

TWO HEALTH FILMS WIN AWARDS

Two Canadian health films produced for the Department of National Health and Welfare recently won "Chris" Awards at the annual international Film Festival at Columbus, Ohio, U.S.A. They are *The New Baby*, a film on infant care, and *The Long Way Back*, a documentary about the work of volunteers in mental hospitals. They bring to 35 the number of awards won by the Department of National Health and Welfare films in the past 16 years.

The New Baby featured an Ottawa infant - Jonathan Wade and his family. The film follows the Wades as they prepared for Jonathan's arrival and through the first months of his life. It illustrates how both the physical and emotional needs of the newborn infant can be met. It was produced by Crawley Films of Ottawa for the Child and Maternal Health Division of National Health and Welfare.

The Long Way Back, photographed in the Verdun Protestant Hospital, Montreal, shows how the mental-health volunteer fits into the new, enlightened scheme of treatment, and have mental patients respond more quickly to medical aid when kept in touch with the outside world through regular visits from volunteers. It was produced by the National Film Board of Canada for the Mental Health Division of the Department of National Health and Welfare.

CHEMICALS MISSION TO LATIN AMERICA

As part of its expanding trade-mission programme, the Department of Trade and Commerce recently sent an eight-man team of industrial chemical experts to Latin America. The members included seven executives from Canadian chemical producers and an official of the Chemicals Division of the Department.

The mission is visiting Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala, Peru and Chile to study the sales prospects for the increasing variety of Canadian-made chemicals available for export. It has several fundamental facts in mind. One of these is that Latin America offers a huge potential market. The countries to be visited import approximately \$350-million worth of chemicals each year; Canada has a \$10-million share of this at present. The rapid development of natural resources and the steady growth of manufacturing in Latin America will also mean an increased demand for industrial chemicals.

EARLIER MISSION

This is the second chemical mission Canada has sent to Latin America. A year ago, six senior representatives of Canadian organic-chemical producers did much to prove that there were opportunities to expand chemical exports to Argentina, Brazil, Colombia and Venezuela. Agency agreements and sales were concluded, but an even more important result has been that Latin America chemical importers are now beginning to include Canada in their tours abroad.

As with the previous mission, Canadian Trade Commissioners in each of the countries to be visited have organized an intensive programme for each member of the group, covering meetings with government officials, importers, representatives of trade associations and members of firms using chemicals.

BUFFALO HERDED BY 'COPTER

Northern Affairs Minister Laing recently announced a plan to round up buffalo that had strayed beyond the confines of Wood Buffalo Park in the Northwest Territories into an area contaminated by anthrax, north of Fort Smith. Helicopters are being used to herd the buffalo, a method developed in recent years.

There are over 3,000 buffalo north of Wood Buffalo Park, and it was amongst these that anthrax broke out in the summer of 1962 and again last summer. Approximately 300 animals died in 1962 and 280 this year. In both outbreaks, the carcasses were limed and buried where possible; a few were either burned or heavily limed but not buried. The cost of the clean-up programme to the Northwest Territories government was \$100,000 in 1962 and \$50,000 in 1963.

The outbreak has disappeared each year at the first appearance of cold weather, and there has been no evidence of the disease during the winter and spring months.

CONTROLS ON FUTURE HERD MOVEMENTS

The return of these buffalo to the Park will re-establish them as part of the managed herds. Annual buffalo slaughters in the Park keep these herds down to proper management proportions. A fence will be built across the migration routes west of Fort Smith to prevent animals from straying back into the contaminated area. Patrols by wardens will also check any movement of buffalo out of the Park.

This plan, developed in collaboration with experts of the Department of Agriculture, follows the accepted practice of controlling anthrax amongst range cattle, where experience has shown that the only effective method short of annual vaccination is to remove the animals from the infected area.

THIRD QUARTER EXPORTS

Domestic exports from Canada in the three months July to September 1963, valued at \$1,722,900,000, were the highest ever recorded in any quarterly period, according to detailed returns released recently by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. This total represented an advance of 10 per cent over exports in July-September 1962 and continued the upward trend that has lasted, with only minor interruptions, for the last two years.

During the quarter, gains were noted in shipments to all principal trading areas. The gain in exports appeared to be in volume, since the average level of export prices was similar to that for the third quarter of last year, but the average index of physical volume of exports increased by approximately 10 per cent.

FIRST NINE MONTHS

During the first nine months of 1963, domestic exports were at a new peak of \$4,864,600,000, an advance of 8.2 per cent over the total of \$4,496,300,000 for the same period of 1962. Gains were again widespread and trade to most areas showed significant increases. Shipments to the United States rose 4.4 per cent and to Britain were up by an eighth,

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