

which the whole of Nova Scotia was surveyed. The results will indicate potential land-use and assist in establishing an efficient land-use policy.

STATEMENT OF 1959-60 FINANCES

Mr. Donald M. Fleming, Minister of Finance, released on August 12 a statement of the final figures of the Government of Canada's budgetary revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year 1959-60 and of the Government's assets and liabilities and net debt position as at March 31, 1960.

The budget deficit amounted to \$413 million as compared with the forecast deficit of \$406 million given in the Budget Speech of March 31, 1960. Revenues for the fiscal year as finally determined were \$5,290 million, or \$11 million less than the preliminary figures of \$5,301 million given in the Budget Speech. Expenditures were \$5,703 million or \$4 million less than the budget forecast of \$5,707 million.

At March 31, 1960, the gross liabilities of the Government amounted to \$20,986 million, of which \$15,890 million consisted of un-matured bonds and treasury bills. As assets totalled \$8,897 million, the net debt of Canada amounted to \$12,089 million at the end of the fiscal year.

OIL POLLUTION PATROL

A new, high-speed motor boat is now in use on the St. Lawrence River to watch for ships dumping oil into the water, the Department of Transport has announced. The Department is responsible for enforcing the Canadian Oil Pollution Prevention Regulations.

The regulations forbid the dumping of oil or oily waste by ships within a 50-mile radius of Canadian shores. Ever since they were made under the Canada Shipping Act in 1957, the Department has patrolled those parts of the St. Lawrence River where traffic is heavy. In addition to river patrols, cards advising shipmasters of the regulations are distributed through shipping companies, shipping associations and ship pilots. Moreover, Department of Transport steamship inspectors visit shipping companies and masters of ships to explain the regulations and invite their co-operation in enforcing them.

Violation of the anti-pollution regulations is punishable with fines up to \$500 and/or imprisonment up to six months. Last autumn,

the first officer of a Liberian ship was fined \$250 in a British Columbia magistrate's court after he had allowed oil to be discharged into the harbour during the handling of fuel-oil lines.

Canada is a signatory to the 1954 International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil.

STATISTICIAN TO INDONESIA

The Department of External Affairs announced recently that Mr. John D. Howe, a research analyst with the Canadian National Railways, had accepted an assignment in Indonesia under the Colombo Plan. Mr. Howe left Canada on August 17. He expects to remain in Indonesia for at least 12 months.

During his assignment, Mr. Howe will advise the Government of Indonesia on the development of transportation statistics. He will also spend part of his time lecturing at the Indonesian Academy of Statistics in Djakarta, where he will join Miss Constance Cox, another Canadian statistician who has been at the academy under the auspices of the Colombo Plan since 1958.

STATISTICAL RESOURCES

The organization and development of statistical services has formed an important part of the development plans of the Government of Indonesia. In 1958, the Academy of Statistics was established by Prime Minister's decree. This Academy gives a three-year course leading to a bachelor's degree in statistics and its teachers are drawn from the Central Bureau of Statistics, the University of Indonesia, and include as well officials from the Ministries of Finance, Trade, etc. The present Director of the Academy spent a number of years in Ottawa on a Colombo Plan fellowship, studying at the University of Ottawa and working with the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Mr. Howe is a graduate of McGill University and Sir George Williams College and is a member of the Montreal Economics Association, the Montreal Chapter of the American Statistical Association, the American Economic Association of Northwestern University, Illinois, and the Regional Science Association of the University of Pennsylvania. For some months he worked as an economist for the Royal Commission on Canada's Economic Prospects and, since 1949, he has been employed by the Canadian National Railways in Montreal.