

abuses or from difficulties resulting from their employment in Canada during the harvesting season," added Mr. Andras.

Temporary workers from abroad require an employment visa when they arrive at a port of entry. Farmers employing foreign workers who are in Canada illegally will be subject to prosecution."

Children's car seats regulations

The Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs announced in May the promulgation of new regulations under the Hazardous Products Act, which strengthen safety standards for children's car seats and harnesses. The new requirements will be phased in over 18 months so that industry will have time to develop and market seats that meet the new standards.

Any seat manufactured after July 31, 1974 and any seat sold after October 31, 1974 regardless of when manufactured, must comply with the first stage of the new regulations. This stage is directed toward further reducing the likelihood of internal injuries and providing better protection under frontal crash conditions at the earliest possible date by reducing movement of the test body used in the static test from 12 inches to 6 inches.

Any seat sold after October 31, 1975 will be subject to additional standards required by the second stage of the new regulations. These include requirements based on tests to simulate crash conditions under frontal, rear and side impacts. A new rule is that seats must be labelled as complying with safety standards required by the Children's Car Seats and Harnesses Regulations, effective November 1, 1974.

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Indiana concrete canoe races

Two female civil engineering students helped University of Toronto engineers win an over-all first place in the international concrete canoe championships at Notre Dame University, Indiana, U.S. last month. Nora Stewart and Debbie Goodings came first of a fleet of ten. Departmental chairman Professor T. Cameron Kenney and Professor Kenneth Selby came first in the faculty race.

In the three races for male students, Vic Uzumeri and Greg Harrison secured a first; Bob Montjoy and Lawrie Simon gained a second and so did Jim Butler and Brett Charlton, despite a temperature of 103 degrees Fahrenheit. There were 29 schools competing in the event. The over-all first was computed on a points basis.

The U of T teams were using a concrete canoe, built at the university, which was reinforced with a fibrous material developed at the U of T and patented. Thanks to this special reinforcement, the weight of the canoe was kept down to 76 pounds, compared to 73 pounds for a good birch canoe and about 80 pounds for one made of fibreglass.

April labour force

Estimated employment moved up to 9.09 million in April from 9.06 million in March, on a seasonally-adjusted basis, while unemployment dropped to 508,000 from 514,000, giving an unemployment rate of 5.3 per cent, compared to 5.4 per cent in March. In April 1973, there were 8.7 million employed and 509,000 unemployed for a rate of 5.5 per cent.

The total work force was estimated at 9.59 million in April, up from 9.57 million in March. The participation rate, percentage of the population counted in the work force, edged up to 58.4 per cent from the level of 58.3 per cent maintained through February and March.

The adjusted employment level for male full-time workers declined slightly in April, down 3,000 from that of March, but there was a substantial increase of 22,000 in the level for full-time female workers.

Regionally, the adjusted unemployment rate decreased for the Atlantic

area, Ontario and the Prairies and rose slightly in Quebec and British Columbia. April rates, with March in brackets were: Atlantic 9.2 per cent (9.3 per cent); Quebec 7.4 per cent (7.3 per cent); Ontario 3.6 per cent (4.2 per cent); Prairies 2.9 per cent (3.0 per cent); British Columbia 5.7 per cent (5.5 per cent).

Without adjustment, there were an estimated 8.87 million employed and 568,000 unemployed in April, for an unemployment rate of 6.0 per cent. In March, there were 8.73 million employed and 599,000 unemployed for a rate of 6.4 per cent. In April 1973, there were 8.53 million employed and 570,000 unemployed for a rate of 6.3 per cent.

French official language of Quebec

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"Accordingly, it has never been Federal Government policy to impose the use of one or other of the official languages on anyone in Canada. On the contrary, it has left each person the free choice of which official language he or she wishes to use.

"With this in mind, the Government of Canada made available to all provinces, substantial financial assistance for the teaching of English in those parts of the country where English is a minority language, and French in those parts of the country where French is a minority language, and for the teaching of the two official languages, as second languages in all provinces of Canada.

"The Federal Government understands the concern of the Quebec authorities with the protection and promotion of French as a part of their over-all policy framework.

"The Government of Canada is studying in detail the contents of the Language Bill which has just recently been made public. It is pleased to note that Premier Bourassa has invited all Quebecers to make known their views on this proposed piece of legislation before proceeding any further on it, and that Mr. Bourassa has stated clearly that he is willing to receive any suggestions which will be made.

"Sensitive to the position of all minorities in this country, the Federal Government has confidence that the minority groups in Quebec will continue to enjoy the equitable and generous treatment that they have always enjoyed in that province."