

projected expenditures and anticipated revenues as appearing in the Estimates and Budget Speeches presented to the provincial legislatures by the provincial treasurers. Most Budget Speeches contained various proposals to stimulate employment. Several new federal-provincial fiscal developments are reflected in the provincial budgets for 1958-59, including an interim adjustment in the tax-sharing arrangements, Atlantic provinces assistance grants, a review of Newfoundland's financial position with the possibility of changes in the federal financial assistance to that province, and the operation of provincial hospital insurance schemes.

Net general revenue and expenditure continue to rise, the increases in revenue being due mostly to higher receipts being expected from taxes on sales of motor fuel and fuel oil, and from Government of Canada subsidies and the new federal-provincial tax rental agreements. The predicted rise in total expenditure results from increases for all functions of government, the most substantial percentage increases being for social welfare and education. Net general revenue is estimated at \$2,051 million and net general expenditure, exclusive of debt retirement, is estimated at \$2,226 million for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1959.

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MR. SMITH TO LATIN AMERICA

The Department of External Affairs has announced that Mr. Sidney E. Smith, Secretary of State for External Affairs, accepting the cordial invitation of the Brazilian Government, will visit Brazil in November. On the return journey he will visit Mexico.

This will be the first formal visit made by a Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs to Latin America. Canada's first exchange of diplomatic representation in Latin America was made with Brazil, when the Canadian Legation, later raised to embassy status, was opened in Rio de Janeiro in September 1941. The exchange of diplomatic representation with Mexico dates from 1944. The atmosphere of Canadian relations with both countries has been consistently friendly and co-operative, and the visit of the Secretary of State for External Affairs provides an opportunity to demonstrate the Canadian desire that these good relations should be maintained and strengthened. Because the Minister is already committed to attend the December meeting of the North Atlantic Council in Paris, he will not be able to extend his tour to other Latin American countries.

Mr. Smith will be accompanied by his wife and by a small group of officials. Several of the Canadian Heads of Mission in other South American countries will meet the party in Rio de Janeiro and will attend a two-day meeting with Mr. Smith and the departmental officials

to discuss policies and problems of common interest.

Mr. Smith will leave from Seattle, Washington, immediately after the Colombo Plan Ministerial Meetings which are expected to end on November 13. He will remain in Brazil from November 17 to November 27 approximately and will then spend four or five days in Mexico. He is expected to return to Ottawa December 4 or 5.

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COLOMBO PLAN MEETING

The Canadian Delegation to the meeting of the Consultative Committee of the Colombo Plan which will be held this year in Seattle from November 10 to November 13, will be headed by Mr. Sidney E. Smith, Secretary of State for External Affairs. Mr. L.E. Couillard, Ambassador-Designate to Venezuela, will serve as alternate delegate.

Members of the delegation will be Mr. J.M. Teakles, Department of External Affairs; Mr. L.D. Hudon, Department of Finance; Mr. D.W. Bartlett, Department of Trade and Commerce; and Miss Lois Hill, Department of External Affairs.

Mr. Teakles is also serving as head of the Canadian Delegation to the preliminary meetings of officials which began on October 27.

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UNITED NATIONS DAY

Nation-wide observances were held throughout Canada on October 24, which since 1947 has been celebrated as "United Nations Day".

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Sidney E. Smith, issued a special United Nations Day message. In Ottawa there was a display in front of the Parliament Buildings of the flags of the 82 member countries of the United Nations, including a flag not displayed before, that of the United Arab Republic. The United Nations flag was flown from the eastern flag-pole of the centre block.

The Dominion Carillonneur, Mr. Robert Donnell, played the national anthems of those member countries whose nationals are presiding officers of the principal organs of the United Nations.

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CHILDREN'S COMPETITION

Twenty-six young Canadians, ranging in age from five to 15, won awards in Shankar's International Children's Competition for 1957. This unique competition is an enterprise of *Shankar's Weekly*, an important paper in New Delhi. Contributions in drawing and writing are invited from children the world over. In 1957 there were some 37,000 entries from many countries. The best entries, in both drawing and writing, are published in *Shankar's Children's Art Number*.