

"go-yo" toy for children to ride, consisting of a crank with wheels on each end; a fabric building supported by internal air pressure with a cable system to maintain configuration and permit wide areas to be covered; a concrete block that has joints to facilitate the building of arches and other curved structures.

One of the aims of "Canada-Design '67" was to alert manufacturers and designers to the large demand for giftware items expected during Canada's centennial celebrations and at Expo '67. Among the giftware winners were a "Technikard", which is made of paper and folds out to show views of the ten Canadian provinces, and an Eskimo doll of sealskin, representing a member of a legendary race said to have inhabited the Arctic before the coming of the Eskimos.

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### LABOUR FORCE

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports that the April-May employment advance was smaller than usual for this period. The increase of 186,000 during the month raised the total to 7,136,000. Unemployment decreased less, declining by 51,000 to 247,000.

Employment had shown a consistently upward trend from October to April. While a smaller-than-seasonal advance was registered during the past month, employment continued at a high level.

Compared to the figure for a year earlier, employment was up 278,000, or 4.1 per cent, and unemployment was down 18,000. The labour force, at 7,383,000 was 260,000, or 3.7 percent higher than in May 1965.

### EMPLOYMENT

About two-fifths of the employment gain during April and May was in agriculture where the increase of 74,000 was about normal for the season. In non-farming industries, the increase was fairly widely distributed. Employment in construction, which had expanded rapidly over the past year, advanced somewhat less than usual during the past month.

The employment gain during April and May was distributed among all age groups. Men accounted for 157,000 of the total increase and women for 29,000.

Total employment in May showed a rise of 278,000, or 4.1 per cent, from the figure a year earlier. All regions contributed to the increase.

Non-farming employment, at 6,545,000, was up 342,000, or 5.5 per cent, from May 1965. The largest gains were in service, manufacturing and construction. Farm employment, at 591,000, was 64,000 lower than that recorded a year earlier.

### UNEMPLOYMENT

Unemployment declined by 51,000 to 247,000 during April and May. The decline was less than usual for the season. The May estimate was 18,000 lower than the figure a year earlier. Of the 247,000 unemployed in May, 191,000 were men and 56,000 were women.

The age distribution of the unemployed showed little change from last year's figure.

Of the total number of unemployed, 168,000, or 68 per cent, had been unemployed for three months or less. Some 47,000 had been seeking work from four to six months, and 32,000 for seven months or more. Persons unemployed for four months or more accounted for 32 per cent of the total, compared to 36 per cent in the previous year.

Unemployment in May represented 3.3 per cent of the labour force, compared to 3.7 per cent in May 1965 and 4.2 per cent in May 1964. Unemployment rates were lower than those for a year earlier in all regions except British Columbia. Seasonally adjusted, the May unemployment rate was 3.7 per cent.

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### UK TROOPS TO TRAIN IN B.C.

Eighty parachute troopers of Britain's Special Air Services, Territorial Army, will carry out long-range training on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, from August 7 to 16. It will be the first time a unit of this British reserve force has exercised in Canada.

Seventy miles of rugged bush country between Port Alberni and Victoria will provide a test for the endurance and woodcraft of the British soldiers. A company of the 1st Battalion, Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, will attempt, as the "enemy", to capture or block the Territorials. For this exercise the British parachutists will be on foot, with no airdrop.

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### VETS GROUP TOURS WAR GRAVES

War cemeteries and memorials in France, Belgium, Holland, West Germany, Italy and Britain were recently inspected by the members of the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs, who were also briefed by officials of the French Ministry of Veterans Affairs and War Victims, the British Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and others, on pensions, allowances, and the maintenance and improvement of cemeteries and war memorials.

The Committee attended ceremonies during June 30 to July 3 in the Arras-Amiens region of Northern France, marking the fiftieth anniversary of the Somme battles. In these events, delegations from Canada and the Province of Newfoundland joined official representatives from Britain, France and other countries.

### AIMS

The principal aims of the tour were: to study the grounds on which disability and dependants' pensions, allowances and other benefits were provided to veterans in Britain and France and certain other countries; to observe the condition of the cemeteries and monuments maintained by the Commonwealth War