

### NAVAL INVENTOR REWARDED

A minesweeping invention submitted by a civilian has resulted in the largest cash award so far under the Public Servants Inventions Act to a Navy employee.

Arthur Mansfield of Ottawa, who is on the staff of the Electrical Engineer in Chief at Naval Headquarters, has won an award of \$2,911.

While the invention is classified, it has resulted in increasing the Navy's ability to deal with mines and has effected a financial saving to the Department of National Defence.

Mr. Mansfield was born in England and has lived in Canada 36 years. He was employed in Windsor and Toronto before entering the RCNVR at Windsor in 1940. On his release from the Navy in 1946, Mr. Mansfield served as a naval overseer at Halifax, and in 1948 was transferred to Naval Headquarters.

Mr. Mansfield's invention was processed by the Inter-Service Committee on Inventions.

The Public Servants Inventions Act was passed by Parliament to safeguard Crown interests in the inventions of employees and at the same time provide for compensation to the inventor for any loss of rights. Regulations set out under this act were brought into force in May, 1955.

To qualify under this act, an invention must come within the terms of the Patent Act. Ideas and suggestions which do not qualify are considered by a Suggestion Award Board for cash awards.

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### FEDERAL EMPLOYEES IN OTTAWA

Federal Government departments and departmental corporations employed 44,383 persons in the metropolitan Ottawa area at March 31, 1960, according to a special tabulation released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. These employees had estimated regular earnings of \$15,147,000 for March. Similar detail is not available for the Federal Government's agency and proprietary corporations and other agencies.

The Bureau's regular monthly report on Federal Government employment for March 1960 showed that departments and departmental corporations had a total of 194,244 employees with regular earnings amounting to \$59,047,333 for the month. Staff located in metropolitan Ottawa thus represented 22.8 per cent of the total employees and received 25.7 per cent of the total regular earnings paid in March.

The metropolitan Ottawa total may be subdivided as follows: salaried employees numbered 40,060 with estimated earnings of \$14,040,000; prevailing rate employees numbered 3,137 with estimated earnings of \$782,000; ships' officers and crews numbered 15 with estimated earnings of \$4,000; and casual and other employees numbered 1,171 with estimated earnings of \$357,000.

### U.S. EDITORS TOUR ONTARIO

The annual U.S. Editors' Goodwill Tour, an Ontario travel promotion venture, was held during the month of June. Thirty U.S. newspaper editors, representatives of a corresponding number of State Press Associations, were guests of the Ontario Department of Travel and Publicity for 12 days and were taken on a 2,500-mile tour through the province.

This event has always proved very popular, not only with U.S. editors but with communities visited, and has resulted in establishing strong ties of friendship between Ontario and the American press.

This year's tour started at Fort Frances and ended at Niagara Falls. In between, the 30 touring newspaper-men were taken to Sioux Narrows, Kenora, Fort William, Port Arthur, Sault Ste. Marie, Elliot Lake, Sudbury, North Bay, Ottawa, Peterborough, Mount Julian, Roseneath, Toronto and Oakville.

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### MUNICIPAL FINANCE

The classification of municipal accounts, as approved by Dominion-Provincial Conferences on Municipal Statistics, is brought up-to-date in the third English edition of the Municipal Finance Reporting Manual recently released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. A French edition is being prepared.

The Manual starts out by explaining the various funds, statements and schedules and elaborates on individual items in considerable detail. In it are incorporated the changes recommended by the latest Conference. New features of major importance are introduced, namely, separate and complete reporting of the capital transactions in each of the funds of a municipality and combined current and combined capital balance sheets.

The sections dealing with municipal accounting terminology and with the reporting of assessment, area, population and road and street information have also been substantially revised.

The classifications set out in the previous editions of the Manual have been adopted by provincial departments as a basis for the official audit, for statistical reports completed by municipal corporations and for departmental statistical reports. This revision is recommended for such use. To facilitate proper classification of accounts, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, through and in co-operation with the provincial departments, will distribute to each municipal treasurer and municipal auditor one copy of the Municipal Finance Reporting Manual.

Priced at \$3.00 each, copies of this 340-page manual can be obtained from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics or the Queen's Printer, Ottawa.