

Some 70 establishments in 1957 (52 in 1956) employed 41,616 persons (35,563), and paid them \$179,699,000 in salaries and wages (\$146,428,000). Cost of materials increased to \$148,547,000 in the year from \$138,156,000 a year earlier and value added by manufacture jumped to \$271,064,000 from \$212,270,000.

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### TRADE FAIR IN TRINIDAD

At the inauguration of the Canadian Trade Fair in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, on February 20, the Canadian Government was represented by Col. Alfred J. Brooks, Minister of Veterans Affairs. Col. Brooks was accompanied by Mr. John H. English, Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce, and Mr. R.W. Blake, Area Trade Officer for Commonwealth Countries in the Department of Trade and Commerce, and formerly Canadian Government Trade Commissioner in Port-of-Spain.

In announcing the delegation, the Prime Minister said that, as Canada's Atlantic Provinces have been so closely identified with the development of our trade relations with The West Indies, and Col. Brooks makes his home in New Brunswick, it was particularly appropriate that he should participate at the inauguration ceremonies of this major promotional project, sponsored by the Department of Trade and Commerce.

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### HIGHWAYS IN 1957

Expenditures were on roads and highways, including bridges, outside of urban areas in 1957, and totalled \$701,972,824, 7.4 per cent higher than the 1956 outlay of \$653,567,078 the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports. Construction work accounted for \$452,725,206, an increase of 7.5 per cent from \$421,146,178 in 1956, but maintenance charges decreased 5.6 per cent from \$189,877,569 in 1956 to \$179,239,420.

Total expenditures increased in all provinces except Prince Edward Island, where the outlay decreased to \$4,814,883 in 1957 from \$5,066,115. As in 1956, British Columbia showed the largest increase in amount spent with a total of \$129,216,627, up \$24,800,000 from the previous year. Total expenditures by other provinces were: Newfoundland, \$10,229,258; Nova Scotia, \$28,139,042; New Brunswick, \$29,532,887; Quebec, \$132,891,137; Ontario, \$214,253,873; Manitoba, \$29,724,607; Saskatchewan, \$41,511,698; Alberta, \$74,339,911; Yukon and Northwest Territories, \$7,013,901.

Mileage of surfaced roads totalled 231,044 in 1957, up 21,700 miles in the year, but total highway and rural road mileage dropped to 423,939 in 1957 from 453,582 a year pre-

vious. Making up the grand total for 1957 were: 39,123 miles of concrete, bituminous pavement and bituminous surface; 191,921 of gravel, crushed stone and other surfaces; and 192,895 miles of earth.

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### STRATFORD MUSIC SEASON

A new English version of Jacques Offenbach's comic opera, "Orpheus in the Underworld"; performances by a National Festival Orchestra with outstanding Russian, American and Canadian soloists, and an evening of spoken and musical interpretations of Shakespeare, are among the attractions outlined for the 1959 Stratford Music Festival by Music Director, Louis Applebaum.

The noted French baritone, Martial Singher and American soprano, Irene Jordan will star in the witty 19th century opera. Soloists with the National Orchestra will include the famous Soviet pianist Lev Oborin, making his North American debut at Stratford; American virtuosi, Oscar Shumsky, violin; Leonard Rose, 'cello, and Canadian soprano Lois Marshall. Orchestral and chamber music concerts, recitals and folk music will round out the four-week season of music to be presented in the Avon Theatre from July 10 to August 8.

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### ELECTRIC ENERGY GREATER IN 1958

Net generation of electric energy by firms that produce 10 million kilowatt hours or more per year increased 7.2 per cent in 1958 to 96,743,375 megawatt hours from 90,248,811 in 1957. Imports from the United States were down sharply (71 per cent) to 243,841 mwh from 832,590 in the preceding year, while exports declined less steeply (16 per cent) to 4,073,187 mwh from 4,829,262. Total electric energy made available in Canada in the full year advanced almost 8 per cent to 92,914,029 mwh from 86,252,139, and of this amount substantially more was used in electric boilers (73 per cent) at 4,614,970 mwh versus 2,665,165 in 1957.

Net generation was greater in 1958 compared to 1957 in all regions except Ontario and Manitoba. Totals, in order of magnitude, were: Quebec, 43,528,802 megawatt hours (37,986,804 in 1957); Ontario, 29,139,624 (29,982,854); British Columbia, 11,682,152 (10,540,816); Manitoba, 3,213,271 (3,338,170); Alberta, 2,607,006 (2,339,981); Saskatchewan, 1,901,726 (1,692,850); Nova Scotia, 1,561,894 (1,479,727); New Brunswick, 1,544,683 (1,361,428); Newfoundland, 1,369,976 (1,355,378); Yukon and Northwest Territories, 131,705 (114,048); and Prince Edward Island, 62,536, (56,755).