

for in dollars. The figures speak for themselves. They reflect the immediate and successful response of industry to the challenge presented by our exchange problem...."

FIRST PAYMENTS OF HEALTH PLAN: Initiating the far-reaching national health program approved by Parliament at its last session, Hon. Paul Martin, Minister of National Health and Welfare announced September 7 that the first payment from Grants of more than \$30,000,000 voted to assist the Provinces in the field of health is being made to the Province of Ontario.

A cheque for \$29,485.50 is being forwarded to the Provincial Treasurer of Ontario. The payment constitutes fifteen per cent of a sum of \$196,570 allocated to Ontario under the health survey grants embraced in the over-all program.

Ontario's application for an initial payment on the health survey grant was the first received from a province under the scheme, but requests are coming in from other provinces as they complete preparations to make the surveys, for which the funds have been provided.

Health survey grants are to enable each province to carry out adequate studies of their health needs. Totalling \$625,000, these grants are basic to the whole program, as they assist the provinces in setting up machinery to ensure the most effective use of the other funds made available, to plan extension of hospital accommodation and the proper organization of hospital and medical care insurance. The health survey grant is divided on the basis of \$5,000 to each province and the remainder of the basis of population, with a proviso that no province will get less than \$15,000. While not a recurring grant, any moneys not spent in the current fiscal year may be made available for use in succeeding years.

MONTGOMERY MONUMENT: A monument erected in Prince Edward Island National Park in memory of the noted author Lucy Maud Montgomery will be unveiled with appropriate ceremony on the afternoon of Sunday, September 12. The monument was provided by the National Parks Service of the Department of Mines and Resources on the recommendation of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada.

Premier J. Walter Jones, of P.E.I., will accept the monument on behalf of his province. The Hon. Joseph A. Bernard, Lieutenant Governor, and the Hon. Thane A. Campbell, Chief Justice, will also take part in the ceremony. Professor D.C. Harvey, of Halifax, will represent the Department of Mines and Resources and the Historic Sites and Monuments Board.

A native of Prince Edward Island, Lucy Maud Montgomery is best known for her book

"Anne of Green Gables". This was the first in a series of novels which cast a romantic glow over her native province and gained for her international fame as the creator of "one of the immortal children of fiction".

BORDER TRAFFIC: The volume of highway traffic crossing the Canada-U.S. border in July 1948 established a new record for that month, exceeding the flow of traffic in July 1946 by eight per cent, according to the Bureau of Statistics. American traffic entering Canada in July was 12 per cent higher in 1948 than in 1947, and Canadian traffic returning from the United States was seven per cent lower.

MEDICAL FELLOWSHIPS: Medical Fellowships have been awarded by the National Research Council to 31 graduates in medicine to enable them to pursue post-graduate research during 1948-49. The grants represent ten different universities, including one in Australia and one in England. The fellowship holders will carry on their research investigations at eight universities. Six of these research centres are located in Canada, one in England, and one in Zurich, Switzerland. Distribution of the awards by the universities at which they will be held is as follows: McGill, 8; Montreal, 1; Queen's, 4; Toronto, 7; Western Ontario, 8; Manitoba, 1; Oxford, England, 1; Zurich, Switzerland, 1.

Medical Fellowships vary in amount from \$1500 to \$2500, depending on the previous training and experience of the candidates.

The Division of Medical Research of the National Research Council also makes Grants-in-Aid to Canadian universities for medical research studies on approved subjects. During the present year 118 such grants valued at \$264,173 are being held. Nominal value of the 31 medical fellowships awarded this year is \$64,600.

MANUFACTURING INVENTORIES: Taking into account advance knowledge of physical stocks, June manufacturing inventories are indicated as standing higher than the May index of 144.0, which, it may be noted, was 1.5 points above that for April, according to the Bureau of Statistics.

The food industry inventories again show a fairly large rise in value, due, as in May, to large seasonal increases in butter stocks over those at the end of the previous month. Semi-finished non-durable consumers' goods inventories show indications of a continued slight fall in value, due to seasonal declines in the value of pulpwood inventories and those held in the feed and flour industry. Inventories in the latter industry show signs of being at the lowest point in the post-war period.

quarter it comes. Such collective action, even if at the beginning only on a regional basis, is urgent and necessary. The threat of aggressive and expansionist communism, harnessed to the ambitions of a very great power, is too great, too direct, and too immediate for us to do nothing until all the freedom-loving nations reach agreement to act together.

