

to UNESCO in Paris. Other members will be: Mr. F.T. Atkinson, Fredericton, Chief Director and Deputy Minister of Education, New Brunswick, Mr. Raymond Laliberté, Quebec City, President of la Corporation des Instituteurs et Institutrices du Québec, and member of L'Association canadienne des éducateurs de langue française; Mr. Charles D. Ovans, Vancouver, General Secretary, British Columbia Teachers' Federation and representative of the Canadian Teachers' Federation; and Mr. Howard Pammett, Ottawa, Executive Assistant to the Director, International Labour Affairs Branch, Department of Labour.

The Conference is to examine a draft recommendation to member states on the status of teachers, which was prepared by a meeting of experts jointly convened by UNESCO and the International Labour Organization (ILO) in January; it is expected to adopt a final draft recommendation which will be submitted to the thirteenth session of the general conference of UNESCO in November. The recommendation is concerned with educational legislation and administration; pre-service and in-service training for teachers and educational research; practical primary and secondary teaching; and the role of teachers' organizations.

COST OF LIVING STILL RISING

The consumer price index for Canada rose 0.4 per cent to 144.9 at the beginning of August from 144.3 in July. The August index was 3.9 percent above the level for August 1965, which stood at 139.4. Most of the increase was a result of higher food prices, which moved the food index 1.4 percent upward. Fractional increases occurred in the indexes for housing, health and personal care, and in recreation and reading. The index for tobacco and alcoholic beverages remained unchanged in August, while the clothing and transportation indexes declined.

FOOD

The food index advanced 1.4 per cent to 148.1 in August from 146.0 in July. Prices for most of the basic foods increased, including all dairy products except processed cheese, cereal products such as bread, flour, macaroni, cookies, most meats, eggs, butter and margarine, and fruits and vegetables such as bananas, apples, strawberries, onions, cabbage and tomato juice. Lower prices were recorded for sugar, tea, coffee, soft drinks, lard, grapes, raisins, potatoes, carrots, tomatoes, sausages, liver, and meat loaf.

HOUSING

The housing index moved up fractionally to 145.0 from 144.8. Higher prices for shelter, utensils and equipment, and household supplies outweighed price decreases for home furnishings, floor coverings and some textiles. The clothing index moved down 0.3 per cent to 124.8 from 125.2. Fairly widespread price decreases in wearing apparel outweighed higher

prices for men's work shirts and trousers, ladies' foundation garments, men's and children's shoes, and piece goods.

TRANSPORTATION

The transportation index declined 0.4 per cent to 150.6 from 151.2. Lower prices for automobiles outweighed price increases for taxi fares and motor oil. The health and personal care index rose fractionally to 181.3 in August from 181.0 in July. Price increases were reported for pharmaceuticals and for personal care supplies such as toothpaste, face cream and powder, cleansing tissues, sanitary napkins and razor blades.

The recreation and reading index moved up slightly to 159.6 from 159.3 as prices for camera film, bicycles and admission to sporting events increased. The tobacco and alcoholic beverages index remained unchanged at 125.1.

INSURANCE FOR FARM WORKERS

The Minister of Labour, Mr. John R. Nicholson, announced recently that employment in agriculture and horticulture would be insurable under the Unemployment Insurance Act as of April 1, 1967. The Minister said that the extension of unemployment insurance to agriculture, for which farm organizations have pressed for some time, should be of material help in making farm labour employment more attractive and in overcoming difficulties which farmers have experienced in securing capable farm help.

Under certain conditions, casual farm help hired for a few days only may not be insured and casual workers who do not ordinarily derive their livelihood from insurable employment will be exempt. The farm employer in such circumstances will not have to pay unemployment insurance contributions.

The decision to include agricultural and horticultural workers will bring under the unemployment insurance programme another large group of workers who are employed under a contract of service. Employments remaining excepted are hunting and trapping, employment in a hospital not carried on for the purpose of gain, employment in charitable institutions, teachers, members of the armed forces or of a police force, and domestic service.

REMOTE-CONTROL LIGHTHOUSES

Radio remote-control systems for use in untended lighthouses have been developed by the National Research Council of Canada at the request of the Department of Transport. Extensive tests with the systems have shown that it is possible for lighthouses without easy access to electric power to be operated efficiently without resident personnel.

Two lighthouses at present using systems developed by the Navigational Aids Section of NRC's