

DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION BRANCH: C. E. S. Smith, of Ottawa, has been appointed Director of the Immigration Branch, Department of Citizenship and Immigration, it was announced on September 11, by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Mr. Harris:

Mr. Smith has had twenty-five years' experience in the Immigration Service. He has been Acting Director of Immigration since February of this year following the appointment of the former Director, A.L. Jolliffe, as Special Adviser on Immigration to the Deputy Minister.

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SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS: Sales and purchases of outstanding securities between Canada and other countries in June amounted to \$65,800,000, showing an increase of \$15,800,000 over the preceding month, but a decline of \$13,400,000 from the June, 1949 total. Transactions in the first six months of this year aggregated \$288,800,000 as against \$236,000,000 in the like period of 1949.

Sales to all countries in June totalled \$34,400,000 as compared with \$25,900,000 in May, and \$36,700,000 a year ago, while purchases in the month amounted to \$31,400,000 as against \$24,100,000 in May, and \$42,500,000 a year earlier. In the half year, sales aggregated \$149,000,000 as against \$117,100,000 last year, and purchases totalled \$139,800,000 compared with \$118,900,000.

Sales to the United States in June were valued at \$33,500,000 as against \$24,600,000 in May and \$36,200,000 in June last year, and the purchases totalled \$27,100,000 compared with \$21,100,000 in May, and \$41,400,000 last year. In the six-month period, sales to the United States aggregated \$142,100,000 compared with \$113,200,000, and purchases totalled \$122,200,000 compared with \$114,700,000.

June sales to the United Kingdom stood at \$200,000 against \$400,000 in May and \$300,000 last year, and the purchases totalled \$3,900,000 against \$2,400,000 in May, and \$700,000 in June last year. In the six months, sales to the United Kingdom were \$2,400,000 compared with \$1,300,000, and purchases totalled \$15,100,000 against \$2,100,000.

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LIVING COSTS CONTINUE RISE: Composite city cost-of-living indexes for eight centres continued upward during July. Higher food prices were again mainly responsible, notably meats, eggs, sugar and coffee. Among other groups higher telephone rates for Ontario and Quebec were reflected in advances for the homefurnishings and services index for Toronto and Montreal. Fuel and light moved up in Toronto also, due to increases in coke. Clothing prices were higher in Halifax, Saint John, Toronto and Edmonton, while other groups were generally unchanged.

Composite city index increases between July 3 and August 1 were as follows: Edmonton, 1.6 to 165.0; Winnipeg, 1.2 to 163.1; Saint John, 0.9 to 164.9; Saskatoon, 0.8 to 167.2; Montreal, 0.7 to 172.3; Vancouver, 0.6 to 169.6; Halifax, 0.4 to 158.9; and Toronto, 0.2 to 164.4. In the same interval the all-Canada index rose 1.0 to 167.2.

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EMPLOYMENT, WAGES HIGHER: Employment in the principal non-agricultural industries at the first of July showed a considerable seasonal increase, the general trend being favourable in all provinces and in most manufacturing and non-manufacturing divisions. On the whole, the expansion was about equal in extent to the average for July since 1920 although it was greater than in earlier years since 1942.

Based on returns received by the Bureau from over 21,000 leading establishments, the index number of employment reached a new peak for July 1 at 201.9 as compared with 196.4 a month earlier and 199.5 at July 1, 1949. The increase over June of 2.8 per cent in industrial employment was accompanied by a rise of 4.1 per cent to an all-time peak in weekly payrolls, exceeding the July 1, 1949 figure by 6.5 per cent.

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WHEAT STOCKS: Stocks of Canadian wheat in store or in transit in North America at midnight on August 24 totalled 87,556,400 bushels as compared with 89,146,000 a week earlier and 70,667,400 on the corresponding date last year. Deliveries of wheat from farms in the Prairie Provinces during the week amounted to 884,600 bushels, sharply below last year's corresponding total of 19,757,200 bushels. Cumulative total for the first 24 days of the new crop year aggregated 2,015,300 bushels as against 31,675,400 in the similar period of the preceding crop year.

Overseas export clearances of wheat during the week ending August 24 amounted to 1,183,000 bushels compared with 4,019,800 in the corresponding week last year, bringing the cumulative total for the crop year to date to 8,793,200 bushels against 13,710,000 in the similar period of 1949.

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COARSE GRAINS OUTLOOK: Canadian supplies of coarse grains in the current crop year will be well above last year's levels, but another light fodder crop is in sight for most of the country, states the Bureau of Statistics in its quarterly coarse grains review.

The first estimate of production released by the Bureau on August 15 placed the probable outturn of oats at 433,000,000 bushels, 115,000,000 bushels greater than in 1949, and the new barley crop was forecast at 184,000,000 bushels, up 64,000,000 from last year. Rye