

speeding-up of existing ones. In the current situation, there is likely to be a further filling out of business investment intentions affecting the short as well as the longer term. Meanwhile, outlays for institutional building and public projects are continuing to increase. In aggregate, capital spending in 1959 may be only slightly less than in the current year. A further rise in the proportion of total outlays spent on building construction, as opposed to engineering construction and industrial equipment, appears probable. This means that the domestic content of the programme will remain relatively heavy.

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Iran. Mr. Summers, a native of Newfoundland, is at present Head of the United Nations Division of the Department of External Affairs in Ottawa. He will be the first Canadian Minister to Iran and will take up his duties in Tehran early in the new year.

Iran has maintained a legation in Ottawa since 1956. The appointment of a Canadian Minister in Tehran is a further recognition of the ties and friendship which exist between Iran and Canada and which are expected to be of even greater importance to the two countries in the future.

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BOTANICAL CONGRESS

The Ninth International Botanical Congress will be held in Montreal, from August 19 to 29, at the University of Montreal, McGill University and Sir George Williams College.

The first session of the International Botanical Congress was held in Brussels in 1864. It has been held only once before on this continent, in the U.S. This will be the first time it has been held in Canada. About 6,000 delegates from 72 countries are expected to attend; it will be by far the largest scientific conference ever convened in Canada.

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"Perhaps the sharpest impetus to demand in the period immediately ahead will come from the consumer. This new punch may be sparked by the resurgence of consumer interest in durable goods, particularly automobiles, sales of which have been lagging in the last two years. Also, the rising volume of housing completions will give further momentum to the upward trend in purchases of home appliances. New incentives to buy will be reinforced by the improved financial position of consumers and the continuing rise in personal incomes. These conditions augur well for the enterprising retailer."

The programme of the scientific sessions will be conducted in 16 sections and will deal with all aspects of botany in its broadest sense, including plant production, breeding, and protection and their implications for agriculture and forestry. Some 400 selected leading scientists representing all sections of the programme have been invited to present papers, participate in symposia and give public lectures. About 2,000 contributed or voluntary papers will also be given.

An extensive series of field trips constitute an important part of the Congress. Seventeen pre-Congress field trips and 7 post-Congress field trips have been organized, covering the period July 20 to September 14. These trips will take foreign scientists to all parts of Canada, from coast to coast and to the sub-Arctic. Probably about 2,000 delegates will participate.

These trips will present unrivalled opportunities for scientists of the world to see Canada, and also to visit universities, research institutions and industrial developments.

During the period of the meetings in Montreal, commercial firms will be given the opportunity of exhibiting in the Winter Stadium of McGill University where nearly 90 booths will be provided. Canadian government departments and research institutions will have displays at various places on the campuses.