

Quebec but apple and strawberry crops were smaller. Ontario reported increased crops for all fruits except apples, pears, strawberries and raspberries, while British Columbia reported gains for all fruits except plums and prunes.

Estimated production of chief commercial fruit crops follows: apples, 13,510,000 bushels (12,422,000 in 1956); pears, 890,000 bushels (1,400,000); plums and prunes, 582,000 bushels (534,000); peaches, 2,675,000 bushels (1,667,000); apricots, 284,000 bushels (84,000); sweet cherries, 139,000 bushels (96,000); sour cherries, 322,000 bushels (292,000); strawberries, 15,420,000 quarts (19,112,000); raspberries, 10,559,000 quarts (6,656,000); loganberries, 1,026,000 pounds (279,000); and grapes, 87,038,000 pounds (80,274,000).

Estimated planted commercial acreage of vegetables rose in 1957 to 211,710 acres from 197,610 in 1956, larger acreages being reported for all vegetables except cabbage, cauliflower, celery, lettuce and onions. Estimated acreages were: asparagus, 3,910 acres (3,770 a year earlier); beans, 11,810 (9,170); beets, 3,970 (3,770); cabbage, 6,450 (6,930); carrots, 9,420 (8,720); cauliflower, 2,020 (2,570); celery, 2,410 (2,430); corn, 48,830 (44,400);

lettuce, 4,800 (4,840); onions, 5,850 (5,890); peas, 58,030 (54,280); spinach, 1,110 (1,100); and tomatoes, 53,100 (49,740).

INDIAN HONOURED: For the first time in history a native Indian chief is serving as president of a church conference. Dr. Peter Kelly, a chief and the son of a chief, ordained a United Church missionary 41 years ago, this year was elected president of the British Columbia Conference of the United Church of Canada.

More than 500 delegates, meeting in Vancouver, accorded the honor to the 72-year-old churchman.

Dr. Kelly's pastorate is at Nanaimo, B.C., where he lives with his wife, Gertrude, a Haida princess. He was ordained in 1916.

Dr. Kelly will be spiritual head of the United Church in British Columbia for a year until the next annual elections.

A son, Thomas Reginald Kelly, is an administrative officer with the Indian Affairs Branch in Ottawa. At one time the son was Secretary of the British Columbia Advisory Commission on Indian Affairs and -- like his father -- was a former schoolteacher.

Over the 12 months (September 1, 1956 to September 1, 1957), Canada's estimated population growth was the largest ever at 522,000 (3.41 per cent), comparing with 390,000 (2.47 per cent) in the 1955-56 period, 394,000 (2.56 per cent) in the 1954-55 period, 443,000 (2.96 per cent) in the 1953-54 period and 398,000 (2.73 per cent) in the 1952-53 period. The population growth was 664,000 from the 1956 Census total of 16,081,000, and 2,736,000 from the 1951 Census count of 14,000,000.

EUROPEAN MIGRANT RATE

Delegates to a recent session of the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration were told that ICEM had enabled 148,566 persons to migrate during the first eight months of this year as compared to 172,172 for all of 1956. This brings the grand total of ICEM movements since its founding in 1952 to 717,918. It is noted that while the Migration Committee was originally set up to assist "normal" overseas migration from overpopulated European countries, it also moved 59,018 refugees under special provisions during the eight month period, 53,646 Hungarian escapees (chiefly from Austria and Yugoslavia), 3,299 Jewish, Polish and Greek refugees from the Middle East and 1,573 refugees of European origin from Hong Kong.