

legal bag limit was two deer per hunter.

The Department also revealed that 6,494 beaver had been taken during the two-week open season: the latter part of November in Nova Scotia's mainland counties. It was the third open season on the animals since the Provincial Government began a programme of beaver restocking. During the last previous season in 1945 the number of beaver pelts totalled 6,144.

**HISTORIC SITES BOARD:** The Minister of Mines and Resources, Mr. MacKinnon, on January 31, announced the reappointment by Order-in-Council for a five-year period of nine members of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, and the appointment of two new members.

Those re-named to the Board, whose main function is advising the National Parks Service of the Lands and Development Services Branch, Department of Mines and Resources, in the marking, restoring and preserving of sites of national historic interest in Canada, are: J. Clarence Webster, Esq., C.M.G., M.E., D.Sc., LL.D., F.R.S.C., Shediac, New Brunswick, Chairman.

Professor Fred Landon, M.A., F.R.S.C., London, Ontario.

Professor D.C. Harvey, M.A., LL.D., F.R.S.C., Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The Honourable E. Fabre-Surveyer, K.C., LL.M., B.C.L., LL.D., F.R.S.C., Montreal, Quebec.

J.A. Gregory, Esq., North Battleford, Saskatchewan.

The Reverend A. d'Eschambault, D.S.T., D.J.C., Genthon, Manitoba.

Professor Morden H. Long, M.A., Edmonton, Alberta.

Professor Walter N. Sage, M.A., Ph.D., F.R.S.C., F.R.Hist.S., Vancouver, British Columbia.

W.D. Cromarty, Esq., National Parks Service, Ottawa, Ontario.

The new members are: The Honourable Thane A. Campbell, M.A., K.C., Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

Wm. Kaye Lamb, Esq., M.A., Ph.D., Ottawa, Ontario.

The Board, originally appointed in 1919, is an honorary advisory body whose members are historians of recognized standing. Appointments to the Board have been made with a view to each part of the country being represented.

Since the inception of its work, the Board has examined the circumstances relating to more than a thousand sites of which about four hundred have been judged to be of sufficient national importance to warrant their being suitably marked and maintained. These include Indian earthworks, forts, and villages; French forts, trading posts and mission enterprises; sites connected with British exploration and naval and military operations in the long struggle for possession of Canada; posts of the Hudson's Bay Company; sites related to the social, economic, and industrial development of the country and the birthplaces of distinguished Canadians.

Dr. Webster, who has acted as Chairman of the Board since 1943, practised for many years as a surgeon in Edinburgh, Montreal and Chicago. Since his retirement from medical work he has been actively engaged in research in Canadian history and has gathered a valuable collection of Canadiana which he has donated to the New Brunswick Museum.

In his announcement, Mr. MacKinnon said the Government was particularly pleased to welcome the two new members. Honourable Thane A. Campbell is Chief Justice of Prince Edward Island and formerly was Premier of that province. Dr. Lamb is Deputy Minister and Dominion Archivist, Public Archives of Canada, and was formerly Librarian of the University of British Columbia.

**EDUCATION FOR IMMIGRANTS:** The educational and other assistance given to immigrants by Provincial Educational Authorities, local school boards, and welfare organizations throughout Canada was of the greatest importance in bringing to these newcomers an understanding of the Canadian way of life, the Minister of Labour, Mr. Mitchell, stated on January 31.

The Minister reported that at the present time about 14,000 adult immigrants were attending 650 classes across Canada, under the supervision of provincial and local educational authorities, with language difficulties, of course, receiving top priority.

The help given by various agencies, particularly those engaged in adult education, had been of valued assistance in teaching the new citizens the fundamental rights and responsibilities of Canadian citizenship, the Minister said.

Over and above the direct benefits deriving from educational assistance, were less easily assessed benefits resulting from the opportunity for the immigrant to make worthwhile social contacts, through attendance at regular classes and through other social and educational functions arranged by local and national welfare committees and organizations.

**SLIGHT PRICE DECLINE:** Wholesale prices in Canada showed a slight decline in December, after a rise only interrupted in one other month of 1948, according to the general wholesale index compiled by the Bureau of Statistics. Previous recession was in March. Over the period of 12 months the index has shown a rise of 11 per cent.

The index for December, on the base 1926=100, stood at 159.5 as compared with 159.7 in November and 143.5 in December, 1947. The record high for this index was 164.3 registered in May, 1920. As compared with the preceding month, there were declines in producers' goods, building materials, raw and partly manufactured goods, and increases in consumers' goods, fully and chiefly manufactured goods, and industrial materials.

