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During the year the Government welcomed to Canada the Crown Prince of Laos, the President of Indonesia, the President of Italy, and the Vice-President of Brazil. Amongst other distinguished visitors were the Prime Ministers of Australia, Ceylon, India, New Zealand and the United Kingdom, and the Deputy Prime Minister of Laos, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the United Kingdom, and the Ministers of External Affairs of Australia and New Zealand; Ministers of cabinet rank from thirteen countries; the retiring Supreme Allied Commander in Europe; and a large number of senior government officials and representatives of international organizations. Thus were afforded many opportunities of discussions on international questions of common concern, complementary to those conducted through regular diplomatic channels and in international organizations of which Canada is a member.

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**SASKATCHEWAN OUTLOOK:** Hon. C.M. Fines, Provincial Treasurer, forecast another good year for Saskatchewan during 1957 in his review of the Province's economic outlook in his thirteenth consecutive budget brought down in the legislature.

"Barring sharp deflationary forces from beyond our boundaries, and the still unpredictable hazards of nature, I think we can look forward to another good year for Saskatchewan," he said. "Our budget proposals for 1957-58 are thus keyed to the expectation of continuing economic expansion."

**GENERAL EXPANSION**

"Based on the encouraging experience of the past year, investment in resource development in the province should continue at a high rate. Oil and gas development are likely to expand further, and uranium output is expected to double in value."

Mr. Fines also cited the expansion of potash and coal industries, power and manufacturing, as well as prospects for a start on pulp and paper, as being further reasons for optimism for Saskatchewan.

"Enlargement of the service industries is particularly evident in the rapid growth of urban centres," he said. "Total investment should remain at very high levels, with expanded programmes of public construction offsetting some decline in such areas as housing."

Turning to the national scene, Mr. Fines said the picture looked reasonably bright, but suggested there was some concern that the current boom may have reached a turning point and that slackness in the economy might develop before year end. However, consumer prices and

producers' costs were still tending upward and investment intentions showed a further 5.7 percent rise over 1956. Inflationary pressures were still very strong in Canada, he indicated.

**LOWER FARM INCOME?**

Referring to the agricultural outlook for the coming year, Mr. Fines stated that with clouded wheat export prospects, somewhat lower levels of farm cash income may be in sight.

"We can hope that the momentum of current marketing conditions will prevent a serious decline, but unless the Federal government brings a new and more imaginative view to the problem of selling Canadian wheat in competitive world markets, exports may again turn downwards. Latest reports indicate that Canadian exports in the current crop year are not likely to show much improvement over the 1955-56 level of 308 million bushels."

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**B.C. SALMON IN JAPAN:** British Columbia sockeye salmon—about 98,000 of them—will soon be swimming in Lake Chuzenji in Japan.

The Department of Fisheries has been advised that a shipment of eyed sockeye salmon eggs had arrived safely at the Nikko national hatchery near Tokyo, where they will be retained until ready for planting.

The gift arose from meetings between Canadian and Japanese scientists working on fishery surveys in the North Pacific Ocean under the International North Pacific Fisheries Commission.

Japanese members had mentioned that stocks of Kokanee—a landlocked sockeye—in the lake were diminishing. The Canadians offered to send replenishments.

Eggs were procured from 75 sockeye spawners at Cultus Lake and brought to the eyed stage at the B.C. provincial hatchery before being sent to Japan.

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**BRIEF VISIT:** General Sir Charles Keightley, GCB, KBE, DSO, Commander of the Anglo-French land forces during the Suez operations, was in Canada yesterday and today. The United Kingdom General, who was accompanied by Lady Keightley, arrived yesterday by train at Montreal from the United States.

After meeting representatives of the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority, Gen. Keightley delivered a lecture today at the Canadian Army Staff College, Kingston, Ont., on strategic problems of the Middle East.

Before his visit to Canada he delivered a series of lectures in the United States under the Kermit Roosevelt Trust.

General and Lady Keightley embarked on the RMS Carinthia at Montreal today to return to the United Kingdom.