

GRANTS TO SCHOOLS OF SOCIAL WORK: Exact amounts available to each of Canada's seven schools of social work out of a \$50,000 grant voted by Parliament this year were announced August 26 by Hon. Paul Martin, Minister of National Health and Welfare.

Divided on the basis of a \$1,000 flat grant to each school and the remainder in proportion to enrolments of full-time students last year, the grants are: The Maritime School of Social Work, Halifax, \$3,180; School of Social Work, Laval University, Quebec, \$6,120; School of Social Work, University of Montreal, \$6,020; McGill University School of Social Work, Montreal, \$6,300; School of Social Work, University of Toronto, \$14,640; School of Social Work, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, \$4,310; School of Social Work, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, \$9,430.

The federal Government three years ago recognized the serious shortage of trained social workers for both public and private welfare agencies, Mr. Martin said. This shortage was partly the result of greatly increased needs for social workers in governmental departments, federal and provincial, and partly by heavier demands on community welfare organizations. Trained social workers are essential to protect the nation's investment in social security, Mr. Martin emphasized.

In 1946-47 Parliament granted \$100,000 and in 1947-48 \$50,000 to be used for scholarships, additional teaching staff, books and teaching materials, and clerical assistance in the seven schools.

In 1946-47 the number of full-time students jumped from 262 to 401. Of these 144 were ex-service personnel. Nineteen additional staff members, whole or part-time, were hired to take care of the extra students. The increase in enrolment in 1947-48 was less spectacular--from 401 to 454--but this enrolment taxed the schools' facilities to the limit.

The shortage of trained social workers is still acute, Mr. Martin said. Increased enrolments will be required for several more years at least to meet present demands for trained personnel.

PEARL HARBOR VISIT: The largest group of Canadian warships to put to sea in company since the end of the war will visit Pearl Harbor during October when the cruiser H.M.C.S. "Ontario" heads four Pacific coast units in a month-long training cruise, it was announced at Naval Headquarters August 31. Scheduled to leave Esquimalt on October 11, the training force -- in addition to "Ontario" -- will consist of the destroyers "Athabaskan", and "Crescent" and the frigate "Antigonish".

The visit to the famous United States Naval base will be the first made by R.C.N. ships since the cessation of hostilities. The cruiser "Uganda" stopped in at Pearl Harbor during her tour of duty in the South Pacific.

Under the command of Captain James C. Hib-

bard, D.S.C. and Bar, R.C.N., of Victoria, B.C. and Hemison, P.Q., commanding officer of the 9,000-ton cruiser and senior officer of the force, the ships will follow a direct 2,350-mile course between the Canadian west coast base and Hawaii, arriving at Pearl Harbor on October 19. The eight-day span at sea will afford opportunity for exercises and fleet manoeuvres. The Canadian vessels will remain in Hawaiian waters carrying out further training exercises until November 2, when they set sail for their home base at Esquimalt.

In command of the Canadian-built Tribal class destroyer "Athabaskan" is Commander James S. Davis, R.C.N., Oakville, Ontario, while Lieut. Cdr. John A. Charles, R.C.N., Roleau, Sask., captains H.M.C.S. "Crescent" and Lieut. Cdr. C. Anthony Law, D.S.C., R.C.N., Ottawa, Ont., and Victoria, B.C., is commanding officer of the frigate "Antigonish".

R.M.C. SPORTS RENEWAL: An important element in the pre-war field of organized Canadian sport will be re-established when the Royal Military College reopens on September 9, after having been closed for over six years.

The first major sports event will be a regatta on September 18, the college having its own small fleet of sail boats and canoes. Following this, on October 11, a track and field meet will be held at which cadets will have the opportunity of shooting at the old pre-war R.M.C. records.

Inter-collegiate rugby and soccer will commence shortly after opening with tentative arrangements already made to play against Queen's, McGill University and Trinity College School in rugby and a home-and-home soccer series with Trinity College School.

Hockey will again be the chief winter sport at R.M.C. with the annual game against West Point the highlight of the season. During a recent visit to Kingston, Maj.-Gen. M.D. Taylor, Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy, said: "The reappearance of R.M.C. will permit us to renew our long-standing rivalry in hockey which was a feature of our winter sport schedule in the past. We are looking forward with keen anticipation to the next game in March".

Of the 17 games played between the two military colleges, R.M.C. has won 14, tied one and lost two.

EDWARD DUNLOP APPOINTMENT: Dr. Wallace Graham, President of the newly-formed Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society, has announced the appointment of Mr. Edward Dunlop, O.B.E., G.M., as the Society's first Executive Director. For the past three and a half years, Mr. Dunlop has been responsible for the development and direction of the Department of Veterans Affairs' programme for the vocational rehabilitation of seriously disabled veterans, and is Director of its Casualty Rehabilitation Division.

