

general area should also be made available on a liberal basis without attempting to maintain restrictive measures against competition. This policy would be put into effect immediately.

Mr. Hees pointed out, however, that this extension of policy applied to commercial air services in the non-scheduled charter and specialty fields and did not apply to licences to operate unit-toll or regular or scheduled routes. The whole concept of regular routes was a different one and required a different approach at this stage, and while the principle of competition where economic conditions warranted had been accepted in this field as well, the maintenance of a policy of regulated competition was essential in the field of regular route operations.

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FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Gross current revenue of municipalities in Canada's 10 provinces was placed at \$1,403,272,000 in 1957 compared to \$1,244,823,000 in 1956 and gross current expenditure at \$1,394,892,000 versus \$1,244,964,000, according to the Bureau's annual report "Financial Statistics of Municipal Governments - Revenue and Expenditure - Assets and Debt - Actual". Included for the first time are available data of municipalities in the Yukon Territory and Northwest Territories; together with reconciliation tables to show adjustments made by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics to revenue, expenditure and liabilities as reported by the Department of Municipal Affairs in most provinces.

Outstanding debenture debt in the 10 provinces has increased from \$2,644,718,000 in 1956 to \$2,992,065,000 at the end of 1957. Debentures which can be identified as payable in Canada only amounted to \$1,513,624,000 in 1957, and in New York only \$231,115,000 compared to \$1,354,921,000 and \$162,127,000, respectively, in 1956.

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TO REDUCE BISON HERD

The bison ("buffalo") herd at Elk Island National Park, Alberta, is to be reduced by 500 animals, Resources Minister Alvin Hamilton announced recently.

The reduction is in keeping with modern wildlife management practice whereby wildlife populations in the National Parks are kept at a level the range can support.

The carcasses are dressed at the Park's modern abattoir under the supervision of the Federal Department of Agriculture.

Fresh bison meat reaches the market through Burns and Company Limited, successful bidders following a public call for tenders.

The slaughter leaves about 800 bison in the Park, which also supports, elk, moose and deer.

NEW CANADIAN ICAO APPOINTMENT

Mr. J.R.K. Main, Director of Civil Aviation of the Department of Transport and one of the most widely-known officials in Canadian aviation, has been appointed Senior Canadian Representative on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) at Montreal. The appointment is effective January 1, 1960, and Mr. Main succeeds J.R. Belcher, formerly of the Air Transport Board.

Mr. Main's connection with ICAO dates back to its inception in 1944 when he attended the Chicago meeting which saw the formation of the Provisional International Civil Aviation Organization. At this meeting he was chairman of one of the important sub-committees. During the formative years of ICAO in Montreal, Mr. Main was seconded from the Department of Transport to organize the important ICAO Standing Committee on Airports and Ground Aids. As a senior official of the Air Services of the Department of Transport, Mr. Main has attended many of the meetings of ICAO Council.

In 1947 Mr. Main was appointed Executive Assistant to the Director of Air Services and played an important part in setting up the organization which led to the centralization of Air Services functions under regional officials at six centres throughout the country. He was among the first selected under the new regional system, being placed in charge of the Alberta and Northwest Territories region with headquarters at Edmonton. In 1950 he was brought back to Ottawa headquarters as Assistant Controller of Civil Aviation and, when that division was elevated to the status of a branch, was appointed Assistant Director and in 1958 Director. Mr. Main is an Associate Fellow of the Canadian Aeronautical Institute, a life member of the Ottawa Flying Club and an honorary member of the Calgary Flying Club.

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COLUMBIA RIVER PROBLEM

Prime Minister John G. Diefenbaker has announced that the Canadian Government looks forward to studying the report of the International Joint Commission's final draft of principles to be applied in co-operative development of the Columbia River when they are received by the Government.

"We hope it will soon be possible to move forward in negotiations with the United States towards a solution of the Columbia River problem," Mr. Diefenbaker said.

"I would not wish to discuss the particular principles which have been agreed in the International Joint Commission. These principles in their final form have not been received in Ottawa and any comment should be reserved until the Government has had an opportunity of studying the Commission's report."