

nor General. The Ambassador was accompanied by Prince Werner de Merode, Counsellor, Mr. J.F. Delaute, Secretary to the Governor General (administrative) was also present.

Mr. de Thier was born in 1900. Since his entry into the Belgian Foreign Service he has served in various capacities at Berlin, Teheran, Washington, Madrid, New York and Mexico City. Before being appointed to Canada, Mr. de Thier was Ambassador to Mexico.

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ROYAL GUARD OF HONOUR

The climax to an intensive Guard of Honour training programme now underway at Trenton, Ontario, will come when the guard is inspected by Her Royal Highness, Princess Margaret, at Comox, B.C., it was announced by Air Force Headquarters.

The 100-man guard will be moved from Trenton to Comox for Princess Margaret's arrival there on Wednesday, July 16.

The guard represents a slight deviation from Guard of Honour tradition in that each man is a recent recruit from the RCAF Manning Depot at St. Johns, Que. Under the supervision of Flight Lieutenant John F. Radcliffe of Training Command Headquarters, Trenton, the airmen have been brought to the highest standard of drill performance.

When the Princess arrives at Comox, the guard and Colour Party, which will bear the Queen's Colour and the Colour of the Royal Canadian Air Force, will be standing before her in preparation for the Royal Salute and inspection. The Tactical Air Command Band from Edmonton, under the baton of Flight Lieutenant Carl L. Friberg of Vancouver, will play the Royal Salute.

Two other guards which are starting to train at RCAF Station St. Johns, Que., and Greenwood, N.S., will be inspected by Princess Margaret later when she visits Toronto, Ottawa and Yarmouth, N.S.

The guard training at St. Johns will be positioned in front of Toronto City Hall for inspection by the Princess when she arrives there on July 31. After the inspection the guard will be moved to Ottawa for her departure from Union Station on August 5.

The Training Command Band from Downsview, Ont., led by F/L Clifford O. Hunt, of Hamilton, will be positioned with the RCAF Guard of Honour at Toronto while in Ottawa on August 5, the RCAF Central Band under the command of Flight Lieutenant Leo D. Corcoran, of Sherbrooke, P.Q., will play the Royal Salute.

The third 100-man guard made up of personnel from RCAF Station Greenwood, will be positioned at Yarmouth airport for inspection when Princess Margaret arrives there from Fredericton on August 9.

Playing the Royal Salute at Yarmouth, will be a band of volunteer musicians from RCAF Station Greenwood, Summerside, PEI, and Chatham, N.B.

SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

Trade in outstanding securities between Canada and other countries led to a purchase balance or capital export of \$4,300,000 in April, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports. Purchase balances of \$4,900,000 and \$1,800,000 arose from trading with the United States and the United Kingdom, respectively, but there was a sales balance or capital import of \$2,400,000 from transactions with other overseas countries.

The repurchase balance from trade in outstanding Canadian securities was some \$3,500,000. This was made up of about \$5,000,000 repurchases of outstanding Canadian bonds and debentures, offset to the extent of \$1,500,000 by net sales of outstanding Canadian common and preference stocks. Net repurchases of \$4,100,000 from the United States were dominated by repurchases of \$3,200,000 of provincial government issues. The United Kingdom repurchase balance of \$2,000,000 included \$2,100,000 net repurchases of Government of Canada direct and guaranteed issues. On the other hand, the sales balance of \$2,700,000 recorded with other overseas countries included net sales of \$1,500,000 of Canadian equities. The repurchase balance from trade in outstanding foreign issues was small, amounting only to \$800,000.

Over the first four months of 1958, the trading in all outstanding issues led to a capital inflow of \$1,500,000. This small movement was in sharp contrast to the corresponding figure of \$46,100,000 in 1957. In the four months of 1958, trading with the United States led to an inflow of \$700,000; in the corresponding period of 1957 it led to an outflow of \$17,100,000. But transactions with the United Kingdom resulted in an outflow of \$5,100,000 in the first four months of 1958 compared with an inflow of \$42,900,000 in the previous year. The inflow of \$5,900,000 from other overseas countries was considerably reduced from the total of \$20,500,000 in the previous year.

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SOFT FRUIT IN 1958

Canada's commercial production of berries and tender tree fruits was estimated to be larger this year than last for most types, according to the Bureau's first estimate of commercial fruit production for the current year.

Estimated national production totals, by type of fruit: strawberries, 21,792,000 quarts (16,459,000 in 1957); raspberries, 12,602,000 quarts (12,311,000); sweet cherries, 270,000 bushels (239,000); sour cherries, 338,000 bushels (366,000); apricots, 269,000 bushels (281,000); peaches, 2,877,000 bushels (2,801,000); pears, 1,252,000 bushels (1,094,000); plums and prunes, 583,000 bushels (566,000); loganberries, 994,000 pounds (1,059,000); and grapes, 79,440,000 pounds (69,319,000).