

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT MISSION

A Canadian mission concerned with electrical-distribution equipment is visiting Colombia, Venezuela, Trinidad, Jamaica and Nassau to explore the market for electrical equipment manufactured in Canada. The mission, which includes five members of the industry and a representative of labour, left Ottawa May 28 and will conclude its survey of conditions in the countries visited on June 21.

The prime purpose of this mission is to enable its members to familiarize themselves with the requirements, plans for growth and the purchasing policies of electric-utility distribution systems in these Caribbean countries. They will seek opportunities for the sale of Canadian electrical equipment for such utility-distribution systems, and for use in building construction.

Members of the mission will study at first hand marketing conditions and competition from other countries, and will assess both short and long term prospects for the sale of Canadian electric goods in those markets. The mission will try to stimulate interest in Canadian electrical equipment, to provide a better understanding of the reputation and breadth of experience encompassed in the electrical-manufacturing industry in Canada, and to explain the requirements of the Canadian Standards Association, of particular interest to the electrical inspection authorities in the countries concerned.

On their return, members of the mission will prepare a report on their observations, which will be distributed to the industry in Canada in an effort to stimulate action by individual firms that are in a position to sell their products in the area.

CC GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES

Several grants to assist Canadian universities to expand their building facilities in the arts, humanities and social sciences, and to enlarge their library collections in certain specialized areas, were announced recently by the Canada Council. Awards totalling \$1,738,074 were made from the University Capital Grants Fund to six institutions of higher learning, as follows: Camrose Lutheran College, Camrose, Alberta, for a junior college building containing classrooms and a library, \$5,371; University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, for a residential arts college, \$750,000; University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, for a women's residence and food services building, \$346,230; University of Montreal, for Seminaire de Saint Jean, Saint Jean, Quebec, for students' residence and concert hall, \$350,000; St. Joseph's College, Edmonton, Alberta for extension of present reading room, \$13,680; St. Peter's College, Muenster, Saskatchewan, for residence, \$5,075; University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, for arts building, \$267,718.

Grants of \$5,000 each were made to the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, and the University of Toronto to enable them to build up their library collections in medieval, Asian and Slavic studies. The Council's

programme of assistance to university libraries was established last year as part of its endowment fund programme in the humanities. To be eligible a university must have an established library collection and a well-developed programme of instruction. Assistance to a maximum of \$5,000 is available in one field each year. Recently music was added to the areas already marked out by the Council for assistance.

RESALE OF CHEESE

The federal Agricultural Stabilization Board will offer for resale at 33.5 cents a pound Canada First Grade cheddar cheese purchased under the support programme at 32.5 cents. Agriculture Minister Alvin Hamilton said that this policy of offering for resale at one cent more than the support price had been followed in 1961 and would be continued in 1962.

The Board will support the price of cheese at 32.5 cents a pound basis Montreal and Belleville for the current dairy support year. Resale price to the trade will be 33.5 cents at storage point for cheese purchased after May 1, 1962.

STRATFORD SALES RECORD

With opening night less than four weeks away, advance sales for the Stratford Festival's tenth season are maintaining record-breaking levels. Ticket sales for the 15-week season, which opens on June 18, now stand at over \$350,000. At the same time last year (a 14-week season) sales were \$255,230, and in 1960 (12 weeks) they were \$198,429.

To date, 9,331 orders have been processed, compared with 7,042 in 1961 and 5,300 in 1960.

Of the four productions to be staged in the Festival Theatre, "Macbeth" is leading in popularity, followed closely by "The Taming of the Shrew," "Cyrano de Bergerac" and "The Tempest", in that order. The Gilbert and Sullivan operetta "The Gondoliers", which will open on July 6 at the Avon Theatre, and the six Sunday afternoon concerts to be held in the Festival Theatre between July 8 and August 12, are also selling exceptionally well.

The tenth Stratford Festival season opens on June 18 at 8 p.m. with "Macbeth", to be followed on the next two evenings by "The Taming of the Shrew" and "The Tempest". "Cyrano de Bergerac" joins the repertory on July 30 and will continue in rotation with the other three plays until the season closes on September 29.

HIGH COMMISSIONER TO CYPRUS

The appointment has been announced of Mr. Arthur Andrew as High Commissioner to the Republic of Cyprus. Mr. Andrew, who is also accredited to Israel, will reside in Tel Aviv and, in the course of his duties, will make frequent visits to Cyprus.