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In his address which closed the second session of the 24th Parliament of Canada, the Deputy Governor-General, Chief Justice Patrick Kerwin, said in part:

"Canadians have welcomed with profound gratitude the visit of Her Gracious Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Prince Philip. Her Majesty and the Prince are assured of the affection and devotion of the Canadian people and of their deep attachment to the Crown. To mark Her Majesty's visit you have established the Queen Elizabeth II Research Fund for research into the diseases of children.

"It has been gratifying that the President of the United States was able to be present with our Queen on the occasion of the official opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

"Canadians are convinced that every effort must be made to attain and to preserve lasting peace in the world. My Government is hopeful that it will be possible at summit meetings of heads of governments to make progress toward the settlement of such important issues as Germany, Berlin, nuclear test explosions and toward agreement on general disarmament.

"Meanwhile, it is necessary to maintain the strength of the free world provided by the North Atlantic Alliance. To this end an im-

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JUNE EMPLOYMENT SETS RECORD

Employment reached an all-time record level in June, according to the monthly joint news release by the Department of Labour and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. An estimated 6,053,000 persons had jobs, 201,000 more than in the previous month and 174,000 more than in the year before. The increase in employment from May to June occurred almost entirely in non-farm industries, with the largest employment gains being in construction, logging and the distributive industries.

In June, 183,000 more persons held jobs in non-farm industries than the year before; farm employment was down slightly. The labour force continued to expand slowly and in June was 84,000 higher than a year earlier.

Unemployment declined markedly between May and June, reflecting a substantial increase in jobs. In June, an estimated 234,000 persons were without jobs and seeking work, of which 198,000 were men and 36,000 were women. The total was 100,000 below the previous month and 90,000 lower than a year earlier. Some 14,000 were on temporary layoff, practically unchanged from a year ago. The seeking-work figure was 3.7 per cent of the labour force, compared with 5.2 per cent in June last year.

The recovery during the second quarter was fairly widespread, affecting most major industry groups. In manufacturing, the main strength

portant decision has been reached to re-equip the Canadian Air Division in Europe with modern and up to date aircraft. You have been informed of the steps being taken for sharing with the United States the production and procurement of defence equipment and have approved an appropriation to support selected development programmes related to production sharing.

"The Government recognizes that the peace of the world cannot be assured by defence measures alone and that economic assistance to less-developed countries is a necessity and in Canada's interest. You have authorized an increase in Canada's contribution under the Colombo Plan to provide further help for Asian and African nations, particularly those within the Commonwealth. You have also voted substantial assistance for the new Federation of The West Indies. You have approved a measure to increase Canada's subscriptions to the International Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

"It is encouraging to note the strong recovery from the recent recession both abroad and here at home. My Government will continue to take whatever steps lie within its power to maintain employment and to sustain sound economic growth...."

came from durable goods; activity increased most noticeably in motor vehicles, primary steel, household appliances, wood products and railway rolling stock. Employment expansion in the non-durable goods industries was largely of a seasonal nature.

Unemployment was lower than last year in almost all local areas. The classification of labour market areas at the end of June was as follows (last year's figures in brackets): in substantial surplus, 1 (27); in moderate surplus, 51 (60); and in balance, 58 (23).

LABOUR FORCE

The labour force was estimated at 6,287,000 in the week ended June 20 compared to 6,186,000 at mid-May. In June, some 5,691,000 or 90.5 per cent of those in the labour force usually worked 35 hours or more at the jobs they held in the survey week, 362,000 or 5.8 per cent usually worked less than 35 hours, and 234,000 or 3.7 per cent were without jobs and seeking work. Classed as not in the labour force are such groups as those keeping house, going to school, retired or voluntarily idle, too old or unable to work, and these numbered 5,267,000.

The survey provides additional information about those who worked less than full time and were not regular part-time workers. Of the persons in this category, 58,000 or 0.9 per cent of the labour force worked less than full

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