

AGRICULTURAL WEATHERMEN MEET

The Commission for Agricultural Meteorology of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) convened in Toronto on July 9 for a meeting that is to last until July 27.

The third conference of CAgM (the first and second were held in Paris in 1953 and Warsaw in 1958) will consider problems associated with the whole field of agricultural and forest meteorology, including protection against frost damage, weather influences on plant diseases and pests, storage of fruit, forest-fire services, and provision of climatological data and weather forecasts for agricultural and forestry operations.

PUBLIC SESSIONS

In addition to the regular closed sessions of the Commission, three open scientific sessions will be directed towards studies of the water balance of the soil, forest meteorology, the meteorological aspects of forecasting crop yields and tropical agrometeorology. Speakers will include representatives from Germany, Finland, Australia, Holland, Venezuela, the United States and Canada as well as other countries.

About 35 countries are expected to be represented at the conference, which will be under the chairmanship of P.M.A. Bourke, assistant director, Irish Meteorological Service. The Canadian delegation will be headed by C.C. Boughner, Chief, Climatology Division, Department of Transport Meteorological Service, and will include delegates and advisers drawn from the Departments of Agriculture and Forestry, the Ontario Agricultural College and the Meteorological Service.

Delegates will visit the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph, the experimental station of the Ontario Department of Agriculture at Vineland, the research station of the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests at Maple, the Massey-Ferguson farm at Agincourt, and climatological and research facilities of the Meteorological Service.

APRIL MAN-HOURS

Average hourly earnings in manufacturing edged up in April to \$1.88 from \$1.87 in March, while average weekly wages declined to \$76.51 from \$76.68 and the work week to 40.6 hours from 41.0, according to advance figures that will be contained in the April issue of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics report "Man-Hours and Hourly Earnings With Average Weekly Wages". The decrease in hours was owing partly to the fact that Easter Monday was observed as a holiday without pay in some industries.

In the manufacturing of durable goods, average hourly earnings in April were up to \$2.04 from \$2.03 in March, while average weekly wages were down to \$83.89 from \$83.92 and the work week to 41.1 hours from 41.4. Overtime work and a return to normal operations following a labour dispute in the automotive industry, wage-rate increases and overtime

work in smelting and refining, as well as a shorter work week in industries paying below the general average, contributed to the gain in average hourly earnings.

In the manufacturing of non-durables, average hourly earnings edged up to \$1.73 in April from \$1.72 in the preceding month, while average weekly wages decreased to \$69.44 from \$69.86 and the work week to 40.1 hours from 40.7. Seasonal layoffs of lower-paid employees in tobacco plants, overtime work in petroleum refining, and a shorter work week in leather and clothing factories employing many women were responsible for the rise in average hourly earnings.

Wage-rate increases and higher bonuses in metal mines resulted in a gain of 1¢ in average hourly earnings in mining to \$2.18 from \$2.17 in the preceding month. A seasonal increase in employment was recorded in construction.

FRENCH AIRMEN VISIT CANADA

Members of the directing staff and students of the French Air War College arrived in Ottawa July 11 for a 17-day visit. Their Canadian tour is taking them to Royal Canadian Air Force installations and establishments.

On July 12 the French party visited 410 Squadron at RCAF Station Uplands and later made a tour of the Ottawa area, after which they were guests of the French Air Attaché. They visited the St. Lawrence Seaway on July 14 and next day attended a reception at the French Embassy as guests of the Ambassador.

The party left Ottawa on July 15 for RCAF Station St. Hubert, near Montreal. After a short stay, they went on to Quebec City and RCAF Station Bagotville. RCAF Station Winnipeg will be their next stop, followed by Calgary, Vancouver, RCAF Station Cold Lake, Fort Churchill and RCAF Station Downsview. The party will return to Ottawa on July 27, and will leave the Uplands air station for Paris on July 28.

B.C. MILK SUBSIDY

The federal subsidy of 25 cents a hundredweight on milk for manufacturing purposes will be paid in future on a part of the product from the three milk-pooling areas in British Columbia. Acting Agriculture Minister Douglas S. Harkness has announced that payments will be made by the Agricultural Stabilization Board under the Dairy Products Support Programme. This Programme provides that the subsidy shall be paid to milk producers delivering milk for manufacturing purposes only; those supplying the fluid market are not eligible.

In the three milk-pooling areas in British Columbia (Vancouver, Vancouver Island and Okanagan-Kamloops), the milk received from all producers is used for both fluid and manufacturing purposes. In future, part of their milk will be recognized as manufacturing milk and will be eligible for subsidy.