

WARM GREETINGS FOR RCAF: Congratulatory messages from Chiefs of the Air Staff of the Royal Air Force, the Commonwealth Air Forces and the Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force have been received by Air Marshal W.A. Curtis, CB, CBE, DSO, ED, Chief of the Air Staff of the RCAF, on the occasion of Air Force Day, it was announced in Ottawa.

Marshal of the Royal Air Force, the Lord Tedder, GCB, states, "June 12 is Royal Canadian Air Force Day and I extend to you warmest congratulations and heartfelt good wishes of the Royal Air Force. In our daily work we are continually reminded of the great achievements of our Canadian comrades, but it is most fitting that a special day should be set aside upon which we are able to recall the splendid record of the Royal Canadian Air Force and in particular the distinguished and gallant part they played in the struggle which less than three years ago ended in a common cause. The good wishes of the Royal Air Force are with you in peace as in war for the future as always in the past."

GREETINGS FROM U. S.

General Hoyt S. Vandenburg, Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force says, "I am most happy to extend my personal greetings and the best wishes of the United States Air Force to the Royal Canadian Air Force on the occasion of its second annual Air Force Day.

"The unity of purpose and the spirit of friendly co-operation which have prevailed throughout the course of our close association have contributed substantially to the accomplishment of our mission, in peace and war, and it is my sincere hope that this fellowship between our organizations will continue unabated in the future."

From Australia Air Marshal George Jones sent the following message: "In commemorating Air Force Day, 1948, the RCAF can recall with justifiable pride the magnificent part it played during the recent world conflict.

"The RAAF particularly remembers the excellent co-operation experienced as partners in the Empire Air Training Scheme, in training Australian aircrew and the hospitality afforded them during their stay with you.

"This close association that still exists between our two Air Forces will prove of inestimable value should we ever again be called upon to defend ourselves against aggression.

"On behalf of the RAAF I send the RCAF best wishes for Air Force Day and every success in the future."

SEVEN NEW INDUSTRIES: At least seven new industries have been brought to Canada as a direct result of the Canadian International Trade Fair. Businessmen from Sweden, Norway, Greece, Belgium, Holland, France and Great Britain plan to manufacture a selection of goods ranging from carbon paper to steel scaffolding as soon as conditions will permit.

Representatives of interested firms are being given every assistance in choosing possible manufacturing sites, and all available statistics and information has been placed at their disposal.

Quite apart from the birth of new industries in Canada as a result of the Canadian International Trade Fair, many established industries have been given the opportunity to make rapid strides in their development. Mr. W.H. Austill, President of Paper Converters Limited of Oakville said that he has already booked a year's production in his plant as a result of a week's participation in the Fair. Mr. Austill's company is displaying a new type of printing press which employs rubber instead of lead plates.

1949 ICAO AT MONTREAL: By unanimous agreement the 1949 Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization will be held in Montreal, it was announced from Geneva. In order to ease the heavy burden such meetings cause the Organization and members the agenda of this next Assembly will be limited to administrative and financial matters and urgent questions demanding immediate consideration. The next full assembly will be held in 1950.

The Second Assembly also unanimously approved the Austrian and Finnish applications for membership in ICAO. Conforming to the ICAO Constitution, the Finnish application must still be referred to the General Assembly which has already approved Austria. Sir Frederick Tymms, moving for the Austrian election said "The delegation from the United Kingdom welcomes the opportunity for moving that Austria be admitted to participate in the work of the Organization. Her admission is in accordance with our policy of encouraging the widest possible membership in ICAO. The collective experience of ICAO will in turn be of the greatest use to Austria in setting the pattern for the development of the civil aviation of that country."

Mr. Russel B. Adams, of the United States, moving for the Finnish election said "the continued strength and growing effectiveness of ICAO depends in part upon the inclusion of membership of all states of the world which in spirit and action have demonstrated interest in the orderly development of international civil air transport as an instrument of peaceful commerce. The Republic of Finland is such a State. The democratic principles upon which this Organization is founded have long been principles upon which the Government of Finland rests. The United States considers it a privilege to urge this Assembly to take the necessary action to admit Finland."

ICAO presently includes 48 members. The Ceylon membership becomes effective July 1; that of Austria within 30 days.

