

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S AWARDS

At the request of the Committee for the Governor-General's Literary Awards, the Canada Council recently announced the six winners for the year 1962.

The award for poetry and drama in English has gone to James Reaney of the University of Western Ontario for his books *Twelve Letters to a Small Town* and *The Killdeer and Other Plays*. The fiction prize was awarded to Kildare Dobbs of Toronto for *Running to Paradise*, and Marshall McLuhan, also of Toronto, received for his book *The Gutenberg Galaxy* the award for "critical and expository prose".

The prize for poetry and drama in French was made to Jacques Languiand for his plays *Les insolites* and *Les violons de l'automne*. Jacques Ferron received the fiction award for his *Contes au pays incertain*. In the category of "other literary styles", the prize went to Gilles Marcotte for *Une littérature qui se fait*.

A cash prize of \$1,000 provided by the Canada Council accompanies each award. Arrangements for the presentations will be announced later.

NORTHERN OIL RULES CHANGE

Several changes were recently announced in the regulations governing oil and gas exploration in the Yukon and Northwest Territories. The most significant involve the amount of exploratory work that must be done to maintain oil and gas permits, and the number of years during which a permit may be held. Permit terms for concessions lying between 68 and 70 degrees latitude have been increased by two years. The work requirements for permits north of 68 degrees, including the Arctic Islands, have been reduced during the middle term of the permits.

BASIC POLICY MAINTAINED

Mr. Dinsdale, the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources, explained that circumstances connected with exploration in the far reaches of the north were constantly changing and that adjustments in regulations must accordingly be made as required. He said that the basic northern policy objectives of the Government remained unchanged — to encourage development wherever possible and, as part of this aim, to stimulate oil and gas exploration. In the years to come, he added, development of oil and gas in the north might contribute significantly to the improvement of economic conditions in the region and to the general prosperity of Canada.

Other changes in the regulations clarify the rights granted by a permit to ensure that the permittee or lessee may not only undertake normal production of oil and gas but may also mine or extract the oil and gas if they should occur in oil or bituminous sands, such as those recently discovered on Melville Island.

RESEARCH PRIVILEGES

Another change reflects the Government's desire to encourage research into problems of special significance for oil and gas exploration and to northern transportation. Expenditures on approved

research projects may now be used to satisfy permit work requirements. This provision is designed to encourage investigation into many of the problems that make it difficult at present for some segments of industry to invest in the oil and gas potential of the North.

SUGAR-BEET PRICE SUPPORT

Support will be provided, on a national basis, to Canadian sugar-beet growers for their 1963 crop at the same level as for the 1962 crop, according to the Agricultural Stabilization Board. Growers will be protected against downward fluctuations in world sugar prices. Support will be based on the relation over the past ten years between the average declared value (f.o.b.) for imported raw sugar and the price growers have received from processors for the sugar in their beets.

The Board has determined that this relation is 128 per cent. A prescribed value of \$4.29 a hundred-weight for imported raw sugar will thus result in an effective support price of \$13.72 a standard ton of beets (250 pounds of sugar), assuming growers negotiate contracts with processors equivalent to those in effect over the ten-year base period. This support level of \$13.72 a standard ton is 109 per cent of the base price, compared to 106 per cent for the 1962 crop year.

Should the 12-month average declared value (f.o.b.) for imported raw sugar fall below 4.29 cents a pound, the Board will pay producers 1.28 cents a pound of refined beet sugar for each cent by which the average declared value is less than 4.29 cents a pound.

Commenting on the announcements, Agriculture Minister Alvin Hamilton has emphasized the need for producers to negotiate the best contract possible, comparable, at least, to the average of those in effect over the past ten years, in order to ensure the highest possible returns and to obtain their share of the national support price.

CÔTÉ TO CANADA COUNCIL

The Canada Council has announced the appointment of Mr. Langevin Côté, previously of the Ottawa staff of the *Toronto Globe and Mail*, as head of its Information and Publicity Division.

Mr. Côté has been engaged in newspaper work for more than 10 years. He received his education at the University of Ottawa, after which he attended the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism in New York, where he headed his class for the degree of M.S., and was awarded a Pulitzer travelling scholarship in journalism for a year's travel in Europe. His first newspaper experience was with *Le Droit*, Ottawa. He subsequently worked for the *Montreal Gazette*, before joining the staff of the *Globe and Mail* in 1957 as a member of its Quebec bureau. He was moved to Ottawa early in 1960. Mr. Côté has been specially interested in relations between English and French Canada, and brings to his work at the Canada Council an invaluable experience in this connection.

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