

Fisheries, Mr. H.J. Robichaud, who also addressed the assembly. To mark the occasion Mr. Pickersgill pressed a switch that activated the flashing lights of two buoys installed in front of the administration building.

The Coast Guard College, which is operated by the Department of Transport, provides training for future officers of the Canadian Coast Guard. The first class began in September 1965, and the official opening was scheduled to coincide with the end of the first academic year and the beginning of the second.

AWARDS PRESENTED

Trophies were awarded to cadets whose scholastic standing and general deportment were most outstanding during the past year. The Stead Trophy, which will be awarded each year to the first-year student rated highest in all-round performance, was presented to Chief Cadet Capt. David George Parkes of Quebec.

The Brand Trophy, also to be presented yearly to the better of the College's two divisions, Cartier and Macdonald, was won by the Macdonald Division.

The college, situated on the former Point Edward naval base in Sydney, now has 77 cadets, 28 of whom are starting their second year of the four-year training period. On successful completion of their courses, they will enter the Coast Guard as either navigation or engineroom officers.

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DECLINE IN LABOUR FORCE

The labour force in Canada declined by 289,000 to 7,516,000 in August and September. The decrease was about normal for the period as students left the labour force to return to school. Total employment, at 7,311,000 in September, showed a seasonal decrease of 266,000 from August. Unemployment dropped by 23,000 during the month to 205,000.

In August and September, the decrease in employment of persons 14 to 24 years of age amounted to 355,000. This decline was partly offset by a gain of 89,000 among persons 25 years of age and over; most of the increase was among women.

The labour force in September was 357,000, or 5.0 per cent higher than the figure a year earlier. Employment was up 328,000, or 4.7 per cent, over the year. Unemployment was 29,000 higher than last year's total.

EMPLOYMENT

About five-sixths of the 266,000 decline in employment during August and September was in non-farm industries. The largest decreases occurred in manufacturing, construction and trade. The decline of 49,000 in construction employment was in contrast

with recent seasonal patterns which show little or no change during this period. In all other industries, the changes during the month were about normal for this period.

Compared to last year's figure, non-farm employment was up 350,000, or 5.5 per cent. The largest gains were in community, business and personal service and in manufacturing; there were also substantial increases in trade and construction. Farm employment, at 603,000, was 22,000 lower than that recorded a year earlier.

Employment was noticeably higher this year in all regions. The gains ranged from 2.8 per cent in the Atlantic region to 7.4 per cent in British Columbia.

UNEMPLOYMENT

Unemployment declined by 23,000 to 205,000 between August and September. The decrease was about normal for the period, and was associated in part with the reopening of schools. Compared to last September's figure, unemployment was higher by 29,000. The increase was concentrated among persons 14 to 24 years of age.

About four-fifths, or 162,000, of the total number of unemployed had been out of work for three months or less. Some 21,000 had been seeking work from four to six months and 22,000 for seven months or more.

Unemployment in September represented 2.7 per cent of the labour force, compared to 2.5 per cent in September 1965, and 3.1 per cent in September 1964. Seasonally adjusted, the September 1966 unemployment rate was 4.0 per cent.

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POSTMEN TO BITE BACK

Letter carriers in the Vancouver area will soon be equipped with an animal-repellent spray to discourage ill-tempered dogs.

In making the announcement recently, Postmaster-General Jean-Pierre Coté said that in 1965 there had been 579 incidents of dog-biting, which had resulted in the loss of 353 man-days. In the past, the policy of the Canada Post Office has been either to ask the public, where there was a risk of dogs attacking letter-carriers, to control their pets or to discontinue the mail-delivery service. Mr. Coté said that statistics pointed up the inadequacy of this policy and showed the need for other methods to be tried.

NO HARMFUL EFFECTS

Mr. Coté said that the repellent, derived from the pepper plant, produced no lasting harmful effect on dogs or humans. It is contained in a pressurized spray. When used, it leaves a yellowish colour on the hair of the dog, which can be removed by washing. The colour can also be easily removed from clothing.

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