

## RADIO SERVICE TO NORTH

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation will make a start this year on substantial expansion and improvement of radio service to Northern Canada, A. Davidson Dunton, chairman of the CBC Board of Governors, has announced. Revenue Minister George Nowlan said in the House of Commons that funds are being requested of Parliament for the undertaking.

Initial costs of the project, recommended by the CBC and the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, have been provided for in supplementary estimates tabled recently in Parliament. These appropriations, for the year ending next March 31, total \$591,000, made up of \$356,000 for operating expenses and \$235,000 for capital outlays.

A million-dollar, 50-kilowatt shortwave station will be built in the Vancouver area to beam CBC programmes to the Yukon and the MacKenzie District of the Northwest Territories. Its completion is planned for 1960.

In the meantime, the CBC will take over, improve and operate certain existing community stations in the north and build others at points to be agreed upon in consultation with the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources. Until completion of the shortwave station at Vancouver, community stations in the north will be supplied with 10 hours daily of tape-recorded CBC programmes. The recordings will be shipped to them by commercial airlines.

CBC engineering and programme experts will soon visit the community stations. They will assess their requirements in equipment and staff.

"The CBC and the government have been keenly aware of the urgent need to bring the national broadcasting service to the Canadian north", Mr. Dunton said. "CBC studies showed that this could best be accomplished under present circumstances by shortwave, supplemented by standard-band stations, which would relay the shortwave service and originate community programmes of their own."

Areas not served by the standard-band stations will receive direct shortwave service.

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## LABOUR INCOME GREATER

Canadian paid workers received an estimated \$3,697,000,000 in the form of wages, salaries and supplementary labour income in this year's first quarter, some 2.5 per cent greater than last year's comparable total of \$3,607,000,000. March labour income increased slightly to \$1,234,000,000 from \$1,232,000,000 a month earlier but more steeply from \$1,205,000,000 a year earlier.

First-quarter income increased in construction to \$235,000,000 from \$223,000,000 a year ago, utilities, transportation, storage, communication and trade to \$983,000,000 from \$943,000,000, finance and services (including

government) to \$976,000,000 from \$899,000,000, and supplementary labour income to \$128,000,000 from \$127,000,000. Agriculture, forestry, fishing, trapping and mining fell to \$233,000,000 from \$249,000,000 and manufacturing to \$1,142,000,000 from \$1,166,000,000.

March totals (in millions) were as follows: primary industries, \$75 (\$77 a year earlier); manufacturing, \$385 (\$393); construction, \$78 (\$73); distributive group, \$328 (\$317); finance and services, \$326 (\$302); and supplementary labour income, \$42 (\$43).

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## SECURITY TRANSACTIONS

Inflow of capital into Canada from portfolio security transactions in this year's first quarter amounted to \$153 million, sharply greater than the \$45 million in the final quarter of 1957, but well below the \$235 million in last year's first quarter and the quarterly average of \$183 million for 1957 as a whole. Some nine-tenths of the net movement in the quarter was from the United States.

Proceeds of new Canadian issues sold abroad, timed on the basis of delivery contracts, totalled \$164 million in the first quarter compared to \$258 million a year ago. Retirements of foreign-held Canadian securities amounted to \$16 million, the lowest figure recorded in any quarter since 1953, and compares to \$42 million last year.

Transactions in foreign securities in the quarter resulted in net sales or a capital inflow of \$8 million. About \$10 million arose from the resale of outstanding issues, mainly of United States origin. Canadians acquired \$3 million of foreign securities through the purchase of new issues, but holdings were reduced by retirements of \$1 million of Canadian-held foreign issues.

March trade in outstanding securities led to a small capital outflow of \$0.8 million, in contrast to inflows aggregating \$6.6 million in the first two months of the year. A repurchase balance of \$2.7 million occurred with the United States, but there were net sales balances of \$0.6 million with the United Kingdom and \$1.3 million with other overseas countries.

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## ARMY CHIEF RETIRES

Lieutenant-General Howard D. Graham, CBE, DSO, ED, CD, 59, now Chief of the General Staff of the Canadian Army, will retire from the Regular Army, August 31, after a military career spanning more than 42 years.

He will be succeeded in the post by Major-General S. Findlay Clark, CBE, CD, 49, now General Officer Commanding Central Command at Oakville, Ont., who will be promoted to the rank of lieutenant-general.

A successor to Major-General Clark will be named at a later date.