

per cent of the teachers were employed in cities of 100,000 population or over, while 41 per cent were in rural areas and centres of less than 1,000 population. Some 70 per cent of the teachers were women, of whom 39 per cent were married.

The median salary for all teachers increased \$186 during the year to an all-time high of \$2,840. The median salary for teachers of elementary grades was \$2,613 and for teachers of secondary grades \$4,191. Almost 10 per cent of the teaching staff in the nine provinces lacked qualifications which are generally considered to be a bare minimum. On the other hand, more than one-fifth of the teachers were university graduates.

Both the median experience and the median tenure for eight provinces (Quebec and Ontario excepted) increased 0.2 years to 7.8 years for experience and 2.4 years for tenure. These eight provinces lost 18.5 per cent of their staff at mid-summer 1954, not counting those teachers who moved from one province to teach in another. The average staff turnover was 32.5 per cent.

The median enrolment for all schools remained unchanged at 30 pupils per class. The median enrolment for elementary classes was 31, and that for secondary classes 28. Classes vary all the way from less than five in some one-room rural schools to a few classes of over 80 in one of the cities.

There were considerable variations between provinces and between types of community in salaries, qualifications, experience, tenure, turnover and median enrolment per class.

TROPHIES FOR RCN

Four silver trophies from former Royal Navy ships bearing the name Bonaventure and brought to Canada for the aircraft carrier HMCS Bonaventure by Britain's First Sea Lord, Admiral-of-the-Fleet, the Earl Mountbatten of Burma, were presented by him when he was in Ottawa to Vice-Admiral H.G. DeWolf, Chief of the Naval Staff.

The silver will remain in the care of the RCN as it has a warship with the name Bonaventure. The trophies include a rose-bowl, a sugar dredger, a twin-handled tankard and a glass and silver cigar lighter.

They were trophies originally presented before the First World War to HMCS Bonaventure, a submarine depot ship, which began her naval career as a second class protected cruiser, launched in 1892 and sold out of service in 1920, after First World War service as a submarine depot ship. She was based on Esquimalt, B.C., with the Royal Navy in 1905.

The name Bonaventure is an honored one among British fighting ships and goes back to the

days of Edward IV. Although the name appears many times in British maritime history, there are only seven official naval antecedents of the present Bonaventure.

HOCKEY TEAM TO MOSCOW

Kelowna Packers, of British Columbia, runners-up in the Allan Cup Championship final last spring, will be the first Canadian team ever to visit the U.S.S.R. They will play five exhibition games in Moscow on November 16, 19, 21 and 23, following matches in Stockholm, Sweden, on November 9, 11 and 12.

The games will be played on artificial ice in Moscow's Palace of Sports, which has a seating capacity of between 14,000 and 15,000.

The Canadians will meet players with whom they have battled, both in international competitions, and last winter, during an eight-game Russian tour of Eastern Canada. The Russian teams will be drawn from their "A" league, the top one in the country. It is likely that as many Soviet players as possible will be given the opportunity to gain experience against the country which has dominated the international hockey picture for years.

NAVAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

The Royal Canadian Navy's new Naval Technical School at Esquimalt, B.C., was opened officially by Mr. George R. Pearkes, VC, Minister of National Defence, on October 18.

The purpose of the school is to provide naval technical personnel with the finest possible training from basic to advanced level. Completely modern in design and facilities, it will serve as a primary source of highly-skilled personnel required to operate and maintain the increasing amount of technical equipment being developed for the ships of the fleet.

VITAL STATISTICS

Birth registrations increased more than 12 per cent in September to 41,622 from 37,138 in the corresponding month last year. This substantial increase more than offset earlier declines this year and January-September registrations rose slightly to 358,438 from 357,816 in the like 1957 period. Marriages rose in September to 14,826 from 14,560 a year earlier and in the January-September period to 98,660 from 98,509. Number of deaths rose in September to 10,908 from 10,792, but nine-month registrations fell to 100,102 from 101,169.