

**ATOMIC POWER PLANTS:** The co-operation of private industry is being invited by the Government in the development of atomic power plants, the Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. C.D. Howe, announced in the House of Commons in answer to a question on January 10.

Question and answer were as follows:

Mr. George H. Hees (Broadview): "Will the Minister advise the House whether the Government has any plans for Canadian industry similar to those announced by the United States Government in Washington yesterday in order to help private industry develop and operate experimental atomic power plants?"

Mr. Howe: "Mr. Speaker, Atomic Energy of Canada Limited has been carrying out a plan similar to that announced in the United States. At the moment some six or eight private industries in Canada have been invited to submit proposals for a joint project of the type mentioned in the article, and it is expected that those proposals will have been submitted by early February. When they are received it is hoped that a joint operation can be carried out between the Chalk River establishment and the selected private firm."

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**IRON ORE RISE:** Shipments of iron ore from Canadian mines increased again in November, rising 26% to 733,182 tons from 582,314 a year earlier. This was the fourth successive monthly rise over 1953, boosting January-November shipments to 6,543,877 tons from 6,196,163. Stocks at the end of November were 1,285,089 tons, more than double the preceding year's 546,289 tons.

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**FEWER IMMIGRANTS:** The Department of Citizenship and Immigration has reported that the number of immigrants entering Canada during the first 11 months of 1954 was 146,773, down 10,865 from the 157,638 immigrants who entered in the similar period last year.

**FISHERIES RESEARCH:** The little known fishery resources in the offshore waters of Canada's coastline are receiving increasing attention by fishery scientists.

In recent years Canada has entered into two multilateral agreements with other countries with the aim of developing and conserving the fisheries off the Pacific and Atlantic coasts. Being closer than any other nation to some of the most prolific international fishing grounds, and having the second longest coastline in the world, Canada has a keen interest in making best possible use of the potential supply of food in the sea.

Dr. A.W.H. Needler, Director of the Pacific Biological Station of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada, Nanaimo, B.C., told the annual meeting of the Board in Ottawa that the possible importance of offshore fishing to the long-term future of British Columbia's fishing industry emphasized the need for more exploratory fishing and reconnaissance in the North Pacific.

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**CANADA, U.S. TRAVEL:** Volume of highway traffic between Canada and the United States declined less than 1% in November to 873,200 from 879,700 in the corresponding month of 1953. There was a decrease of nearly 3% in the number of foreign vehicles entering Canada to 487,514 and an increase of nearly 2% to 385,689 in the number of Canadian vehicles returning.

In the January-October period 8,058,047 foreign vehicles entered Canada from the United States, down from the preceding year's 8,146,124. At the same time the number of Canadian vehicles returning rose to 4,934,109 from 4,827,871.

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Canada's 1,906 regular theatres could seat 978,162 persons in 1953, 2.4% more than in 1952. Potential capacity (seats multiplied by the number of performances during the year) was 818,265,591.

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