

Canada Council. Two Canadian high-school teachers will visit England under the auspices of the Commonwealth Institute, London, to give a series of lectures on Canada in secondary schools throughout the United Kingdom. The Canada Council has agreed to provide two fellowships of \$2,000 each to the teachers, who will be selected by the Canadian Teachers' Federation. A similar fellowship was given by the Council last year.

**COOK JOURNALS**

Portions of the journals of Captain James Cook, the British navigator and explorer noted for his charting of the west coast of Canada, will be published with the help of the Canada Council. A grant of \$4,500 has been made to the Hakluyt Society to be administered by the Humanities Research Council of Canada, Ottawa. The award will make possible the printing of certain portions of Cook's journals relating to his Canadian explorations, which might not otherwise be issued by the non-profit English society dedicated to the publication of manuscripts relating to world exploration.

Two representatives of the Association canadienne des éducateurs de langue française, Quebec, will study educational television in England, France and Italy this summer with the help of a Canada Council grant of \$3,000 to the organization. The delegates will join representatives from Radio-Canada, private French radio and TV stations, the provincial government, the Educational Television Commission and the Catholic School Commission of Montreal in a study tour to determine the possibilities, requirements and limitations of television as a medium of instruction. On their return, delegates will attend a symposium on educational television to be held in October under the sponsorship of ACELF. The purpose of the symposium, which will be held in Quebec, will be to draw up a plan of educational television for the French-speaking population of Canada.

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**MAY PRICE INDEX**

Canada's consumer price index (1949=100) declined 0.2 per cent to 130.1 from 130.3 between the beginning of April and the beginning of May this year. Declines in the food and clothing indexes offset increases in the housing, transportation, health-and-personal-care, and recreation-and-reading indexes. The tobacco-and-alcohol index was unchanged.

The food index declined 1.0 per cent to 124.5 from 125.8 as butter prices dropped to 58¢ a pound from 70¢ and lower prices were also reported for eggs, fats, chicken, and some fresh and canned fruits and vegetables, particularly cabbage. Prices were higher for beef, some pork, lamb, veal, apples, fresh tomatoes and flour.

The housing index rose 0.4 per cent to 134.5 from 134.0 as the shelter component moved to a higher level, but the household-operation component was

unchanged. In shelter, rents were unchanged while the home-ownership index was higher. In household operation, lower prices for fuel and furniture balanced higher prices for floor coverings, textiles, utensils and equipment, and household services.

The clothing index decreased 0.4 per cent to 112.8 from 113.2. Somewhat higher prices for men's wear and footwear were more than balanced by lower prices for women's and children's wear, and piece goods.

The transportation index rose 0.1 per cent to 140.4 from 140.2 as a result of price increases in both the automobile-operation and local-transportation components. In automobile operation, higher automobile-insurance premiums offset lower prices for new passenger cars. Higher bus fares moved the local-transportation index.

The health-and-personal-care index increased 0.1 per cent to 158.2 from 158.1. The health-care component was unchanged, but the personal-care component rose as price increases occurred for both men's haircuts and women's hairdressing.

The recreation-and-reading index moved to 147.1 from 146.6, an increase of 0.3 per cent. Prices were higher for motion-picture admissions, bicycles and toys in the recreation component. The reading component was unchanged. The tobacco-and-alcohol index was unchanged at 117.9 as minor price changes for cigarettes and cigarette tobacco failed to move the tobacco index.

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**DIRECT DISTANCE DIALING**

Technical complexities of worldwide direct-distance dialing have brought together in Montreal leading communications engineers from many countries. Four key groups of the International Telegraph and Telephone Consultative Committee (CCITT) are meeting there. The conference, which began June 11, will last until July 6. It was convened at the invitation of the Department of Transport on behalf of the Canadian Government.

The parent organization of the CCITT is the International Telecommunications Union, an agency of the United Nations.

To mark the first meeting of members of the Consultative Committee in Canada, top-flight engineers will discuss and make recommendations concerning the switching, transmission, maintenance and telephone-numbering plans for direct-distance dialing on a global scale.

Recommendations to be drawn up during the Montreal sessions will be submitted for approval at the next Plenary Assembly of the International Telegraph and Telephone Consultative Committee in Moscow early in 1964.

Facilities for the meetings are being provided by the Electrical Engineering Department of McGill University. Arrangements are being co-ordinated and handled by the Telephone Association of Canada (TAC) and the Canadian Overseas Telecommunication Corporation (COTC) with McGill. The TAC and COTC represent the domestic and overseas telephone interests for Canada.