Over the 12-month period, all-group indexes showed increases. The consumers' goods index moved up from 131.2 in December, 1947 to 144.3, producers' goods from 143.4 to 162.6, building materials from 189.2 to 203.8, raw and partly manufactured goods from 145.2 to 163.6, fully and chiefly manufactured goods from 132.0 to 144.0, and industrial materials from 144.7 to 162.3.

**LONG "WOOLLIES" OUT:** You're "improperly dressed" if caught wearing long woollen underwear around Army camps where winter courses are being conducted, an Army news release states.

The reason is simply this: Tests conducted at Churchill and elsewhere show that heavy woollen underclothing clings too tightly to the skin and causes sweating and itching.

So soldiers engaged in arctic and sub-arctic manoeuvres or attending winter training camps at Shilo, Petawawa, and Wainwright wear, work and sleep in loose-fitting flannelette pajamas. Worn, of course, over one of the Army's unique items of clothing - a loose woven string vest that could easily substitute for a fish net.

**ARMY RECRUITING UP:** Figures released this week by Army Headquarters show that for the four months - September through December - a total of 1,332 men were enlisted for the Active Force. This figures out at around 11 recruits daily, counting Sundays.

A breakdown of total enlistments for the period shows that recruiting has been steady with 234 applicants "signed on" in September, 396 in October, 348 in November and 354 in December.

The enlistments brought the strength of the Active Force to more than 17,500 all ranks.

**RESIGNATION OF MR. FITZPATRICK:** Resignation of William H. Fitzpatrick, Deputy Steel Controller, effective on January 31, was announced by the Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. Howe. In government service since 1942, Mr. Fitzpatrick will be joining the Atlantic Steel Co., Montreal, as General Sales Manager.

Mr. Howe paid special tribute to Mr. Fitzpatrick's services to the Government, both during the war when he was in charge of the import of primary steel from the United States for Canada's war programs, and during the years of critical shortage following the war.

**WHEAT MARKETINGS:** Stocks of Canadian wheat in store or in transit in North America at midnight on January 20 amounted to 165,268,000 bushels, showing a decline of 1,419,000 bushels from the January 13 figure of 166,687,000, but up 34,991,000 bushels over last year's cor-

responding total of 130,276,000, according to the Bureau of Statistics.

**CIVIL AVIATION:** Scheduled and non-scheduled air carriers both had small losses on their October operations, according to figures for the month released by the Bureau of Statistics.

In October, scheduled carriers earned \$2,550,631 as compared with \$2,011,525 a year earlier, but operating expenses increased from \$2,162,107 in October, 1947 to \$2,629,626, producing an operating loss of \$78,995 as against a loss of 1947 of \$150,582. The small operating credit at the end of September was wiped out and a loss of \$54,406 was recorded for the 10 months ending October. This, however, showed an improvement over the first 10 months of 1947 when operations resulted in an operating loss of \$2,152,643.

Non-scheduled carriers also failed to earn their operating expenses for the month, their revenues falling to \$513,918 from \$539,736 in 1947, while operating expenses rose from \$475,126 to \$535,476.

**DRIVE AGAINST VD:** More than \$1,000,000 will be spent this year in an intensified drive against venereal disease in Canada, the Minister of National Health and Welfare, said on February 1, on the eve of National Social Hygiene Day, Wednesday, February 2.

Of this amount \$500,000 represents the venereal disease control portion of the federal Government's new National Health Plan, he pointed out, a sum which is being made available to assist the provinces in extending their present efforts in the control of venereal diseases. This represents an addition of \$275,000 to the annual grant of \$225,000 which the federal Government has been contributing to the provinces since 1943.

The additional funds are being used for such projects as free distribution of penicillin, establishment of new VD clinics, payments to physicians outside free clinic areas, the setting up of new laboratory services, post-graduate training for specialists in the field and many other allied activities.

These new projects, Mr. Martin emphasized, will supplement the present control measures which include free distribution of drugs to physicians, maintenance of free clinics now totalling nearly 100, provision of laboratory diagnoses, group case-finding, contact investigations and educational programs among the medical and nursing professions and the general public.

By agreement with the provinces, the federal Division of Venereal Disease Control is giving leadership in developing a program for the reduction of the menace of venereal infections in Canada, Mr. Martin stated.

Such activities include planning adequate control measures in consultation with the provincial authorities, coordinating and stan-