

that the two stations shall be used only for peaceful purposes, and the agreement includes appropriate provisions to this end. A unique feature of the agreement is that these provisions are completely reciprocal, conferring on India and Canada identical facilities for assuring themselves that both stations are being so used.

The two agreements reflect the long-standing co-operation between Canada and India in the peaceful uses of atomic energy and will further strengthen the close and friendly relations between the two countries.

NEW MARKETS FOR CANADIAN TOBACCO

A Canadian tobacco trade mission that visited Eastern Europe, Western Europe and the Middle East during September and October has returned to Canada convinced that there are opportunities for sales of Canadian tobacco in all the eight countries visited.

The five-man mission, sponsored and organized by the Department of Trade and Commerce, visited Poland, the U.S.S.R., Austria, Bulgaria, Egypt, Israel, Italy and France. It aimed at negotiating immediate sales, establishing business relations and learning the market prospects and potential in the countries visited. It was the first concentrated effort to market tobacco in these countries, and developed from the close relation that had grown up between the tobacco industry and Department of Trade and Commerce in a common effort to open up new markets abroad and increase sales in existing markets.

In most of the countries visited, the mission found a general lack of knowledge and information on the technical and quality aspects of Canadian tobacco, but at the same time a high degree of interest.

The mission negotiated for sales of tobacco in most countries and some sales were successfully concluded. Negotiations are continuing with other countries visited and it is hoped that in the near future an announcement may be made of a sale to an additional new buyer which will result in Canadian tobacco being used in a number of new markets for the first time.

CHAIN-STORE SALES & STOCKS

Canadian chain-store sales in September were valued at an estimated \$308,612,000, a rise of 1.1 per cent from the corresponding 1962 total of \$305,290,000. With gains in all previous months of the year except June, sales in the January-September period increased 4.6 per cent to \$2,768,670,000 from \$2,645,822,000 in the like span of last year. September 1 stocks (at cost) amounted to \$471,626,000, a small decrease (0.3 per cent) from 1962's comparable total of \$473,185,000.

Sales by grocery and combination store chains in September were valued at \$138,937,000, virtually unchanged from last year's corresponding total of \$138,908,000. All previous months except March posted gains from a year earlier, with the result that January-September sales climbed 5.1 per cent to \$1,319,-

938,000 from \$1,256,238,000 a year ago. Sales of variety-store chains — the next largest group for which separate data are shown — were down 0.8 per cent in the month to \$25,636,000 from \$25,832,000 in September 1962.

September sales of the nine remaining specified chains were: men's clothing, \$2,364,000 (\$2,413,000 in September 1962); family clothing, \$6,408,000 (\$6,696,000); women's clothing, \$6,748,000 (\$6,880,000); shoes, \$6,526,000 (\$6,927,000); hardware, \$5,445,000 (\$5,067,000); lumber and building materials, \$13,171,000 (\$11,038,000); furniture, radios and appliances, \$10,197,000 (\$10,187,000); drugs, \$5,284,000 (\$5,191,000); and jewellery, \$4,625,000 (\$3,723,000).

LUMBER STANDARDS REVIEWED

Dr. J.H. Jenkins, Director of Forest Products Research for the federal Department of Forestry, will represent Canada at a meeting in Moscow from November 25 to 30 of the technical committee of the International Standards Organization. He is a member of the Executive Board, Canadian Standards Association, and chairman of the Administrative Board, Canadian Lumber Standards Division, as well as of the Yard Lumber Standards Committee, both sections of the CSA.

A proposal by certain European countries calling for the metric system to be recognized as the only international standard of lumber measurement will be one of the main subjects of discussion. The question is of special concern to Canada as a lumber exporter trading in the inch as the unit of measurement.

Twenty countries including Canada and Britain are voting members of the technical committee, which deals with sawn and planed timber. The United States is one of the 17 nations that will be participating as observers.

On his way to Moscow, Dr. Jenkins will consult with the National Standards Organizations in Britain and Sweden, and on his way home he will visit the Organization for Applied Scientific Research in the Netherlands at Delft.

U.S. ART AT GALLERY

The strongly contrasting personalities and points of view of some of the most advanced artists in the United States today meet in the exhibition *Americans 1963*, which opened at the National Gallery in Ottawa on November 8 and will remain there until December 1.

BIZARRE MATERIALS

The 15 artists, who were selected as individuals and not to illustrate a trend or to favor any age group, used many unorthodox materials, such as "auto bumpers" and "pencil and soot on muslin".

Organized by the Museum of Modern Art, New York, where it was shown last summer, *Americans 1963* is the most recent in a series of displays that permit each artist to show a number of his own works, and thus make it possible for him to have a small one-man show within the framework of a large exhibition.