

nial census by the average constituency population of all the small provinces at the previous redistribution.

The representation of an intermediate province whose population has increased will be determined by increasing its total number of seats by one seat for every two that it would have received were it to have the same average constituency population as the small province with the largest average constituency population.

#### An historical note

Section 51 of the BNA Act, 1867 was applied to redistributions following the census of 1871, 1881, 1891, and 1901. It was deemed necessary to amend the section to add the "Senate floor" rule in 1915 and the resulting new system was applied to the redistributions that followed the 1911, 1921 and 1931 census. The system was extensively revised in 1946 but the new system was applied only to the redistribution that followed the census of 1941. A further extensive revision was undertaken in 1952 and applied to the redistributions following the 1951 and 1961 census. It is this system of 1952 that appears to have become obsolete and which the Government proposes to replace with the new bill.

#### Organization established to promote economic education

A new body, the Canadian Foundation for Economic Education, whose aim is to promote "economic awareness" in Canada, has established its national headquarters in Toronto. Provincial councils, which will have their own boards of directors responsible for the development of developing regional programs and resource materials, are planned for other parts of the country.

The CFEE is a federally chartered, non-political and non-profit foundation, formed as a result of discussions by business, labour and agricultural leaders, economists and educators who have indicated support for a national undertaking to increase public knowledge of economic issues.

Dr. Freeman K. Stewart, executive director of the Canadian Education Association, has been named president of the new foundation. Vice-president is J. Harvey Perry, executive director of the Canadian Bankers' Association.

At the foundation's first annual general meeting, to be held in early 1975, it will be proposed that a board of 30 will have a representational balance of about 40 per cent educators, 20 per cent business, 20 per cent organized labour and the remaining 20 per cent divided among groups representing economics, agriculture and consumers.

The foundation will act as a national organization which will produce educational materials and provide resources and programs to facilitate the teaching of economics and economics-oriented subjects. It will work mainly through school and colleges by encouraging teachers to use effective teaching materials.

#### Frozen food regulation

Consumer and Corporate Affairs Minister André Ouellet has announced the promulgation of a new regulation under the Food and Drugs Act which will identify previously frozen meat, poultry and fish offered for sale in the thawed state.

The regulation, which will become effective on January 1, will require that the words "previously frozen" or "made from fresh and frozen portions" whichever is applicable, be printed on the principal display panel or on a sign adjacent to food that has been frozen and then thawed before being sold.

It will apply to raw meat, poultry, and fish, such as ground beef and fish fillets but will not apply to prepared or preserved products such as sausage.

#### Help for new home buyers

Federal grants to first-time buyers of new houses will be available soon. In a statement to the House of Commons last month, Urban Affairs Minister Barney Danson gave notice that the Government intended to introduce legislation which will authorize the payment of a \$500-grant to first-time buyers of new, moderately-priced homes until November 1, 1975.

Qualified applicants who buy and occupy a house on and after November 1, 1974, will be eligible for the grant. Payments will be made as soon as Parliament approves the legislation.

#### Commonwealth youth and media project

Canada is one of six countries taking part in a project called "Youth and Media" which the Commonwealth Secretariat requested the International Council for Adult Education to undertake.

It is a preliminary probe into certain experiences of young adults — 15 to 25 years of age, both in school and out, employed and unemployed — with such media as radio, television, films, print, music, sound and video recorders and cassettes. The intent of the study is to collect information and opinion from several Commonwealth countries; to make some observations and recommendations about what is learned; and to project research studies for the future. The other countries being sampled are Australia, Jamaica, Kenya, Malaysia and Malta.

The study has four components: accessibility, use and impact; media and employment; media and the constructive use of leisure; and media and social problems.

#### Film on nuclear energy

*This Nuclear Age*, a new film, produced for the Atomic Energy of Canada Limited by Crawley Films Limited through the National Film Board, depicts the development and applications of nuclear energy in Canada.

The main emphasis of the 29-minute film, which is intended for general distribution, is on nuclear power and animated sequences briefly explaining fission, the chain reaction, the release of heat from uranium, the general principles of a nuclear power system and the production of heavy water.

The film deals also with radiation and radioisotope applications and shows a cancer therapy unit production line, engineering tests of a sterilization plan for medical supplies and an isotope-powered navigation beacon. To indicate the range of nuclear activities in Canada, the camera visits the University of Toronto's SLOWPOKE reactor, the TRIUMF accelerator in Vancouver, a nuclear-fuel manufacturing plant and the shops of other companies producing components for the nuclear program.