

Harris Retrospective"; "Tutankhamun's Treasure"; Canadian biennials of painting, sculpture and graphics; "The Chatsworth Drawings"; "Treasures From Quebec"; "Canaletto"; and "Paintings and Drawings by Victorian Artists in England". Exports have included exhibitions of Canadian painting, sculpture and graphics have been sent to Poland, France, Switzerland, South Africa, Chile, Brazil, Mexico, Britain and Italy.

Dr. Comfort plans to resume his career as a professional artist. He will also offer services as a consultant and adviser to architects and their clients in connection with building decoration in all media.

CEREMONY IN SOEST

The re-enactment of a ceremony unique in the annals of Canadian and German military history will take place in Soest, Germany, on July 4. Last year, for the first time in the history of Germany and of this ancient walled community, the right of "freedom of the city" was bestowed on foreign troops when the 1st Battalion, the Royal Canadian Regiment, was granted the honour of marching through Soest on May 24 with "colours flying, drums beating and bayonets fixed". This year, the occasion will be commemorated when the battalion, due to return to Canada this year, marches through the city as a farewell gesture and in recognition of the close association that has grown up between the regiment and the Soest community.

FLAGS EXCHANGED

An exchange of flags will be made by the regiment and the city when the Battalion commanding officer presents the *Bürgermeister* (Mayor) with the regimental banner and receives in return the flag of Soest. Both flags will be paraded through the city, and will be flown by the 1st Battalion, RCR, and the city of Soest on May 24 each year in recognition of the honour accorded the regiment.

During the same ceremony in front of the *Rathaus* (City Hall), the regiment's commanding officer will present the Mayor with the original scroll incorporating the musical score of a march composed in honour of the day by Sergeant Hank Uitvlucht, a member of the regimental band from London, Ontario. The march, entitled "Mit Fliegenden Fahnen" ("With Flags Flying"), will be played during a review of the battalion by the Mayor of Soest.

A FURTHER BOND

The day before the battalion exercises its right to march through the city, it will continue its sponsorship of amenities for the elderly people of Soest by presenting a mural for the recreation room of the Old Peoples' Club, followed by a band concert and tea party.

The mural, painted by an officer of the battalion, has as its motif the granting of the freedom of the city to the unit and features the Queen's and regimental colours. The Old Peoples' Club has nearly

1,000 members, most of whom have been entertained at the battalion's home station of Fort York at tea and Christmas parties and band concerts sponsored by the women's auxiliary, officers and senior non-commissioned officers of the battalion.

FARM CASH RECEIPTS

Cash receipts from farming operations are estimated at \$974.1 million for the first three months of 1965, 14 per cent above the record-high figure of \$854.9 million established for the corresponding period of 1964. These estimates include cash receipts from the sale of farm products, Canadian Wheat Board participation payments on previous years' grain crops, net cash advances on farm-stored grains in Western Canada, and deficiency payments made by the Agricultural Stabilization Board. No deductions are made for the cost of production of commodities sold.

SOURCES OF INCREASE

The increase in total receipts is owing in large part to a substantial rise in Canadian Wheat Board payments - from a total of \$208.5 million for the first quarter of 1964 to \$292.1 million for the same period of 1965. Higher returns were also realized from potatoes, tobacco, soybeans, rapeseed, cattle, calves, hogs, dairy products and poultry meat. Offsetting these gains to some extent were lower receipts from current sales of wheat, coarse grains and eggs.

All provinces shared in the increase, the most significant absolute gains occurring in Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta. The substantial rise recorded for Ontario is owing for the most part to tobacco and cattle, while in Saskatchewan and Alberta it stems from record Canadian Wheat Board participation payments. On a percentage basis, the most important increases were recorded in Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick, where potato prices rose well above the 1964 first-quarter levels.

SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS

Under the provisions of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act, farmers also received supplementary payments amounting to \$8.8 million during the January-March period of 1965 as against \$6.6 million for the corresponding 1964 period. When added together, farmers' cash receipts from farming operations and supplementary payments totalled \$982.9 million for the 1965 period, about 14 per cent above the 1964 level of \$861.5 million.

Provincial cash receipts from farming operations (excluding supplementary payments) in this year's first quarter (in thousands) were as follows: Prince Edward Island, \$10,289 (\$5,723 a year ago); Nova Scotia, \$10,124 (\$9,841); New Brunswick, \$15,597 (\$9,146); Quebec, \$91,756 (\$88,709); Ontario, \$245,148 (\$217,481); Manitoba, \$78,498 (\$72,880); Saskatchewan, \$296,105 (\$251,135); Alberta, \$195,656 (\$170,005); and British Columbia, \$30,973 (\$29,952).