

accept and communicate to the Canadian Government cordial wishes and heartfelt congratulations for the prosperity of your great country.

From P. V. Michel, Ambassador of Mexico:

On the occasion of the celebration of Canada's National Day, by instructions of my Government, I have the honour to transmit to your Excellency the following message:

"On the celebration of Dominion Day, the Government of Mexico has pleasure in sending to the Government of Canada its most sincere felicitations, accompanied by its most fervent good wishes for the progress and prosperity of your country".

I reiterate to your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

From Zygmunt Modzelewski, Minister of Foreign Affairs in Poland:

A l'occasion de la Fête Nationale veuillez agréer, Excellence, mes vœux sincères pour votre bonheur personnel ainsi que pour la prospérité de votre pays.

CANADA AT THE UNITED NATIONS

CANADIAN WOMAN CHAIRMAN: A Canadian woman, Mrs. Donald B. Sinclair, will preside over a meeting of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund in Paris from July 3 to 5 inclusive. She is chairman of the Fund's 10-nation Programme Committee, which is scheduled to review UNICEF programs in the 12 European countries in which the Fund is now operating and at the same time to consider proposals to extend the Fund's aid to children in Germany and in China and other parts of the Far East. The Committee's recommendations will be acted upon by the Executive Board at a meeting in Geneva, July 16, reports the United Nations Press Bureau.

Mrs. Sinclair who is Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister of Welfare, in Ottawa, has served as Canada's representative on the Fund's executive board from the beginning, in January, 1947. She was elected chairman of the Programme Committee last fall.

The Fund is currently helping to supply a daily supplementary meal for some 4,500,000 children and pregnant and nursing women in 12 European countries and in China. It has already shipped large quantities of food, much of which has come from Canada. Up to now, Canada has been the main source of supply for meat, with purchases of 4,800,000 pounds of horse meat, 4,700,000 pounds of meat paste, and 1,000,000 pounds of pork luncheon meat. Large quantities of powdered milk have also been obtained. Total milk purchases in Canada as of July 1 amount to 27,000,000 pounds. Part of the money raised in Canada during the recent Canadian appeal for the campaign is being used to buy milk, an essential children's food which is in extremely short supply in the assisted countries.

Canada, which has contributed \$5,200,000 is one of the 21 nations that so far have given their support to the Fund. The others are: Austria, Australia, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, France, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, Newfoundland, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Switzerland, Union of South Africa, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay and Yugoslavia.

Governmental contributions now total \$51,000,000, and of that amount the United States has already paid approximately \$33,000,000 under a matching formula whereby it contributes \$2.57 for every \$1 contributed in the aggregate by other countries, up to July, 1949. For this purpose \$100,000,000 has been authorized by the United States Congress, of which \$75,000,000 has been appropriated thus far.

CIVIL AVIATION MEDICINE: A division of civil aviation medicine to study the medical aspects of flight has been set up within the Department of National Health and Welfare and will be headed by a former R.C.A.F. wing commander, Dr. H. E. Wilson of Ship Harbour, N.S.

Announcement of this development in governmental medical services was made here July 2 by Hon. Paul Martin, Minister of National Health and Welfare.

Dr. Wilson will work closely with the Department of Transport in developing and maintaining medical standards for civil aviation personnel and in studying the medical aspects of regulations which affect the safety, comfort and health of flying personnel. He will also advise on general problems related to the health of all travellers by air and will keep in touch with research groups studying specific problems of aviation medicine.

From 1941 to 1945 Dr. Wilson served with the R.C.A.F., during which time he was stationed at Dartmouth and Gander and served as medical officer to No. 10 Bomber-Reconnaissance Squadron, and senior medical officer at No. 10 Release Centre, Moncton, N.B.

PRICE INDEX: The general index number of commodity prices, on the base 1926=100, rose 1.5 points during May to reach 150.0 as compared with 148.5 in April and 125.7 in the corresponding month last year, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. All of the sub-groups registered advances over the April standing, with the exception of textile products which remained unchanged. Greatest advances were shown for iron and wood products, which were up 3.7 and 2.2 points, respectively.

Sub-group indexes for May were as follows, figures for April being in brackets: vegetable products, 133.4 (132.6); animal products, 162.3 (160.6); textile products, 155.2 (155.2); wood products, 183.5 (181.3); iron products, 156.7 (153.0); non-ferrous metals, 143.4 (141.7); non-metallic minerals, 129.5 (128.2); chemical products, 115.9 (115.2).