

While bulk-cargo traffic has made decisive gains over 1960, general cargoes show little change from the level of the 1960 season. On the Montreal-Lake Ontario section, for the period April-to-October, general cargo traffic actually decreased by 7.5 per cent from 1,869,292 tons in 1960 to 1,729,236 in 1961. Through the Welland, however, this trend was reversed and an increase of 1.3 per cent recorded. The total general cargo tonnage was 1,578,352 compared with 1,557,851 tons in 1950.

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### MORE TRAINING FOR UNEMPLOYED

Every unemployed person, regardless of his educational background, should have an opportunity for training. This broad principle was accepted recently by the National Technical and Vocational Training Advisory Council, meeting in Ottawa.

The Council, made up of representatives of management, labour, provincial governments and other interested organizations, adopted a series of recommendations that constitute a blueprint for further action in Canada in the area of unemployed training.

Under the new Technical and Vocational Training Assistance Act, the Federal Government will contribute 75 per cent of provincial costs for training the unemployed. This contribution will be made towards any form of training a province decides is appropriate for improving an unemployed worker's chance of obtaining employment or of becoming a more effective employee when he returns to his occupation.

Members of the Council agreed unanimously that special courses should be given in mathematics, science and communication skills to make it possible for an unemployed worker to take further occupational training. It was noted that an unemployed worker often lacked this basic training and was thus unable to qualify for more specialized training courses.

Other recommendations adopted by the Council were that the development of subject material for these basic subjects should be co-ordinated by the Federal Government and that each provincial government should provide a special co-ordinator to ensure effective operation of training programmes for the unemployed and to ensure that these were co-ordinated with other provincial training programmes.

A report presented at the meeting stated that there were four times as many unemployed persons enrolled in classes during the past summer as during the previous summer. From April 1 to August 31, 1961, there were 3,165 enrollments. For the same period last year the number was 732. Based on reports from the provinces, there will be a substantial increase in training programmes for the unemployed during the coming winter.

### OTHER MATTERS

The meeting, which ended on November 10, also heard reports on a survey currently being conducted to determine the need for training in agriculture and related primary industries in Canada, on a study of

the need for effective training programmes for employed persons in industry, and on the need to increase vocational teacher-training programmes to meet requirements created by the expansion of training facilities in Canada.

Mr. Michael Starr, Minister of Labour told delegates that, to date, the Federal Government, which had agreed to pay 75 per cent of approved provincial expenditures for the construction of vocational schools and equipment until March 31, 1963, had approved the construction of 141 new technical institutes, trade schools and technical and vocational high schools across Canada.

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### CANADA-VENEZUELA RADIO PACT

The Secretary of State for External Affairs announced on November 20 that the Governments of Canada and Venezuela had agreed to enter into an exchange of notes in Caracas constituting an agreement between the two countries to allow the amateur radio stations of Canada and Venezuela to exchange messages or other communications from or to third parties, subject to the conditions set down in the exchange of notes. These conditions are that amateur stations shall not be paid any direct or indirect compensation, and that messages shall be of a technical or personal nature and only transmitted where recourse to the public telecommunications service is not justified.

Canadian radio amateurs are at present authorized to communicate with radio amateurs throughout the world in compliance with the International Radio Regulations of the International Telecommunications Union and with the Radio Act and Regulations of Canada, provided that communications are made in plain language and limited to messages of a technical nature. Radio amateurs generally are not permitted to use their stations for communications on behalf of third parties. However, the International Radio Regulations recognize that countries may conclude special agreements to permit amateurs of the countries concerned to exchange third-party communications. This will be the second agreement of this type to which Canada is signatory, the other being with the United States of America. The Canadian Government is at present negotiating similar agreements with a number of other countries.

The Venezuelan Foreign Minister, Dr. Falcon Briceno, and Mr. Green exchanged greetings in an inaugural hook-up of amateur radio stations, on November 22. Radio amateurs in Canada and Venezuela were able to tune in on this exchange of greetings on 14.175-14.200 megacycles. Dr. Falcon transmitted from station YV-5AJ of the Venezuelan Radio Club; Mr. Green transmitted from station VE3-ATU, operated by Captain S.T. Chisholm, a member of the Ottawa Amateur Radio Club. The Ambassador of Venezuela in Canada, Dr. Manuel R. Egana, exchanged greetings with the Canadian Chargé d'Affaires in Venezuela, A.D. Ross.