

into by the Territorial and federal Governments covering Old Age Assistance and Blind Pensions. In relief, for other than Indians and Eskimos, the Territorial Government has assumed 80% of the burden within Local Administrative Districts and the whole of the burden elsewhere.

"As the need for health and welfare services has increased, so has the need for educational facilities. The Government gave substantial assistance to the building, and subsequent expansion, of the Yellowknife Public School, and is giving assistance to the Separate School. Finally, the Government has established since the end of the war four territorial schools, seven Indian schools, and eight schools intended primarily for Eskimos...."

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JUNIOR SCIENTISTS: The investigations of junior staff scientists will feature the Defence Research Board's fourth annual symposium to be held December 8 to 10 in Ottawa.

The annual conferences provide the Board's young researchers with a medium for presenting classified materiel to senior Canadian scientists associated with defence research. Because of security implications, the papers cannot be published in the scientific journals.

The symposia serve as well to familiarize members of the Armed Services and the Board's scientific staff with overall DRB activities and to provide opportunities for the exchange of scientific information. They are designed also to encourage the younger scientists by providing a means of disseminating the results of their research as widely as possible throughout scientific circles.

The papers to be presented will deal with the major fields of chemistry, physics, medicine and operational research. They will cover the activities of DRB establishment with stress on the detailed applications of science to military and defence problems.

Dr. O.M. Solandt, Chairman of the Defence Research Board, has extended invitations to the Board's advisory committees and research panels, members of the Armed Services, the National Research Council and other interested Canadian research organizations. Invited also are scientific representatives from the British Ministry of Supply and the Research and Development Board of the United States.

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AIR REVENUES RISE: Canadian air carriers, including their international services, continued to show considerably improved revenues in April, total for the month rising 34 per cent to a new peak of \$7,066,211 as compared with \$5,278,389 a year earlier. Operating expenses also were much higher this April, advancing 35 per cent to \$6,907,150, with the result that net operating revenues rose only slightly from \$151,918 to \$159,061.

FIGHTER WING FOR NATO: The RCAF's first post-war air base in Continental Europe, Grostenquin near Metz, France, will be the scene of a significant NATO ceremony on Saturday, December 13, it has been announced by National Defence Headquarters. At that time, in the presence of numerous dignitaries, No. 2 RCAF Fighter Wing will be formally transferred to the operational control of NATO.

When the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Brooke Claxton, hands over the three-squadron Wing to Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers Europe, he will officially initiate active RCAF participation in Continental European defence. This Wing consists of 416, 421 and 430 Fighter Squadrons, and is the first of four which will comprise the Canadian Air Division and which will all be located on the Continent.

Defence Minister Rene Pleven will represent France, the host nation, at the ceremony. Accepting the Wing will be General Alfred M. Gruenther, Chief of Staff of SHAPE.

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LIVING COST UP SLIGHTLY: The Dominion Bureau of Statistics consumer price index increased 0.1 per cent to 116.1 between October 1 and November 1 to mark the sixth month of a plateau during which the index has not moved more than 0.1 per cent. Only fractional changes were recorded by any of the group indexes between October 1 and November 1, with two advancing and three declining. Foods showed the largest change in advancing 0.5 per cent to 115.7. The clothing index declined 0.1 per cent to 109.8.

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\$100 BILLION IN CHEQUES: Value of cheques cashed rose six per cent in October, totalling \$11,279,136,000 as compared with \$10,618,514,000 in the same month last year. This brought the cumulative value for the first 10 months of the year to \$101,528,500,000, 11 per cent above last year's corresponding total of \$91,313,389,000.

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LEADING MINERALS: Crude petroleum, natural gas, and iron ore set new high production records in the first nine months of this year, while substantial gains over a year earlier were shown for silver, zinc, and cement. There were declines in output of copper, coal, gypsum, and lime.

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WHOLESALE PRICES DOWN: The general wholesale price index declined a further 0.5 per cent to 221.0 between September and October. With one exception (June, 1952) this marked the 15th consecutive month of lower levels for this index. Seven of the eight major groups moved down between September and October.