

### RECORD FARM INCOME

Cash returns to Canadian farmers from the sale of farm products were estimated at a record of \$1.3 billion in the first six months of this year, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports. This was about 9 per cent higher than the estimate of \$1.2 billion for the like 1957 period. The increase in farm income compared with a year earlier can be attributed in the main to the sale of live stock and animal products; returns from field crops were slightly lower.

All of the provincial estimates for the first half of the year were higher than a year earlier. Increases for the majority of provinces approximated the national average of 9 per cent. The major exception was Prince Edward Island where an increase of 25 per cent was recorded as a result of significant increases in returns from sales of cattle, calves and potatoes.

Income from the sale of live stock and animal products was estimated at \$807 million in this year first half, up about 16 per cent from the estimate of \$697 million a year earlier. About half of this increase accrued to Prairie farmers with the result that income from the sale of live stock and animal products was about 27 per cent higher in the Prairies. Elsewhere, income from live stock and animal products was about one-tenth higher.

Income from each of the commodities in the live stock and animal products group was higher in the first half of the year than during the corresponding period of 1957. This can be attributed in the main to the combined effects of larger marketings and higher prices. The two exceptions were hogs and lambs; hog prices were, on the average, slightly lower in the first half of 1958 than in the like period of 1957 and lamb marketings were smaller. These declines were not sufficient to offset the effects of higher marketings in the case of hogs and the higher prices in the case of lambs.

Returns from the sale of field crops in the half-year period were \$424,497,000, slightly smaller than last year's \$431,541,000. This decline can be attributed in the main to three factors: smaller participation payments by the Canadian Wheat Board on wheat; substantial repayments of cash advances made under the Prairie Grain Advance Payments Act, particularly during the second quarter of this year; and a significant drop in flax marketings. Partially offsetting these declines were higher returns from the sales of wheat, barley, rye and potatoes. While prices received for these crops were, on the average, about the same as a year earlier, marketings were generally higher. Returns from the sale of field crops in this year's first half were higher than a year ago in all provinces except Saskatchewan and Alberta, with the largest

relative increases recorded in Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick.

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### DIPLOMATIC CHANGES

The Secretary of State for External Affairs announced September 15 the following appointments, transfers and retirements to take place shortly in the Canadian Diplomatic Service:

Mr. Norman A. Robertson, at present Ambassador to the United States of America, has been appointed Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, to succeed Mr. Jules Léger who has been appointed Permanent Representative to the North Atlantic Council and the Office of European Economic Co-operation. Mr. Léger succeeds Mr. L. Dana Wilgress who is retiring from the Canadian Diplomatic Service. The appointment of Mr. Robertson's successor will be announced later.

Mr. Thomas Archibald Stone, at present Ambassador to the Netherlands, has been appointed Ambassador to Mexico to succeed Mr. D.S. Cole whose retirement was announced earlier.

Mr. Charles Pierre Hébert, at present Ambassador to Belgium and concurrently Minister to Luxembourg, has been appointed Ambassador to the Netherlands to succeed Mr. Stone. The appointment of Mr. Hébert's successor will be announced later.

Mr. George Ignatieff, at present Ambassador to Yugoslavia, has been appointed Deputy High Commissioner in London to succeed Mr. Sydney David Pierce, whose next posting will be announced later. The appointment of Mr. Ignatieff's successor also will be announced later.

Mr. John Clark Watkins, at present Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, has been appointed Ambassador to Denmark to replace Mr. H.F. Feaver whose appointment as Chief of Protocol was announced earlier.

Mr. Arnold Cantwell Smith, at present Minister in the Office of the High Commissioner for Canada to the United Kingdom, has been appointed Ambassador to the United Arab Republic, to succeed Mr. R.M. MacDonnell, whose appointment as Deputy Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs was announced earlier.

Mr. Paul André Beaulieu, Q.C., at present Chargé d'Affaires A.I. in Beirut, has been appointed Ambassador to Lebanon. Mr. Beaulieu will succeed Mr. R.M. MacDonnell, who was Canadian Minister to Lebanon as well as Ambassador to the United Arab Republic.

Mr. Stuart Davidson Hemsley, at present Head of the Inspection Service of the Department of External Affairs, has been appointed Consul-General in Boston, to succeed Mr. Alexandre J. Boudreau, whose retirement was announced earlier.

Mr. John Price Erichsen-Brown, at present Chargé d'Affaires in Warsaw, has been appointed Canadian Commissioner to the International Supervisory Commission for Vietnam to succeed