

ALBERTA MOST "MOBILE": Alberta outranked Ontario as Canada's most mobile province for the fourth straight time last year with 10 motor vehicles for every 33 citizens, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics disclosed in its annual publication *The Motor Vehicle*. Ontario, in top spot until 1949, had 10 for every 37 persons.

The province with the highest proportion of farm dwellers among its rural residents (over 69 per cent), Alberta's edge was in trucks and tractors. Ontario still led in the passenger car field with 10 for every 47 citizens, Alberta and British Columbia tying for second place with 10 for every 51.

Newfoundland still had the fewest motor vehicles per capita in 1952--10 for every 158 persons. There were 10 motor vehicles for every 180 Newfoundlanders in 1951, for every 214 in 1950, for every 257 in 1949. The same rapid change was evident for passenger cars alone--10 for every 235 in 1952, for every 268 in 1951, for every 322 in 1950, for every 399 in 1949.

As to the other provinces, in 1952 there were 10 motor vehicles for every 36 persons in Saskatchewan, for every 37 in British Columbia, for every 42 in Manitoba, for every 55 in Prince Edward Island, for every 57 in Nova Scotia, for every 59 in New Brunswick, and for every 73 in Quebec. The Yukon and Northwest Territories had 10 motor vehicles for every 61 residents.

During the year the population per motor vehicle decreased in all parts of the country, total registrations increasing by 10 per cent to a record 3,155,824 from 2,872,420 in 1951. There were more of all kinds of vehicles in use except motor cycles.

To further add to the use of Canadian highways last year, the number of U.S. motor vehicles entering Canada increased by 328,520 or more than four per cent to 7,875,154.

"Taxable gasoline consumption rose by one-eighth to 1,718,000,000 gallons from 1,529,000,000 in 1951 (total sales were up to 2,344,000,000 from 2,050,000,000 gallons), and tax revenues increased by over 10 per cent to \$196,885,566 from \$178,505,307.

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226 DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES: As in 1951, production of railway locomotives in Canada was confined to the diesel-electric type last year, 226 of these being manufactured as compared with 267 in 1951. In 1950 there were 48 steam locomotives and 98 diesel-electric locomotives fabricated in this country. This information is contained in the Bureau's annual report on the railway rolling stock industry for 1952, which shows a drop of one to 36 plants in the industry last year, an eight per cent gain in employees to 36,084, and a 15 per cent rise in payroll to \$108,318,766 (over the hundred-million-dollar mark for the first time).

FOOD FOR KOREA: The Department of External Affairs announced on December 7 that the Canadian Government has contributed 1,000 tons of Canadian salted cod valued at \$300,000 to the United Nations Emergency Relief Programme in Korea.

The Korean Government places a high priority on food imports both to provide food for the Korean people and as a counter inflationary measure and the United Nations Command has indicated that it would welcome a donation of Canadian salted cod fish for Korean relief.

The Emergency Relief Programme was inaugurated by the United Nations Command shortly after the outbreak of hostilities in Korea. Its aim is to provide immediate relief to the Korean people in the form of food, clothing, medicine, etc. Thirty-six countries are participating in this programme.

This programme is in addition to the long-range reconstruction programme carried out by the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency in which Canada, together with 33 other countries, participates and towards which the Canadian Government has pledged and paid \$7,250,000.

The salted cod will be shipped to Korea from Halifax and it is expected that the final shipment will have been made by the end of the year.

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STORE SALES DOWN: Department store sales in October were estimated at \$97,267,000 down 1.7 per cent from a year earlier, but 11.5 per cent above September's estimated value, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Selling value of stocks on hand at the end of September amounted to \$249,642,000, 19.4 per cent above the value of department store inventories held at the same time last year.

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WHEAT SUPPLIES: Visible supplies of Canadian wheat on November 18 this year rose to 336,667,000 bushels from 331,278,000 a week earlier and 244,699,000 a year ago, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Deliveries of wheat from farms in the Prairie Provinces during the week were 10,222,000 bushels, up from the preceding week's 8,575,000 bushels, but down from 12,310,000 a year ago.

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CANADA-U. S. DISCUSSIONS: The Government of Canada and the United States have agreed to hold informal discussions on aviation matters of current concern to the two Governments. The meeting will take place in Washington on December 14 and 15. Mr. John R. Baldwin, Chairman of the Canadian Air Transport Board, will be the principal representative of Canada while Mr. Oswald Ryan, Chairman of the United States Civil Aeronautics Board, will lead the discussions for the United States.