SECURITY SYSTEM

"That is why the Canadian Government has been urging at home and abroad, in public statements, and through diplomatic channels and discussions the immediate establishment of a North Atlantic Security system comprised of the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada and the free countries of Western Europe. We think such a system could create and maintain the necessary preponderance of defensive force over any possible adversary or combination of aggressive adversaries.

"Now a collective arrangement of this kind has positive as well as negative values. It can make for prosperity as well as security. It has in it the ultimate hope - and the possibility - of establishing freedom, order and welfare over a wide area. Under present conditions that seems to be our best formula for peace; the concentration of an overwhelming superiority of moral, economic and physical force on the side of those who do not wish to use force, but are resolved to do so together, if the necessity is forced on them.

"If we can bring this about, it may then come to pass that the forces of aggression, respecting our power for war and convinced of our will for peace, will abandon their mad designs, dismiss their unjustified suspicions, and begin to co-operate with others without requiring that they become mere satellites. "Any political association on other than a universal basis in this shrinking world cannot be an end in itself, but only a means to an end. The end is that set out in the Charter we have all signed, the erection of a structure of international co-operation and understanding, in which all men, of every creed and race and colour, may exist together in peace and prosperity.

"Canada will, I know, play a worthy part in the achievement of that high objective."

COMMODORE DEWOLF PROMOTED: The promotion of Commodore Henry G. DeWolf, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.S.C., R.C.N., of Bedford, N.S., to the rank of Rear-Admiral was announced September 9 by the Hon. Brooke Claxton, Minister of National Defence. Commodore DeWolf's promotion is effective September 8, the date on which he became Flag Officer Pacific Coast, succeeding Rear-Admiral E. Rollo Mainguy, O.B.E., R.C.N., Duncan, B.C. who will transfer to the R.C.N.'s eastern command on October 1, as previously announced, to become Flag Officer Atlantic Coast.

CIVIL AVIATION: Canadian scheduled air carriers earned \$1,925,000 in March as compared with \$1,727,000 in the corresponding month last year, according to the Bureau of Statistics. This was not sufficient to meet operating expenses which increased from \$2,090,000 to \$2,200,000 making the loss from operations, \$275,000 as against a loss of \$363,000 in March last year. These losses, which for the first quarter amounted to \$1,112,000 in 1948 and \$1,442,000 in 1947, do not include interest on debt or capital.

CANADA SAVINGS BONDS: It was announced September 8 by the Hon. Douglas Abbott, Minister of Finance, that the Third Series of Canada Savings Bonds will be placed on sale on October 12th. The new savings instrument will be dated November 1st, 1948 and will bear interest at the rate of 2½% each year for ten years. The bonds may be redeemed at any time at any bank in Canada for full face value plus interest and will be registered in the owner's name - affording complete protection against loss. Because of these favourable terms not more than \$1,000 of this series may be registered in any one name. Bonds, however, may be bought in the name of each member of a family, whether adult or child, up to this limit.

Arrangements for the sale of the Third Series will be made by the Bank of Canada as in the past. It is estimated that the national sales force will include nearly 8,000 representatives of more than 300 investment firms. The bonds will also be made available through more than 3,000 branch banks and other savings institutions. Some 12,000 payroll establishments will be provided with information and material to promote the Payroll Savings Plan, which proved such a popular feature of the first two series.

BREAD-GRAIN HARVESTS: Almost without exception the wheat and rye producing countries in the Northern Hemisphere report favourably upon the current harvest, states the Bureau of Statistics in its monthly review of the wheat situation. The most reliable estimates available indicate the 1948 overall bread-grain crop in these areas may be about 10 per cent above the outturn in 1947 and should approach the pre-war, 1935-39 level.

In North America it is anticipated that the combined outturn of wheat and rye will come within two per cent of last year's record crop. Production in Continental Europe will be substantially above last year's poor crop but will still fall below average. The bread grain crop in the Soviet Union is also expected to be above 1947, but much below pre-war.

Better-than-average wheat crops are indicated for most of the principal producing countries of Asia, with China's crop placed at 25 per cent above average and Turkey expecting