

cent stamps will be issued on June 30, the focus of the designs being the floral emblems of Quebec and Ontario respectively. The official flowers of the other eight provinces will be issued before 1966.

The first stamp to appear in 1964 is a new regular seven-cent issue that goes on sale March 11, replacing the "Blue Goose" design in use since November 1952. Anticipating this change of a 12-year old design, and in order to continue the use of the image of the Canada Goose in the regular stamp issues, a new 15-cent stamp was issued last November showing four geese in flight.

A five-cent issue on the theme of peace among men and nations, the second stamp of the year, will go on sale on April 8. It will be one of the few issues not related to the centennial observations.

YULE ISSUES

For the first time in its history, Canada will this year have stamps with a Christmas theme. These special issues will be of the three-cent and five-cent denominations, and will be available to the public during thesecond week of October.

The visit of Queen Elizabeth to Canada early in October as part of the pre-centennial celebrations will be commemorated by a special stamp to be issued during the visit. Owing to necessary changes in the stamp programme for the year, it is not possible to proceed with the "Unity" stamp, as had been proposed.

This year, for the first time, three colours will be used on a number of Canadian stamps. This will add individuality and brightness, and is being achieved by a combination of the lithography and steel-engraving processes.

HOSPITAL EXPENDITURES

Public general and allied special hospitals had expenditures totalling \$698,945,000 in 1961, larger by 14.5 per cent than in the preceding year. Salaries and wages represented 64.7 per cent of the 1961 total, medical and surgical supplies and drugs 7.5 per cent, and all other supplies and expenses 27.8 per cent. Patient-day costs for adults and children were \$23.07 in 1961, an increase of 8.2 per cent over 1960; the provincial range was from \$19.06 in Prince Edward Island to \$24.26 in Ontario.

Of the total expenditures in hospitals during 1961, 28.5 per cent went for general nursing services, 20.4 per cent for special services (operating room, delivery room, laboratory, radiology, etc.), 5.8 per cent for supplemental services (nursing and medical education, social services, medical records), 37.5 per cent for general services (administration, dietary, laundry, operation and maintenance), and 7.8 per cent for other non-departmental expenses.

TOY FAIR SUCCESS IN BRITAIN

The first Canadian toy fair held in England was such a success that the firms which took part are already calling for a second fair in 1965.

The first fair was held in the Sir John A. Macdonald Building, London, by members of Canadian Playthings Manufacturers, Inc., in conjunction with the Department of Trade and Commerce, from February 10 to 14.

A survey conducted among the 22 Canadian exhibitors after the close of the fair revealed the following encouraging facts:

Sales during the week exceeded \$250,000.

Twelve exhibitors either appointed or entered into serious negotiations with British selling representatives.

Three other firms were already adequately represented.

More than 250 prospective customers visited the show, including buyers from Sweden, France, West Germany, Israel, South Africa and Australia who were in England to attend the British Toy Fair at Brighton.

Canadian Playthings Manufacturers, Inc., represents some 140 toy and plaything makers in Canada. Plans for the display were begun when a fact-finding mission from the industry reported last year that there was a good potential market for Canadian toys in Britain.

Officials of the CPMI acknowledged the support given the venture by the Department of Trade and Commerce, which provided the display space and, through its London office, conducted many of the preliminary arrangements.

At the conclusion of the show, the exhibitors turned over their entire display stock, more than \$5,000 worth of toys and playthings, to Richard Heame, Britain's famous "Mr. Pastry", for distribution to handicapped children. Mr. Heame has been active for several years in promoting help for handicapped children in Britain.

MOTOR ACCIDENTS

The number of people killed in motor-vehicle traffic accidents in the third quarter of 1963 was 1,406, an increase of 7.4 per cent over the preceding year's total of 1,309 for the same period. There were 83,519 accidents reported in the three-month period compared to 78,546, in which 37,593 persons were injured compared to 33,435. In the January-September period, the number of people killed in motor accidents was 2,987 compared to 2,664 a year ago, while 90,287 were injured compared to 78,319. There were 235,368 accidents reported, against 219,659 during the same period of 1962.