

### STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

During June there were 38 work stoppages in Canada, involving 13,823 workers and a total duration of 182,320 man days, according to a preliminary summary of strikes and lockouts just released by Mr. Starr, the Minister of Labour.

In May there were 50 work stoppages, involving 13,001 workers and a total duration of 111,980 man days.

Twenty-five of the June work stoppages were in industries in Ontario, four in Nova Scotia, three in Quebec, two in British Columbia and one each in Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. None was in an industry under federal jurisdiction.

Fourteen of the June work stoppages, 11 of which were terminated by the end of the month, involved 100 or more workers.

One stoppage alone accounted for more than 78 per cent of the month's time loss. This was among building-trades workers in Toronto.

A breakdown by industry of the month's stoppages shows 21 in manufacturing, four in trade, four in service, three in construction, one in transportation and one in finance.

Based on the number of non-agricultural wage and salary workers in Canada, the number of man days lost in June represented 0.17 per cent of the estimated working time. In May the percentage was 0.10. The corresponding figure for June 1960 was 0.04.

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### REGIONAL PRICE INDEXES

Consumer price indexes in June and July 1961 rose in six of the ten regional cities, declined slightly in two, and remained steady in two. Increases ranged from 0.1 per cent in Ottawa to 0.4 per cent in Saskatoon-Regina. The St. John's and Vancouver indexes declined 0.1 per cent and 0.2 per cent, respectively.

Food indexes for two cities remained constant, but rose in all others, with increases ranging from 0.2 per cent in Halifax to 1.7 per cent in Saskatoon-Regina. Shelter indexes were unchanged in four cities, higher in three and lower in three. Clothing indexes declined in seven of the regional cities and remained steady in the other three. Household-operation indexes rose in two cities and declined in the other eight. The indexes for "other" commodities

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and services were down in nine of the cities and unchanged in the remaining one.

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### RADIO AND TV SETS

Domestic sales by producers of radio receiving-sets and record-players were smaller in June and the January-June period this year than last, while sales of television receiving-sets were larger in both periods. June sales were: radio receiving-sets, 41,265 units (51,917 a year earlier); record-players, 6,589 (7,233); and television receiving-sets, 19,783 (18,509). January-June sales: radios, 258,148 units (308,456 a year ago); record-players, 51,568 (61,974); and television sets, 137,565 (136,261).

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### CANADIAN FOR WHO COMMITTEE

Dr. Morgan Martin, Chief of the Mental Health Division of the Department of National Health and Welfare, has accepted an invitation to serve as a member of the World Health Organization's Expert Committee on Mental Health. The Committee, which will meet in Geneva during the first week of November, will consider the role of public-health officers and general practitioners in mental-health care.

The eight members of the Committee are chosen to represent the northern and southern parts of both hemispheres. The members, all psychiatrists, have been invited to submit working papers on the topic to be considered; this material will be circulated before the meeting for eventual discussion by the assembled experts. The Committee's findings will be published after the meeting. In preparation for his paper, Dr. Martin has been interviewing a number of general practitioners and Canadian public-health authorities

The first meeting of the Expert Committee, held in 1949, was opened by Dr. Brock Chisholm, the noted Canadian psychiatrist, then Director-General of the WHO. Dr. William Menninger of the United States was chosen chairman of that meeting. The coming session will be the Committee's eleventh. The Committee is reconstituted before each session, depending on the subject to be considered.

Dr. Martin's invitation to join the Committee marks the third time a Canadian psychiatrist has been asked to serve on the Expert Committee of the World Health Organization.