

WHEAT TO INDIA

At the request of the Government of India, Canada will provide some 15 million bushels of wheat valued at \$30 million to that country. The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Mitchell Sharp, who made the announcement, said that the wheat would start moving through Canadian ports shortly.

The shipment is intended to see India through a crucial period when its stocks of food grains are at a low level. Although the Indian grain harvest this year was very good, the unprecedented drought of the two previous years had depleted the country's reserves. The Canadian wheat is intended to help India build up its grain stocks to the level necessary to maintain full food-price stability and the effective distribution of foodstuffs.

STAMP HONOURS VINCENT MASSEY

Canada's first native-born Governor General, the late Vincent Massey, will be commemorated on a 6-cent stamp to be released by the Canada Post Office in February.

An engraved portrait, printed in dark brown, appears in the upper half of the vertical 24 mm. x 40 mm. stamp, while in a lower area, printed by lithography with dark-brown lettering on an olive-green background, "Vincent Massey" and the years of his birth and death "1887-1967" are arranged on two lines. "Governor General" is printed on two lines to the left, and "Gouverneur Général" to the right, under which are shown the years "1952-1959", indicating Governor-General Massey's lengthy term of office. A dark-brown denominative "6" to the upper right of the portrait and "Canada", in white on a dark-brown box at the base, complete the design.

Born in Toronto, in 1887, Mr. Massey became the Governor General in 1952; the distinction with which he acquitted himself resulted in an extension of the customary five-year term to just over seven years, the longest of any person in such a capacity. He died on December 30, 1967.

WAR ON SMOKING TO ESCALATE

Health and Welfare Minister John Munro recently presented his Department's suggestions for legislation dealing with the health hazard of cigarette-smoking to the Commons Health Committee. The time had come, he said, to augment and strengthen the educational programme that had been in operation for the past five years. Six private Members' bills on the same subject have also been referred to the Committee for examination.

Among the proposals put forward by the Department of National Health and Welfare for potential legislative action were:

A ban on all cigarette advertising and promotion, and also on the promotion of cigarette-smoking in the advertising of other products.

The elimination of all coupon and premium schemes for encouraging the smoking of cigarettes.

A printed statement on all cigarette packages and cartons, which would warn smokers and potential smokers of the dangers of smoking and indicate less hazardous ways to use the product.

A maximum level of tar and nicotine content to be set for cigarettes to reduce the hazard to continuing smokers.

The requirement that all cigarette-sales outlets adequately display the listing of the tar-nicotine content of the cigarettes on sale.

In addition to his statement, Mr. Munro tabled a report prepared by his Department for study by the Committee. The report, which examines the health problem and reviews the research and educational action already taken, elaborates on the rationale behind the conviction that regulatory measures have become a necessity in the increasingly serious health problem. Copies of the report will be available from the Department of National Health and Welfare to health organizations, tobacco companies and other groups.

ALCAN FILM PRIZES

Explore! Expo 67, a colour film produced by Crawley Films Ltd., for the Aluminum Company of Canada Ltd., has received two awards. Early in October, *Explore! Expo 67* was named winner of the Canadian Tourist Association Canuk Award as the best 35-mm. Canadian travel film of 1967-68, and, in mid-November, it won a diploma of merit at the Edinburgh Film Festival.

ILO PLANS GOLDEN JUBILEE

After hearing proposals by the Department of Labour for the celebration next year of the fiftieth birthday of the International Labour Organization, the anniversary co-ordinator, Kalman Kaplansky, said that the Canadian programme planned for the anniversary was one of the best in the world.

George V. Haythorne, Deputy Minister of Labour, announced the federal department's plans at a special tripartite planning meeting that was attended by senior management and union officials and provincial deputy ministers of labour, which was one of the most representative gatherings ever convened by the Canada Department of Labour.

The federal department had called the meeting to consider ways of recognizing the 50 years that Canada has been a part of the International Labour Organization.

CANADIAN PROGRAMME

The tripartite planning committee considered celebrating Canada's involvement in the ILO with a commemorative stamp; special articles in union, management and trade publications; radio and television shows; educational kits; major exhibitions and travelling displays. All ideas were strongly endorsed by the members.