

Among men, those aged from 25 to 29 again made up the largest group of immigrants, totalling 23,059. The largest number of women were again in a younger age group (from 20 to 24) for a total of 23,744.

COMMONWEALTH EDUCATION MEET

The Canadian delegation to the fourth Commonwealth Education Conference, which opened in Lagos, Nigeria, on February 26 and will end on March 9, includes representatives of provincial departments of education, the university community and organizations concerned with various forms of educational co-operation in the Commonwealth. The chairman of the delegation is Dr. J.F. Leddy, President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Windsor, Ontario.

Representatives of the Department of External Affairs and the External Aid Office will also be present.

AGENDA

Delegates to the conference will discuss education and training for social and economic development, adult literacy, agricultural training and community growth. Also considered will be the latest developments in the use of the mass media in education, curriculum-development in primary and secondary schools (both rural and urban) and the role of libraries in educational change.

As at the earlier conference, one of the most important items on the agenda is the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan, under which Commonwealth countries make available 1,000 scholarships and fellowships to citizens of the Commonwealth. Of this total, 250 are contributed by Canada for study in Canada.

The Commonwealth Secretary-General will be the Secretary-General of the Conference and will be responsible for its organization, with the assistance of the host government, the Federal Military Government of Nigeria.

FOREST-FIRE SIMULATOR

The Associate Committee on Forest-Fire Protection was advised during its recent annual meeting in Ottawa that two Canadian agencies – the Ottawa Forest Protective Association and the Gatineau Forest Protective Association – were developing a forest-fire “simulator” to help in the training of fire-fighters.

By using slides and films, sound effects, radio and telephone communications, the device can re-create most of the problems encountered in co-ordinating the efforts of ground-crews and aircraft to control a forest fire. The simulator, which is the first to be developed in Canada, is expected to be ready for use by the spring.

Members of the Associate Committee on Forest-Fire Protection include the heads of forest-protection

organizations of nine provinces and of the Yukon and Northwest Territories, of forest industry and forest-protective associations, as well as representatives of university forest faculties, the Federal Government the National Research Council and other interested groups.

The Committee's main objective is to further research in forest-fire control by discussing mutual problems, listing research requirements, and communicating needs to appropriate research agencies.

At the annual meeting, the Committee proposed a comprehensive study of the economics of forest-fire control, to be undertaken by the Department of Forestry and Rural Development, using information supplied by the provincial governments, to determine whether the best value was being received for current expenditures on fire-prevention and control.

HOTEL EQUIPMENT SALES UP

An export potential in excess of \$1 million is expected by the 12 Canadian companies that showed their equipment at the Hotel and Catering Equipment Exhibition in London, England, last month. Representatives of the exhibiting companies were enthusiastic about their participation in the display, which was sponsored by the Department of Trade and Commerce.

INSTANT ROOM SERVICE

The figure may be increased if British hotels accept the “Bell Captain”, a unique device shown for the first time in Britain by Captain International of Vancouver, British Columbia, which provides “instant room service” in hotels or motels for 14 varieties of drinks and sundries. The “Bell Captain” is now being tested by the Park Lane and Cumberland Hotels, as well as by two motel chains. If successful, its rental potential may be in excess of \$4 million.

Another new exhibitor, Stefan Siwinski of Toronto, whose furniture for hotels and institutions is expected to exceed a value of \$125,000 within the year, reports inquiries from Sweden, Greece, Israel, India and France, as well as from Britain.

An international winner was Bardeau Limited, a Toronto manufacturing firm that established agency arrangements in several European, Asian and African countries during the exhibition. The owner foresees sales of \$100,000 within the year on his line of back-bar equipment.

Garland Commercial Ranges of Toronto sold all the equipment they had on display for \$25,000 and expect another \$100,000 in sales before the end of the year. Distributor contacts were established with representatives from South Africa, Jamaica, Belgium, France and the Netherlands. More than \$125,000 is the estimate of sales potential for the glass-washer shown by the Paul Moore Company of Winnipeg. The only machine they had on display, which washed glasses continuously for several exhibitors, was sold for \$3,000 to a hotelier from Ireland.