HUDSON BAY CRUISE: Names of nine observers, service and civilian, to accompany ships of the Royal Canadian Navy when they sail from Halifax September 1 for Hudson Bay waters, were announced August 31 by Naval Headquarters. They will be accommodated in the new aircraft carrier "Magnificent" and the destroyers "Nootka" and "Haida", components of the northern cruise.

The list is headed by the recently arrived Senior Naval Liaison Officer from the United Kingdom, Captain Sir Robert Stirling Hamilton, Bart, R.N., and Captain Benjamin Scott Custer, A.V.H., U.S.N., United States Naval Attache to Canada.

The Defence Research Board will be represented by Lieut. William Bailey, R.C.N. (R) and the Dominion Observatory will send one of its geophysicists, A.A. Onhauser.

Army representatives will be Major H.B. Gow, R.C.A.S.C. of the Quartermaster General's Branch, Ottawa, Captain R.G. Innes, R.C.S. of Royal Canadian Signals School, Barriefield, and Captain J.F. Griffin, R.C.A.C. of the Directorate of Weapons and Development, Ottawa.

The R.C.A.F. will send two officers to observe the carrier flying operations, Flight Lieutenant R.E. Kent, a pilot from the Joint Air School at Rivers, Man., and Flying Officer R.H. Green, a navigator from the R.C.A.F. station at Greenwood, N.S.

The three ships will proceed in company as far as Wakeham Bay, near the upper end of Hudson's Strait. "Magnificent" will then turn south again for flying exercises while the destroyers steam into the Bay for calls at Churchill and Coral Harbor, the first Canadian warships ever to penetrate those waters. The cruise will require a month.

CROP YEAR EXPORTS OF WHEAT: Exports of Canadian wheat during the crop year just ended amounted to 136,897,000 bushels, down 23,439,000 bushels from the preceding year's figure of 160,336,000 bushels, according to figures released by the Bureau of Statistics. Wheat flour exports also were lower, amounting to 13,906,000 barrels compared with 17,660,000 in 1946-47.

The United Kingdom took the bulk of the Canadian wheat exported during the 12 months at 123,974,000 bushels, followed by Belgium with 3,545,000, Netherlands 3,189,000, Malta 1,763,000, Egypt 1,745,000, Palestine 811,000, Switzerland 656,000, and Italy 519,000.

Crop year exports of wheat flour to the United Kingdom amounted to 8,553,000 barrels, India following with 928,000, Trinidad and Tobago 481,000, Italy 419,000, Newfoundland 386,000, Jamaica 376,000, Norway 317,000, Eire 243,000, and British Guiana 200,000. Large consignments of Canadian wheat flour were also sent to the Philippine Islands, France, Germany, Brazil and Venezuela.

AGRICULTURE INFORMATION HEAD: The promotion of S.R.N. Hodgins, O.B.E., to the position of Director of Information Service, federal Department of Agriculture, was announced August 30 by Dr. G.S.H. Barton, Deputy Minister.

A former Macdonald College professor, author, cheesemaker, editor and livestock judge, Mr. Hodgins has been general executive assistant to the Deputy Minister of Agriculture since 1943. Before that, he served from the start of the war as secretary of the Agricultural Supplies Board and has represented the Department on many inter-departmental committees.

Born May 1, 1895, on a dairy farm at Shawville, P.Q., the new Director has had practical farming experience from his earliest years. He served one year as acting secretary of the Shawville Fair and for three summers managed a cheese factory. His university training included both agriculture and arts, and he holds the following McGill degrees: B.S.A. 1920 (first class honours in animal husbandry); B.A. 1927, and M.A. 1929 (first class honours in English). While a fourth-year student at Macdonald College, he headed the College livestock judging team at the Chicago International Livestock Exposition.

For some years now he has been secretary of the executive of the National Advisory Committee on Agricultural Services which helps to co-ordinate the agricultural services provided by the federal and provincial departments of agriculture, agricultural and veterinary colleges, the National Research Council and similar agencies.

MOVEMENT OF FARM WORKERS: The annual movement of farm workers from Ontario and Quebec to the West to assist in harvesting operations there is in full swing, it was announced August 26 by the Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, Minister of Labour.

The movement, as the earlier movement of farm workers from West to East, has been arranged by the federal Department of Labour in co-operation with the Provincial Departments of Agriculture. As in previous years, arrangements were made with the railways for reduced fares for the harvesters.

The number of workers required this year in the West has been estimated at approximately 2,000 by the Departments of Agriculture of the three Prairie Provinces. This is about the same number as last year. It is understood, of course, in all areas, that men will not be going West unless they can be spared from farm work in their home districts.

GROUP CAPTAIN WEST APPOINTMENT: The appointment of Group Captain F.R. West as Chief Inspector of Accidents for the RCAF, replacing G/C A.O. Adams, OBE, City View, Ont., was announced August 30 by the Hon. Brooke Claxton, Minister of National Defence. G/O Adams will take up a staff position with the Technical Services Division at Air Force Headquarters.