

FAIR EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME: The Minister of Labour, Mr. Milton F. Gregg, announced on June 29 that the Department of Labour was presenting a series of eight radio programmes which would be carried by 76 independent radio stations all across Canada with the aim of eliminating discrimination in employment because of race, religion, colour, or national origin.

Mr. Gregg pointed out that the series was organized in connection with the administration of the Canada Fair Employment Practices Act which went into effect last year. The Act forbids discrimination in employment and in regard to membership in trade unions under federal jurisdiction. He said that the series was part of an educational programme directed toward attacking the attitudes of mind which lie at the root of discrimination in employment.

The speakers and their subjects are:

Week of June 27: Introduction To The Series - by Hon. Walter Harris, the new Minister of Finance.

Week of July 4: Discrimination And Democracy In Canada - by Ralph Allen, Editor of Maclean's Magazine.

Week of July 11: Discrimination: What It Does To Man - by Dr. J.D.M. Griffin, General Director, Canadian Mental Health Association.

Week of July 18: Ignorance: Discrimination Cannot Live Without It - by Lister Sinclair.

Week of July 25: The Churches Look At Discrimination - by the Rev. Richard D. Jones, National Director, Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

Week of August 1: Discrimination: What It Does To Business - by E.P. Taylor.

Week of August 8: Discrimination: What It Does To Trade Unions - by Claude Jodoin of the Trades and Labour Congress of Canada.

Week of August 15: Law As An Anti-Discrimination Weapon - by Hon. M.F. Gregg, Minister of Labour.

Mr. Gregg said that the arrangements that were made for airing these programmes were a good illustration of the willingness of public-spirited individuals and organizations to join hands in an effort to reduce prejudice and discrimination of all kinds.

FARM WAGES: Farm wages of male hired help at mid-May this year were moderately lower than at the same time last year. With board provided the national daily average for male help was \$4.80 as compared with \$5.00, and without board it was \$6.00 compared with \$6.20. On a monthly basis the average with board worked out at \$102.00 compared with \$105.00, and without board it was \$133.00 compared with \$138.00.

With board daily wage rates were lower than in 1953 in all provinces and without board they were down in all provinces except Saskatchewan where no change occurred.

CABINET CHANGES: The Prime Minister, Mr. St. Laurent, announced three important Cabinet changes on July 1.

The Minister of Finance, Mr. D.C. Abbott, has retired from public life to become a judge of the Supreme Court of Canada.

The Minister of National Defence, Mr. Brooke Claxton, has also retired from public life to become Vice President of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., in charge of the company's Canadian operations, effective August 1.

The Minister of Transport, Mr. Lionel Chevrier, has retired from the Cabinet to become President of the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority.

The Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Mr. Walter Harris, has relinquished that portfolio to become Minister of Finance.

Associate Defence Minister Ralph Campney has been appointed to succeed Mr. Claxton as Minister of National Defence.

The Secretary of State, Mr. J.W. Pickersgill, has been appointed Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

Mr. Roch Pinard, Parliamentary Assistant to the Secretary of State for External Affairs has entered the Cabinet as Secretary of State.

Mr. George Marler has resigned as a Liberal member of the Quebec Legislature to enter the Cabinet as Minister of Transport.

Mr. Justice Patrick Kerwin has been appointed the new Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, succeeding the retired former Chief Justice Thibeaudeau Rinfret.

The Prime Minister also announced the appointment of two Deputy Ministers as members of the Seaway Authority. They are, Mr. Charles Gavsie, Deputy Revenue Minister, and Mr. Charles W. West, Deputy Transport Minister.

The appointment of Mr. Jules Léger, Canadian Ambassador to Mexico, as Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, was also announced, as was that of Dr. R.A. Mackay to be Associate Under-Secretary.

IMMIGRATION INCREASE: The Department of Citizenship and Immigration reported this week that immigration arrivals increased 15 per cent in the first four months of the year compared with a similar period last year. Arrivals totalled 44,877 compared with 39,055 in the respective periods.

Increases were shown in all categories except arrivals from the United States, which decreased six per cent. Arrivals of English, Irish, Scottish and Welsh increased 8 per cent to 13,245 from 12,216 while U.S. arrivals were down to 2,972 from 3,057.

Immigration by North Europeans rose to 15,541 from 15,492, while the biggest increase was a 59 per cent increase in arrivals from other countries to 13,219 from 8,290. The main factor in this was an increase to 7,962 from 3,892 in arrivals of Italians.