

TO RESTORE UNIQUE LIBRARY

A contribution of \$40,000 toward the restoration of the library of the University of Montreal's Institute of Experimental Medicine and Surgery has been made by the Federal Government. The institution, which has been closely linked with the work of Dr. Hans Selye, will receive a grant extending over the next two years, according to an announcement made recently by the Department of National Health and Welfare.

The library, which is unique, was largely destroyed by fire last winter, and the reference system of the Institute was almost completely lost. The library is well known to scientists specializing in endocrinology and stress, the latter being Dr. Selye's great contribution to the medical world.

VISIT BY INDIAN MINISTER

The Finance Minister of India, Mr. Morarji R. Desai, visited Ottawa September 24 and 25. He was accompanied by Mr. L.K. Jha, Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs of the Indian Ministry of Finance, and Mr. V.Y. Tompe, Private Secretary to the Finance Minister.

While in Ottawa, Mr. Desai and Mr. Jha had discussions concerning economic and technical assistance and trade relations between Canada and India. They also called on the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Trade and Commerce and the Director-General of the External Aid Office, and met senior Government officials.

The visitors were guests of honour at a dinner at which Finance Minister G.C. Nowlan was host.

Mr. Desai held a press conference in the East Block of the Parliament Buildings on September 25.

FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT

Employees of the Government of Canada, including its corporations and agencies, numbered 352,607 in June of this year, compared to 345,260 in May and 349,941 in June 1961, according to advance preliminary figures which will be released in the June issue of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics report "Federal Government Employment". This represents an increase of 7,347 or 2.1 per cent over the May figure and 2,666 or 0.8 per cent over that for June of last year. The total earnings of these employees in June amounted to \$131,667,000, compared to \$130,004,000 in May and \$134,661,000 in the corresponding month a year earlier.

Staff of agency and proprietary corporations and other agencies totalled 142,292 in June 1962, 137,504 in May 1962 and 142,139 in June 1961, while earnings totalled \$57,604,000 in June, \$56,980,000

in May and \$63,225,000 in June last year. Employees of departmental branches, services and corporations numbered 210,315 in June, 207,756 in May and 207,802 in June last year, and their earnings totalled \$72,361,000 in June, \$71,519,000 in May and \$70,128,000 in June 1961.

OLD FORT NAME REVIVED

Effective June 1 of this year, one of Alberta's oldest settlements officially reclaimed its original name, and became once more Fort McMurray.

Although it was erected as a village only in May 1947, and incorporated as a town as recently as December 1948, Fort McMurray had been in operation since 1870, as a trading post on the Athabasca River. It was at the time of its erection as a village that the municipal council decided to drop the "Fort" from the name.

The present population of Fort McMurray is 1,186. Situated at the "end of steel" — the north-east terminal of the Northern Alberta Railway — the town is playing an increasingly important role in the development of the resources of Northern Alberta.

SHIPMENTS, INVENTORIES & ORDERS

Manufacturers' shipments in July were valued at an estimated \$2,174.5 million, down 5.3 per cent from the revised June total of \$2,295.6 million and up 11.4 per cent from \$1,952.5 million in July 1961, according to advance figures that will be contained in the July issue of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics report "Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries". Shipments in the January-July period totalled \$14,758.2 million higher by 10.0 per cent than the comparable 1961 value of \$12,416.2 million.

Inventories owned by manufacturers at the end of July were estimated at \$4,463.9 million, a decrease of 0.3 per cent from the revised June total of \$4,478.0 million and an increase of 5.2 per cent from the July 1961 figure of \$4,242.0 million. Inventories held by manufacturers at the end of July were valued at \$4,755.4 million, up fractionally from \$4,754.3 million a month earlier and up 7.0 per cent from \$4,446.0 million a year ago. The ratio of total inventory-to-shipments was 2.05 in July, compared to 1.95 in June and 2.17 in July last year, while the ratio of finished products-to-shipments was 0.68 in the month, compared to 0.65 a month earlier or 0.71 a year ago.

NATO VISITOR

The Secretary of State for External Affairs has announced that the Chairman of the North Atlantic Council and Secretary-General of NATO, Mr. Dirk Stikker, will be visiting Ottawa on October 9 and

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