

Scotia, 17 (4); New Brunswick, 13 (7); Quebec, 35 (54); Ontario, 55 (67); Manitoba, 4 (9); Saskatchewan, 8 (4); Alberta, 11 (15); and British Columbia, 12 (16).

January-March traffic fatalities were fewer than a year ago in Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and the Yukon and Northwest Territories. First-quarter totals were: Newfoundland, 8 (7 a year ago); Prince Edward Island, nil (1); Nova Scotia, 29 (18); New Brunswick, 32 (22); Quebec, 81 (117); Ontario, 181 (204); Manitoba, 12 (22); Saskatchewan, 21 (7); Alberta, 39 (30); British Columbia, 53 (36); and the Yukon and Northwest Territories, nil (1).

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ITALY'S AIR CHIEF VISITS

The Chief of the Italian Air Force, General Silvio Napoli, arrived at Montreal's Dorval airport on May 16 to begin a week-long visit to Canada.

General Napoli proceeded to Ottawa almost immediately for talks with the Mr. George R. Parkes, Minister of National Defence, General C. Foulkes, Chairman, Chiefs of Staff, and Air Marshal Hugh Campbell, Chief of the Air Staff.

The following day he attended an Air Council meeting at National Defence Headquarters.

General Napoli flew to the RCAF Station St. Hubert, Quebec, on May 18, where he met the Air Officer Commanding, Air Defence Command, Air Vice Marshal W.R. MacBrien. He also attended an Air Defence Command briefing.

While in the Montreal area General Napoli toured the aircraft plant of Canadair Ltd., before proceeding to Hamilton and Niagara Falls for a two-day visit. On May 21 he toured RCAF Stations Bagotville and Mont Apica, Quebec.

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN WARTIME

Transport Minister George Hees made the following announcement in the House of Commons on May 18:

"The Government has had under consideration for some time the problem of arranging for effectual governmental control of the national telecommunications systems under nuclear war conditions. The conclusion has now been reached that, if the Government as a whole, its various agencies, and private users with essential wartime functions are to make the best use of the telecommunications services available after a nuclear attack, it is necessary to develop an emergency organization that would exist in nucleus form in peacetime as a planning agency, and in emergency would function as the executive agency of government in controlling and administering the national communications systems, including radio and television broadcasting.

"The Organization is to be known as the Emergency National Telecommunications Organization (ENTO). It will be developed within the Department of Transport and be under the control of the Minister of Transport, in whom, by virtue of the Radio Act, the Telegraph Act, the Railway Act and the Canada Shipping Act, extensive authority over telecommunications in Canada is already vested.

"In the discharge of its responsibilities, ENTO will be advised by a committee of senior representatives of other government departments having a major interest in telecommunications. Advice from commercial telecommunication agencies will also be sought."

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ATLANTIC FISHERIES

Gratifying progress in overcoming problems which have beset the oyster industry in the Maritime Provinces, in particular the epidemic disease which by the end of 1958 had ravaged almost all the main oyster areas in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, was reported at the final session of the Federal-Provincial Atlantic Fisheries Commission. G.R. Clark, Deputy Minister of the Federal Department of Fisheries, was chairman of the two-day meeting which was held in Ottawa recently.

Reporting for the oyster section of the Commission, Dr. A.L. Pritchard, Director of the Conservation and Development Service of the federal Department, said that in 1959 tests lots of oysters indicated no further spread of the mortality.

He told the meeting that the Department's 1959 transplant of disease-resistant oysters from Prince Edward Island had proceeded as planned. Thirty-two hundred barrels of the resistant oysters had been transplanted into New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and it is expected that the full programme of transplanting 10,000 barrels will be completed this year. In all areas examined, the transplanted oysters had suffered only normal mortality or less and continuing good growth had been demonstrated.

OYSTERS FROM SEED

The Department is intensifying its efforts to develop a method of raising seed oysters to stabilize the industry. In this project, 40,000 cement-coated egg-case fillers had been suspended in various Maritime areas. Growth had been excellent, with a harvest of 600 barrels of oyster spat. In its seed-farming work, the Department had used, with success, a mechanical digger using an escalator principle, which had been tested for clams and modified for oyster work.

A review was also given of the battle against the spruce-budworm epidemic that had seriously threatened the forests of New Brunswick and had an accompanying effect on the fisheries of the province. DDT spraying was