

exports to Britain reached \$353 million, about the same level as in 1961, while imports at \$237,100,000 were 7.1 per cent lower than the comparative 1961 total of \$255,100,000.

Exports to other Commonwealth and "preferential" countries were higher in May and lower in the January-May period than in 1961, while imports were slightly lower in the month and higher in the five-month period. Exports to and imports from all other countries were higher both in the month and the five-month period, with a specially strong May export total of \$139,700,000 offsetting the relatively low total recorded for these countries in April.

CANADIAN PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Nearly 14 million books were provided to Canadian readers during 1960 by Canada's public libraries, according to the *Survey of Libraries, Part I; Public Libraries, 1960*, recently released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. These books circulated during the year more than 56 million times, or an average of more than four times for each book. The *Survey* contains information on the organization, stock, use, staff, financing and special services of 209 of the larger urban, regional, cooperative and provincial public-library systems, and more limited data on 627 smaller institutions.

FORESTRY AID TO NOVA SCOTIA

Mr. Hugh John Fleming, the Minister of Forestry, has announced completion of arrangements with the Province of Nova Scotia for the extension of a forestry agreement under which about \$280,000 will be provided toward the employment of miners on forestry projects in the Cape Breton area. "From the federal department's standpoint," the Minister said, "we are most pleased to see this agreement extended for another year, as the stand-improvement work involved will contribute much to the general up-grading of the forest stands in that particular area. Also, it is felt that the training received by the miners in this work will serve them well in the matter of employment in the woods in the future".

The programme now under way is employing over 100 miners, under the direction of the Nova Scotia Department of Lands and Forests, and it is expected that this number will be increased substantially in the next few weeks.

The projects involved have to do with the removal and disposal of dead and damaged trees from forest stands to improve tree growth and stand quality; the clearing and disposal of brush, slash and debris from roadsides to reduce the fire hazard; the cleaning of the stands by disposing of undesirable and non-merchantable species; thinning and pruning operations to increase the annual growth of the remaining stands; and any operations necessary to control forest insects and diseases.

MID-1962 POPULATION

Canada's population had reached 18,570,000 by June 1, according to the annual population estimates by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. This is an increase of 332,000 or 1.8 per cent over the 1961 Census count. This increase, the smallest since 1950, reflects the decrease in immigration, which fell below 100,000 for the first time since 1950 (71,689 in 1961, 73,912 in 1950). The decrease in immigration is also shown in the smaller increase in population in Ontario, which receives about half of the immigrants each year.

There has also been a small decrease in births and a slight increase in deaths, which combined to drop the natural increase during the 1961-62 Census year to about 335,000. During the 1960-61 Census year, natural increase was 339,000.

PROVINCIAL FIGURES

Increases in population in the provinces ranged from 0.5 per cent in Saskatchewan to 2.9 per cent in Alberta. Quebec had the largest numerical increase, at 107,000, just passing Ontario's 106,000 increase. The estimated populations of the provinces for June 1, 1962, with 1961 Census figures in brackets, were as follows: Newfoundland 470,000 (458,000); Prince Edward Island 106,000 (105,000); Nova Scotia 746,000 (737,000); New Brunswick 607,000 (598,000); Quebec 5,366,000 (5,259,000); Ontario 6,342,000 (6,236,000); Manitoba 935,000 (922,000); Saskatchewan 930,000 (925,000); Alberta 1,370,000 (1,322,000); British Columbia 1,659,000 (1,629,000); Yukon 15,000 (14,000); and Northwest Territories 24,000 (23,000).

In addition to the 1962 estimated population and the historical record by provinces from 1931 to date, the revised population estimates for Census quarterly and semi-annual periods for Canada and the provinces are given for June 1, 1956, to June 1, 1961.

HISTORIC PLANE FOR MUSEUM

A De Havilland DH60 "Cirrus Moth," forerunner of the "Tiger Moth" so familiar to many airmen who trained with the Royal Canadian Air Force early in the Second World War, has been presented to the National Aviation Museum by Mr. C.F. Burke, Managing Director of Maritime Central Airways, Charlottetown. "The National Aviation Museum has long been hopeful of acquiring this type of 'Moth' aircraft, so representative of the light planes used in Canada during the late twenties", said Resources Minister Walter Dinsdale. "We are grateful to Mr. Burke for donating it to the national collection".

OTHER ACQUISITIONS

Another recent museum acquisition is a Fairchild, FC2-W2, pioneer plane of Canada's North. The aircraft at present in the collection also include a "Tiger Moth", a Harvard trainer, JN-4 "Jenny", and a replica of the "Silver Dart".

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