Transportation equipment showed an increase for the fourth consecutive month. The non-ferrous metal products major group also showed an increase. Minor changes occurred in the non-metallic mineral products and the iron and steel products major groups.

The 1.2 percent rise in mining was the result of increases of 2.2 per cent in fuel mining (which includes coal, natural gas and crude petroleum) and 5.0 per cent in non-metal mining. Metal mining showed a fractional decrease. The trends within this last group were mixed.

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RESIDENT POST IN THAILAND

Mr. John Cleland Britton has recently been appointed Canada's first resident Ambassador to Thailand, the former Canadian Ambassador to Thailand having resided in Kuala Lumpur, Malaya.

Mr. Britton, now Minister at the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo, is a native of Toronto and graduated from Queen's University, Kingston, in 1930. After joining the Department of Trade and Commerce he served in Port-of-Spain, Johannesburg, St. John's, Newfoundland, Sydney and The Hague. In 1963, he was appointed Consul General in Los Angeles, a position he held until he was appointed to Tokyo in 1965.

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MAN-HOURS AND EARNINGS

Canada's average weekly wages in manufacturing decreased slightly from April, to $96.13 in May, according to data that will shortly be published in the monthly Dominion Bureau of Statistics report *Man-Hours and Hourly Earnings*. This was the result of a slight decline in average weekly hours; average hourly earnings showed no change. Compared to May 1966 figures, average weekly wages decreased from $131.07 in April to $129.34 in May, largely as the result of a 4-cent decline in average hourly earnings. Average weekly hours remained unchanged, as an 0.6-hour increase in the engineering component was offset by an 0.6-hour decrease in the building component. A 12-cent decline in average hourly earnings in the engineering component was partially offset by a 2-cent increase in the building component.

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