

Purchases from all foreign countries other than the United States also declined in August to \$73,200,000 compared to \$82,500,000 a year earlier, and for the January-August period amounted to \$541,500,000 against \$562,000,000. Sales to these countries, on the other hand, rose in August to \$91,500,000 from \$74,500,000 in August 1957, but for the eight months were lower at \$650,700,000 compared to \$663,500,000 last year.

LORD MOUNTBATTEN IN CANADA.

Admiral of the Fleet, the Earl Mountbatten of Burma, arrived in Montreal on October 4 on a one week visit to Canada.

In Montreal, he attended a reception and supper given by the President and Dominion Council of the Navy League of Canada before embarking in an RCAF aircraft for the flight to Ottawa, where he was the guest of the Governor General.

On Monday morning Lord Mountbatten opened the annual meeting of the Dominion Council of the Canadian Legion at Legion House, after which he addressed a closed meeting of officers of National Defence Headquarters in the Elgin Theatre. He called on the Prime Minister, on Mr. Pearkes, the Minister of Defence and met with General Foulkes and the members of the Chiefs of Staff Committee and with members of the Naval Board. In the evening he was the guest of the Navy at a mess dinner at HMCS Carleton.

On Tuesday, October 7, Admiral Mountbatten paid a brief visit to Kingston where he addressed the staff and students of the National Defence College, and the cadets of the Royal Military College. He left that evening by RCAF aircraft for British Columbia.

In British Columbia Lord Mountbatten was the guest of Rear-Admiral H.S. Rayner, Flag Officer Pacific Coast, at Esquimalt from October 8-10, where he visited Canadian Naval establishments.

Admiral Mountbatten went to the United States for visits to various places and will sail from New York for Southampton on the Queen Elizabeth on October 22.

CANADA FIGHTS CANCER

The Ontario Cancer Institute, incorporating the new Princess Margaret Hospital on Toronto's Sherbourne Street, is acknowledged to be one of the finest in the world for the fight against cancer. Built by the Ontario Government, the 87-bed hospital and the research centre which operates with it are sponsored by the Ontario Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation. Altogether, there are eight cancer treatment and research centres in the Province, but this one is certainly the most important centre in Canada.

About 75 per cent, of its space is set aside for the care of patients suffering from cancer and related diseases. The remaining 25 per cent is devoted to research.

Establishment of this \$7 million treatment and research centre, officially opened by Lieutenant-Governor John Keiller Mackay on September 25 but in operation for the past few months, marks an important milestone in the fight against cancer in Ontario.

GIFT TO MCGILL

A gift of \$4.5 million to McGill University was announced on October 6, prior to McGill's Founder Day convocation, by Mr. J.W. McConnell, senior governor of McGill and former publisher of the Montreal Star. Of this magnificent gift \$2.5 million will cover the complete cost of a new engineering building to be known as the J.W. McConnell Engineering Building. Interest from \$2 million will provide scholarships in the Faculties of Science and Engineering.

WORLD SKI CHAMPION RETIRES

Miss Lucile Wheeler, the first Canadian to win a world ski title, has announced her retirement from competitive skiing.

Last February in Bad Gastien, Austria, the attractive 23 year-old Canadian won both the world downhill and the giant slalom ski titles, a feat unparalleled in North American ski history. This accomplishment was the result of a rigorous five-year training programme. For five winters Miss Wheeler went to Europe to train and race against the stiffest competition in the world. On her return to Canada last March she was given a tumultuous welcome.

NEW AMBASSADOR

The Secretary of State for External Affairs has announced the appointment of Mr. Louis Couillard, at present Head of the Economic Division of the Department of External Affairs, as Ambassador to Venezuela, to succeed Mr. R.P. Bower. Mr. Bower's next appointment will be announced later.

JUDGES APPOINTED

Announcement was made on October 6 of two new judges to Ontario's Supreme Court. They are Mr. Stanley N. Schatz, 69, and Mr. George T. Walsh, 67, both Toronto lawyers. They fill positions which were created when the court was expanded from 19 members to 21. The two new justices will serve in the trial division of the Supreme Court, officially known as the High Court of Justice for Ontario.