

and veal. Lamb increased nearly two cents, while lard and shortening declined 0.5 cents on the average. Fresh vegetables rose fractionally, sugar increased 0.5 cents and coffee 5.4 cents.

The clothing index declined from 183.7 to 183.3, reflecting slight but scattered decreases. Homefurnishings and services dropped 0.1 points to 167.0 as decreases in blankets, dishes and laundry soap overbalanced increases in telephone and laundry rates. Fuel and light increased 0.4 points to 135.6, following moderate advances in coke prices in some Ontario centres.

STATISTICS ON GRAIN TRADE: The annual report on the grain trade of Canada for the crop year 1947-48, prepared by the Statistics Branch, Board of Grain Commissioners, in collaboration with the Agriculture Division of the Bureau of Statistics, has been released by the Bureau. The volume includes data on acreage, yield and production, farm deliveries, inspections, receipts at terminal and eastern elevators, lake movement, visible supplies, prices, exports, and rail freight rates on grain and grain products. Also included is a summary of the operations of the flour milling industry

LABOUR FORCE BULLETIN: Detailed statistics on the results of the latest quarterly labour force survey conducted during the week ended October 29, 1949, are presented in a bulletin released on February 2 by the Bureau of Statistics. The report contains data on the labour force, persons with jobs, and persons without jobs seeking work, by region, sex and age. Estimates of the number of persons not in the labour force are also included.

TO REPRESENT CANADA: The Department of External Affairs announced on February 3, that senator Armand Daigle will represent the Government of Canada at the official opening of the Haitian International Exhibition in Port-au-Prince on February 12. The present Exhibition is being held to celebrate the bicentenary of the founding of Port-au-Prince. The senator will present a message of greeting from the Prime Minister to the President of Haiti on behalf of the Government of Canada.

LABOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES: At the beginning of 1950, there were 641 Labour-Management Production Committees in operation throughout Canadian industry, compared with 346 at the end of the war, according to a statement released on February 7 by the Minister of Labour Mr. Mitchell, on the work of the Labour-Management Co-operation Service of the Department.

The steady growth in numbers of Labour-

Management Production Committees during the postwar years showed that both employers and employees were becoming more and more convinced of the value of joint consultation on production problems, it was pointed out.

The Committees consist of representatives from management and labour and operate in an advisory capacity on matters affecting industrial productive efficiency. They do not deal with subjects covered by collective bargaining agreements.

The formation of these Committees in industry is sponsored by the Labour-Management Co-operation Service, of the Industrial Relations Branch, Department of Labour.

A breakdown by industrial groups showed that these Committees are well distributed throughout many different industries. Included in the list were: manufacturing with 381 committees, involving 153,253 workers; transportation, 128 committees, involving 60,459 workers; mining, 42 committees, involving 28,522 workers; communications, 41 committees, involving 10,692 workers; service, 27 committees, involving 15,353 workers.

Among the industries making up the total for the manufacturing group were: pulp and paper products, 39 committees; iron and its products, 98 committees; edible plant products, 32 committees, textile products, 25 committees; edible animal and sea products, 22 committees; leather products, 24 committees; lumber and its products, 24 committees.

The largest representation in the transportation industry was steam railways with 108 committees, involving 54,838 workers.

AMBASSADOR OF ARGENTINA: The Department of External Affairs announced that Dr. Agustin Nores Martinez, on February 7, presented to His Excellency the Governor General at Government House, his Letter of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Argentina to Canada.

The Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Brooke Claxton, was present. Mr. Erasto M. Villa and Dr. Wifredo Brunet, Counsellors of the Argentine Embassy, accompanied the Ambassador. Mr. Howard Measures, Chief of Protocol, Department of External Affairs, presented Dr. Nores Martinez to His Excellency the Governor General.

Dr. Nores Martinez was born in 1909, is married and has two children. A lawyer by profession and author of various works on jurisprudence, Dr. Nores Martinez was formerly a Professor of Constitutional Law and Economic Geography. He was Dean of the Faculty of Law and Rector of the University of Buenos Aires, and, at the time of his appointment to Canada, was serving as a judge of the Federal Court of Appeal. Dr. Nores Martinez replaces Mr. Atilio Garcia Mellid who left Canada on October 11, 1949.