

**VISITING MOTORISTS IN SEPTEMBER:** During September 305,205 foreign vehicles entered Canada on traveller's vehicle permits, 72,625 (or over 31 per cent) more than the 232,580 who visited this country in September last year, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported recently. Much of the increase was due to the fact that Labour Day came a week later this year. With Labour Day falling on September 1 last year, most of the holiday visitors entered the country in the latter part of August. Taking August and September together, 84,500 more vehicles entered Canada this year, an increase of about 11 per cent.

The September gain brought the total number of vehicle entries in the first nine months of the year to 2,159,997 for an increase of 174,139 or nine per cent over the 1,985,858 that crossed the border in the January-September period last year. Entries were more numerous this year in all parts of the country, the largest numerical increase occurring in Ontario where the nine-month total rose by 139,569 or 11.5 per cent to 1,348,199. British Columbia followed with a gain of 17,269 or eight per cent to 238,865, then Quebec with an increase of 9,381 or three per cent to 342,661. In New Brunswick the January-September total climbed by 3,518 or three per cent to 129,487; in Alberta, by 1,665 or four per cent to 41,391; in Saskatchewan, by 1,169 or seven per cent to 17,809; in Manitoba by 752 or two per cent to 33,519; in the Yukon by 466 or nine per cent to 5,578; and in Newfoundland and Nova Scotia, by 350 or 16 per cent to 2,488.

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**TROOPS ATTEND RELIGIOUS CLASSES:** Thirty-four officers and men of the 27 Canadian Infantry Brigade completed an unusual four-day course recently.

Under the direction of Major John L. Rand of Halifax, senior Protestant chaplain of the Brigade, the 34 men took a course in religious instruction at the British Army's Verden Church House some 40 miles north of Hannover.

The course included lectures on the meaning of the church, religious truth, the sacraments, the ministry and church government. Many lectures were common to all denominations, and for others the students were divided into denominational groups.

Verden Church House, operated by the British Chaplain Services, offers recreational facilities in addition to study rooms, a library and a chapel. Each student had a private room. Mornings and evenings were devoted to lectures, discussion periods and religious films while afternoons were free for recreation or study. Some students took the course as a preparation for church membership, others as a refresher.

Major Rand commented: "My view is that this is a splendid thing. We are deeply indebted to our British brothers for making the Church House available to our Canadian soldiers".

**MANUFACTURES' VALUE:** For the sixth straight year the value of products manufactured in Canada reached a new crest last year, climbing to \$16,915,215,000 or \$523,028,000 over the 1951 peak of \$16,392,187,000, according to the preliminary statement of manufactures in Canada in 1952 by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Preliminary estimates by the Bureau place the value of manufacturers' shipments in the first half of this year at \$8,901,621,000 as compared with \$8,338,404,000 in the January-June period last year, indicating another high year in 1953.

The number employed in manufacturing in Canada climbed to a record 1,273,187 last year from 1,258,375 in 1951, and they earned a total of \$3,609,546,000 as compared with \$3,276,281,000 in the preceding year. Material costs rose to \$9,104,626,000 in 1952 from \$9,074,526,000 in 1951, and the cost of fuel and electricity to \$393,131,000 from \$376,714,000.

Last year saw gains made in production values in all but six of the main industrial groups, with the foods and beverages group again leading the list despite a decline in output value to \$3,447,200,000 from \$3,450,031,000. Production values also fell for rubber, leather, textile (except clothing), paper and non-ferrous metal products.

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**AID FOR EUROPEAN ARMIES:** It was announced on October 23 that six European armies would receive Canadian military aid for the period of mid-October to November under the Mutual Aid Agreement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

These are the French, Italian, Norwegian, Danish, Portuguese and Netherlands Armies. The equipment will leave the ports of Hamilton, Toronto and Montreal aboard eight ships.

Destined for the Port of Cherbourg are 50 (3-ton) General Service trucks and 454 batteries for the French Army. The French equipment will be transported by three ships loading at Toronto and one at Hamilton.

The Royal Netherlands Army is to receive 56 Canadian Army jeeps and 56 cases of batteries which will be loaded at Montreal for the port of Rotterdam.

Also leaving Montreal about the same time will be 75 jeeps for the Portuguese Army destined for the port of Lisbon, and a large quantity of bulk maintenance spare parts for 17-pounder self-propelled guns for the Royal Danish Army. Other supplies slated for Denmark include gun carriage motors, 15 wireless sets and a quantity of sighting equipment comprised of telescopes and periscopes destined for the port of Aarhus.

Vehicle spare parts totalling 444 cases will also leave from Hamilton destined for Oslo for the Royal Norwegian Army. The last shipment consists of a quantity of ammunition for the Italian Army, leaving Montreal November 5 for the port of Naples.