

Other members of the Department attending are Dr. R. B. MacKay, Geological Survey, and C. S. Parsons, Chief, Bureau of Mines. The program includes visits to certain centres in England, Scotland and Wales, where various phases of mining and metallurgical developments will be seen at first hand. Mr. Parsons will also visit iron mines and metallurgical works in Belgium, Luxembourg, and France.

D. A. Macdonald, Dominion Forester, and Col. J. H. Jenkins, Assistant Superintendent of the Ottawa Forest Products Laboratory, will represent the Department at the Third World Forestry Congress in Helsinki, Finland, July 10 to 20.

ICAO Third Assembly: With economy as its keynote, the ICAO Third Assembly completed its sessions at Montreal on June 20 by voting a budget of 2,810,607 Canadian dollars for the operation of the International Civil Aviation Organization during 1950. This marks a reduction of \$261,000 from the original estimates of the ICAO Council and will allow ICAO to continue its working program at the present level but does not allow for any expansion. Of the total budget, \$200,000 will come from ICAO's working capital fund, and the remainder is assessed to the Organization's 54 member nations with regard to their interest in international civil aviation and to their ability to pay. The 1949 budget is \$2,649,685.

Other budgetary resolutions approved by the Third Assembly on June 20 include one designed to ease the difficulty encountered by certain nations in obtaining Canadian dollars by allowing the ICAO Secretary General to accept a portion of the contributions of Contracting States in currencies other than dollars, and another which suspends the voting power of six Member States for failure to discharge their financial obligations to the Organization for a period exceeding two years.

Across Canada: In the general election campaign, the Prime Minister, Mr. St. Laurent, spoke at Shawinigan Falls, Que., the Progressive Conservative Leader, Mr. Drew, spoke at Montreal, and the C.C.F. Leader, Mr. Coldwell, spoke at Broderick, Sask.... Lewis H. Brown, Chairman of the Board of the Johns Manville Company, announced at Montreal yesterday that ten million dollars originally to be spent for the development of the company's Asbestos, Que., property, would be used in connection with a new asbestos mine located near Larder Lake, Ont. near the Quebec border. The foregoing items are based on Canadian Press reports.