BUFFALO FOR LONDON: Two young buffalo bulls requested by the Zoological Society of London, England, are on their way from Elk Island National Park, Alberta, to the Whipsnade Zoo. They were loaded on the S.S. Hillcrest Park, at Montreal on June 3rd. A park warden accompanied the animals to the seaport and he advised a member of the ship's crew regarding feeding and care on the ocean voyage. The animals have been "gentled" for several weeks by corral feeding. Their diet on the journey will be hay and oats and, of course, plenty of water and salt. These animals come from one of the finest herds on the North American continent. There are now some 1200 buffalo at Elk Island National Park and recent medical tests indicate that they are in excellent health. The park was enlarged by approximately one-third last year to provide additional grazing land for the buffalo. It now covers more than 75 square miles and contains, in addition to buffalo, several hundred other animals, including elk, moose, and deer.

HIS MAJESTY HONOURS CHAPLAINS: His Majesty the King has granted the title "Royal" to the Canadian Army Chaplain Corps, which in future will be known as the "Royal Canadian Army Chaplain Corps", Army Headquarters announced June 11.

During World War II, the chaplains of the Canadian Army greatly enhanced their traditional record of unstinted service and gallantry and their corps has been honoured accordingly. Of 771 chaplains who served in the recent conflict, there were 12 fatal casualties and some 130 others who were awarded decorations, including one Victoria Cross and one Distinguished Service Order.

The Canadian chaplain who won the British Empire's highest award for valor is Honorary Major John Weir Foote, VC.

Major Foote, 44, a native of Madoc, Ont., and resident of Port Hope before the Second World War, won his Victoria Cross on the fire-swept beaches of Dieppe on August 19, 1942.

Major Foote retired from the Canadian Army Active Force last month in order to participate in the Ontario provincial election, in which he was successful. Until his retirement, he held the position of Protestant Chaplain for Central Army Command.

STEEL PRICES: To offset increased costs of labor, materials, and freight, the Wartime Prices and Trade Board has announced increases in steel prices ranging from \$5. for rods to \$12. for plate, effective June 11.

These increases, which will apply in varying amounts to plate, skelp, bars, sheets and rods will also result in a reduction or elimination of certain subsidies which have been paid to maintain maximum production.

Consumer prices will not be affected as a result of this move, the Board said.

EMPLOYMENT TREND: The trend of employment among hourly-rated wage-earners employed in leading manufacturing plants was moderately downward at April 1 as compared with March 1; the hours worked and their hourly wages were also lower, the declines being due in part to the celebration of the Easter holidays.

The latest survey of man-hours and hourly earnings made by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics showed a total of 777,540 hourly-rated wage-earners on the staffs of the 6,390 factories furnishing data, in which the hours worked in the week preceding April 1 numbered 32,350,929, while the wages paid for services rendered in these hours amounted to \$28,759,531.

At March 1 the same plants had employed 780,408 hourly-rated wage-earners, working 33,714,821 hours, for which they received \$29,658,702. There was accordingly a decrease of 0.4 per cent in the number of their wage-earners paid at hourly rates, accompanied by that of three per cent in their aggregate weekly wages, while the reported hours showed a reduction of four per cent.

GOLD PRODUCTION: Continuing the gains recorded in January and February, gold production in Canada during March rose to 288,060 fine ounces compared with 263,869 fine ounces in March last year, bringing the output for the first quarter of the year to 823,029 fine ounces for a gain of 14 per cent over the 1947 first-quarter production of 721,023 fine ounces, according to the monthly figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Quarterly totals show increases for all the main producing areas, with largest gains in Quebec, British Columbia and the Northwest Territories, while in March all except Ontario reported higher output.

Production in March by provinces and territories, with totals for March 1947 in brackets, was as follows: Nova Scotia, nil (444) fine ounces; Quebec, 64,285 (53,072); Ontario, 172,344 (173,978); Manitoba and Saskatchewan, 15,287 (14,499); British Columbia, 27,415 (16,727); Yukon, 47 (432); Northwest Territories, 8,682 (4,708). Following are the comparative quarter totals: Quebec, 178,108 (127,115) fine ounces; Ontario, 498,466 (488,678); Manitoba and Saskatchewan, 44,508 (43,141); British Columbia, 80,434 (47,012); Yukon, 594 (808); Northwest Territories, 20,919 (13,165).

REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS: Output of refined petroleum products in March totalled 5,251,500 barrels compared with 5,066,000 in the corresponding month last year, bringing the first quarter total to 16,109,500 barrels compared with 14,897,000 in the similar period of 1947. Refineries used 5,708,400 barrels of crude oil in March compared with 5,290,800 a year ago. Receipts of crude oil during the month totalled 5,910,600 barrels, including 5,115,500 of imported oil and 795,100 from Canadian sources of supply.