

CEYLON ENVOY VISITS PM

The newly-appointed High Commissioner for Ceylon in Canada, Dr. G.P. Malalasekera, made his first call on Prime Minister Diefenbaker on August 14. He was introduced by the Chief of Protocol of the Department of External Affairs, Mr. Henry F. Davis.

Dr. Malalasekera has been Professor and Head of the Department of Pali and Buddhist Civilization and Dean of the Faculty of Oriental Studies, at the University of Ceylon. He was the most senior member of the academic staff of the University at the time of his appointment as Ambassador of Ceylon to Moscow in January 1957. Since 1959, he has served concurrently as Ambassador to Roumania, Czechoslovakia and Poland.

RAILWAY REVENUE CARLOADINGS

Loadings of railway revenue freight in the last ten days of July declined 3.1 per cent to 92,734 cars from 95,736 a year earlier, placing loadings in July at 311,438 cars compared to 317,294 a year ago, a decrease of 1.8 per cent. The number of cars loaded in the January 1 - July 31 period dropped 7.3 per cent to 1,959,706 from 2,113,394 in the corresponding 1960 period.

Receipts from connections were down in the ten days ended July 31 to 29,176 cars from 32,848 a year earlier, in the month of July to 90,982 cars from 103,811, and in the January 1 - July 31 period to 717,983 cars from 842,150. "Piggyback" loadings were up in the ten days to 4,163 cars from 3,449, in the month to 14,844 cars from 12,581, and in the seven months to 95,091 cars from 90,545.

The principal commodities loaded on fewer cars in the January 1 - July 31 period included: iron ore, 110,436 cars (142,244 in the same 1960 period); building sand, gravel and crushed stone, 69,028 (82,642); logs, posts, poles and piling, 35,119 (44,411); automobiles, trucks and parts, 29,902 (46,323); and 1.c.1. merchandise, 206,503 (264,026). Loadings of wheat were up in the seven-month period to 164,238 cars from 148,392 a year ago.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics recently released the first issue of a new annual report on employees of the Government of Canada in census metropolitan areas. This report gives details of employees in departments and departmental corporations but does not include information for persons employed in agency and proprietary corporations of the Federal Government.

Employees of departmental branches, services and corporations in the 15 census metropolitan areas numbered 130,616 at March 31, 1961. This represented 38.9 per cent of all employees of the Government of Canada and 64.8 per cent of those in departmental branches, services and corporations. Regular

earnings of those employed in metropolitan areas in the month of March amounted to \$45,558,000 or 67.0 per cent of total regular earnings of staff in departmental branches, services and corporations.

The Ottawa-Hull metropolitan area, which includes the great majority of administrative staff, had 22.9 per cent of all employees in departmental branches, services and corporations at March 31. These 46,095 persons received 25.6 per cent of total regular earnings during the month of March.

The report shows that females represent a relatively higher proportion of total staff in metropolitan areas at 30 per 100 compared with 20 per 100 in non-metropolitan areas. In the Ottawa-Hull metropolitan area 38 out of each 100 employees are women.

N.S. EXPANDS TRAINING FACILITIES

Plans greatly to increase vocational and technical training facilities and programmes in Nova Scotia were recently announced jointly by Mr. R.L. Stanfield, Premier of the province, and Mr. Michael Starr, the federal Minister of Labour. The construction of two new schools, costing an estimated \$3,600,000, has been approved under the Technical and Vocational Training Assistance Act. Under the agreement, the Federal Government will share 75 per cent of the cost of construction, or approximately \$2,700,000.

Construction is expected to begin in September and to be completed in March 1963. The schools, which will accommodate 1,450 pupils, will offer courses at the trade, high-school and post high-school or technician levels, and will be used for the training of apprentices, the unemployed, the disabled and other adults, as well as for regular full-time day classes.

MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

In making the announcement, Premier Stanfield, who is also Minister of Education for Nova Scotia, said: "The decision to establish these two vocational schools (and it is hoped there will be more) is based on the ever-increasing need for more and better trained technicians and tradesmen for our society and a desire to give the youth and adults of Nova Scotia as good an opportunity as possible to obtain technical and vocational training".

Referring to the same projects, Mr. Starr said: "Canada has great need for facilities and programmes of the nature of those proposed by Nova Scotia. This age of technological change has brought into sharp focus the inadequacy of our present programmes and facilities... This very commendable programme put forward by Nova Scotia is another indication that the provincial governments recognize this need in Canada and gives tangible evidence that the provinces are taking positive action to overcome inadequacies which exist in the field of technical and vocational training".

HALIFAX SCHOOL

The Nova Scotia Trades and Technical Institute at Halifax, with a 900-student capacity, will replace facilities formerly rented for training purposes. Courses will be offered in the motor-vehicle repair