

RECORD INCREASE

Requests for tourist information on Canada are continuing to come into the Canadian Government Travel Bureau at a record rate. From January to May 20 a total of 432,597 enquiries have been received, an increase of 18 per cent over the same period of 1957. During the first four months of 1958 alone, the Bureau received 378,564 enquiries - more than have ever been received before in a similar four-month period.

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GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT

Canada's total output of goods and services amounted in value of \$31,676 million in the first quarter of 1958, little changed from the level of the preceding quarter, after seasonal adjustment. Apart from the farm sector, which includes an arbitrary estimate of crop production for the year 1958, the level of non-farm production of goods and services was virtually the same as in the fourth quarter.

Final product prices were slightly higher in the quarter, however, so that a small drop in the volume of non-farm production is implied. Available evidence indicates that the decline in volume was not more than one-half of 1 per cent, or considerably less than the moderate drop in output which occurred in the fourth quarter. Compared with the same period one year ago, the volume of non-farm output in the first quarter is estimated to be down by less than 2 per cent.

This relative stability in production in the first quarter was accompanied by a further fall-off in business capital investment outlays, a higher rate of inventory liquidation, and a moderate weakening in the trend of exports, and reflected the offsetting influences of a marked increase in consumer expenditures, a sharp upswing in outlays for housing, and an increase in government expenditures. Imports continued to bear a part of the impact of easing demand, and were further reduced in the first quarter. The flow of income to the personal sector of the economy was well sustained,

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with labour income holding level, a sharp gain in cash income receipts of farmers, and a continuation of the rising trend of transfer payments and interest and dividend receipts. As a result, the rise in personal income in the first quarter exceeded the rise in national income

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HEALTH OF ANIMALS

Canada is in an enviable position in the World today as far as livestock disease is concerned, according to Dr. W.A. Moynihan of the Health of Animals Division, Production Service, Canada Department of Agriculture.

Dr. Moynihan was this country's official delegate to the International Office of Epizootics in Paris in May. Veterinary authorities from all parts of the globe exchanged information on the incidence of disease.

"It was obvious from reports that Canada is one of the most fortunate countries in the world as far as health of livestock is concerned," said Dr. Moynihan.

International Office of Epizootics is a protege of the League of Nations, and was established as an international pool of information on animal diseases and their control.

It has a permanent secretariat in Paris.

Dr. Moynihan heard many countries reporting diseases foreign to Canada: bluetongue in sheep, Teschen in swine, rinderpest of cattle, and many others, and he said that progress in the control and eradication of the more common diseases, such as brucellosis and tuberculosis in Canada, measures up well to the progress in other countries.

Dr. Moynihan visited FAO headquarters in Rome to observe at first-hand FAO's animal disease control programmes in various countries.

Before returning, he spent ten days in the United Kingdom, conferring with British Ministry Veterinary authorities on mutual problems and visited some of the principal research centres.