germany, has been transferred to Washington, where he will be Assistant Commercial Secretary at the Canadian Embassy. B.J. Bachand has been transferred to the position of Canadian Economic Representative in Frankfurt, from Paris where he was Assistant Commercial Secretary.

#### INTERNED BY GERMANS

A resident of Ottawa for many years, Richard Grew received his B.A. degree from the University of Toronto. Since joining the Trade Commissioner Service in 1925, he has served in Kobe, Calcutta, Tokyo, Oslo, Cairo and Bombay. During the invasion of Norway, he and his wife were captured and interned by the Germans, but were released in 1942.

Born in Toronto, Charles Reid Gallow graduated from the University of Toronto with a B.A. degree. He served overseas with the Canadian Army, and joined the Trade Commissioner Service in 1945.

Born in Vancouver, R. Campbell Smith received his B. Com. degree from the University of British Columbia. On active service with the Royal Canadian Navy during the war, he joined the Trade Commissioner Service in 1945.

Born in Tzeliutsing, West China, W.E. Jolliffe attended the University of Toronto. He

operated a musk exporting company in China and was agent for a large steamship company. He served in the North Sea and Mediterranean with the Royal Canadian Navy, and joined the Trade Commissioner Service in 1945.

Born in Brandon, B.I. Rankin received his B. Com. degree from the University of Alberta. He served in the Royal Canadian Navy, and joined the Trade Commissioner Service in 1945.

Born in Outlook, Sask., M.R.M. Dale received his B.A. degree from the University of Saskatchewan. He served overseas with the Canadian Army, and joined the Trade Commissioner Service in 1945.

Born in Montreal, J.P.C. Gauthier graduated from the University of Montreal with a B.A. degree. He served overseas with the Canadian Army, and joined the Trade Commissioner Service in 1946.

Born in Vernon, B.C., D.W. Jackson received his B.A. degree from the University of Western Ontario. He was employed in the Intelligence Section of the R.C.M.P. for nine years, and during the war served in the Royal Canadian Navy. He joined the Trade Commissioner Service in 1945.

Born in Three Rivers, B.J. Bachand is a graduate of Laval University and the University of Montreal. He was on active service with the Royal Canadian Navy during the war, and joined the Trade Commissioner Service in 1945.

**CAR LOADINGS:** Car loadings on Canadian railways for the week ended May 1 declined to 74,354 cars from 74,677 cars for the previous week and 75,165 cars for the corresponding week last year. The decline was all in the western division where flood conditions continued to be a factor. Western grain declined from 6,756 cars in 1947 to 2,565 cars, grain products from 1,778 to 1,328 cars, and ores from 1,136 to 718 cars. L.C.L. merchandise increased from 5,714 to 6,325 cars, but other commodities in the western division showed small changes.

**C.A.L. MURCHISON, K.C., NOMINATED:** Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, Minister of Labour, has announced the nomination of C.A.L. Murchison, K.C., a member of the Unemployment Insurance Commission, to represent Canada on the Correspondence Committee on Social Security of the International Labour Organization. Twenty-two countries are represented on the Committee.

The Committee will hold a six-day meeting in Montreal, opening on May 24th, at which its reconstitution as a permanent body, with the title of "Committee of Social Security Experts", will be discussed.

This meeting is called with a view to implementing a proposal of the French Government, at the 103rd Session of the Governing Body of the I.L.O., concerning an international conference of social security experts. Subsequently, it was decided to constitute a

compact advisory committee, deserving of the full confidence of governments, to examine how a stronger and more effective international treatment of social security problems could be achieved under an organization comprising the advisory committee, Inter-American Committee on Social Security, International Social Security Association, and eventually a regional body for the Asian countries.

The Governing Body of the I.L.O. has not indicated in advance the functions of the Committee of Social Security Experts. One of its functions will be to make recommendations with a view to the continuous collection and distribution of information on the nature and operation of social security systems. It may also advise on the selection of problems for study with a view to improving social security legislation, having regard to their urgency at a given time. It will also be expected to serve as an organ of coordination of social security efforts.

Countries represented on the Committee are: Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Egypt, France, Greece, India, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Peru, Poland, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States and Venezuela.

**McKEE TRANS-CANADA TROPHY:** Hon. Brooke Claxton, Minister of National Defence, on May 10 announced the award of the McKee Trans-Canada Trophy for 1947 to Captain B.A. Rawson, Director of Flight Development, Trans-Canada Airlines, Winnipeg. The award was made "in recognition of his outstanding contribution to advancement in the field of aviation during 1947, backed by an excellent record of achievement during a 22 year period of association with aviation development in general".

The McKee Trans-Canada Trophy has been awarded annually since 1927 for meritorious service in advancement of aviation in Canada. The 1946 award went to Group Captain Z.L. Leigh, O.P.E., E.D., of the Royal Canadian Air Force for his record of 20 years of exceptional achievement, both in civilian and service aviation, mainly in the field of air transport. This is the first occasion on which the award has been made to a Trans-Canada Airline employee.

The trophy was donated by the late Dalzell McKee, of Pittsburg, Pa, a wealthy aviation enthusiast who made the first trans-Canada flight by seaplane, in 1926, accompanied by Air Vice-Marshal A.E. Godfrey, MC, DFC, then a Squadron Leader, now retired and residing at Gananoque, Ont. He established the award in recognition of the welcome and assistance accorded him by the RCAF.

Captain Rawson, whose home town is Fort William, Ont., has been widely known for many years in aviation circles and his fine reputation, both as a pilot and administrator, has been highly regarded amongst the flying fraternity.