

Canada. It would, he said, "provide broader opportunities for the people of Prince Edward Island to prepare for employment in a rapidly changing world of work".

Canadian apprenticeship programmes have been growing in recent years. In 1950, there were nearly 9,500 apprentices registered with the provinces under the federal-provincial apprenticeship agreements. As of June 1962, there were over 29,000 apprentices, including Quebec trainees, registered in Canada. These figures do not include a large number of apprentices trained by private industry.

INDUSTRY SELLING-PRICE INDEXES

In 28 manufacturing industries, industry selling-price indexes (1956=100) were higher in November than in October, 12 more than in the previous month-to-month comparison in October, when 16 industry indexes rose above September levels, according to advance figures that will be contained in the November issue of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics report "Prices and Price Indexes". Eighteen industry indexes were lower in November - 6 fewer than in the month earlier, when 24 declined. Fifty-one of the 97 industry indexes were unchanged in November, compared to 57 in the September-October period.

The average level of the 97 industry indexes in November was 104.6, just above the October average of 104.5. The median was 104.7 (half of the indexes were above 104.7 and the other half below 104.7), also slightly higher than the October median of 104.5.

GENERAL WHOLESALE INDEX

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The vegetable-products group index rose 1.5 per cent in November to 213.3 from the October index of 210.1, mainly on price increases for livestock and poultry feeds, sugar and its products, rubber and its products, grains, and bakery products. Higher prices for miscellaneous fibres, raw cotton, domestic and imported raw wool, and worsted yarns were chiefly responsible for an increase of 0.4 per cent to 244.1 from 243.2 in the textile-products group index. Advances of 0.2 per cent or less occurred in two major group indexes, non-ferrous metal products to 194.7 from 194.4 and wood products to 319.1 from 319.0.

Lower gasoline prices were mainly responsible for a 0.6 percent drop to 189.5 from 190.6 in the non-metallic minerals products group index. The iron-products group index moved down 0.3 per cent to 255.0 from 255.7 in response to price decreases recorded for scrap iron and steel. The animal-products group index declined negligibly to 268.8 from 269.4.

P.E.I. SIGNS APPRENTICE PARTIAL AGREEMENT

The provincial government and the federal government have signed an agreement which will set out the terms of a partial apprenticeship agreement. The agreement will provide for the training of apprentices in the manufacturing industries of the province. The agreement is a significant step towards the development of a more skilled workforce in the province. It will also help to reduce the unemployment rate by providing training for young people. The agreement is expected to be implemented in the near future.

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