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## CANADA'S TWENTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT OPENS

The Speech from the Throne opening the first session of the twenty-fifth Canadian Parliament was read by the Governor-General on September 27.

A partial text follows:  
"...The meeting of Commonwealth Prime Ministers just concluded has again provided an opportunity for frank discussions at the highest level and a demonstration of the close relationship which distinguishes this unique association of free nations. Canada joined in welcoming four new self-governing members of the Commonwealth — Sierra Leone, Tanganyika, Jamaica, and Trinidad and Tobago.

"The Commonwealth Conference discussed Britain's negotiations with the European Economic Community and the economic and political implications for the Commonwealth and its members of possible British accession to the Community. Canada has a vital concern in these issues and the Government will spare no effort to safeguard the interests of Canada while preserving the unity and strength of the Commonwealth as a whole.

"Far-reaching changes are taking place in the trading relationships between nations and groups of nations. New opportunities are opening up for fruitful negotiations to reduce the barriers to trade on a general, non-discriminatory basis. My Government believes and has proposed that these important subjects should receive comprehensive

consideration at a conference of representatives of like-minded nations.

### BERLIN SITUATION

"Canada has continued to play an increasingly effective role in international affairs. The division of Germany and the position of Berlin remain a source of friction, despite continuing efforts to find a basis for a negotiated settlement. So long as the Communist powers continue actions that bring tension and distrust, Canada's defensive capability must be maintained both at home and on the frontiers of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Europe and in the Atlantic.

"Canadians have noted with satisfaction the establishment by the United Nations and the Food and Agriculture Organization of a World Food Programme based on a proposal put forward by my Ministers. You will be asked to authorize a Canadian contribution to this programme.

### DOMESTIC PROPOSALS

"...Measures will be placed before you to provide for the division of the Northwest Territories into two territories, and to provide more self-government for the residents of that area as a step toward the ultimate creation of new Provinces in Canada's great North....

"Legislation respecting the Senate will be introduced.

"To ensure that the redistribution of electoral districts is made objectively and impartially, you will be asked to approve a bill to establish an independent commission to recommend redistribution.

**INDIAN CLAIMS**

"A measure will be placed before you to establish an Indian Claims Commission to investigate claims on the part of various tribes and bands that certain of their rights have been restricted or abrogated, and to make recommendations for the equitable and final settlement of such claims....

"Canada's prosperity and growth must ultimately rest in large measure upon its exports. To achieve adequate export levels it will be necessary to increase further Canada's capacity to produce competitively and its ability to sell in export markets. The Government's industrial programmes are directed toward these ends. Its commercial policy negotiations have the objective of opening additional markets to Canadian producers in fair exchange for opportunities for others to sell in Canada. The vigorous campaign of export-trade promotion will be expanded to enlarge the sales of Canadian products in foreign markets. You will be asked to provide the funds necessary for this increasing trade-promotion work. Amendments to the Export Credits Insurance Act will also be placed before you, to double the insurance liability which the Corporation may assume and to improve the arrangements for long-term financing....

"It is hoped that arrangements will soon be completed that will make it possible to submit for your approval the Columbia River Treaty and the legislation required in Parliament to implement it....

"My Ministers have come to the conclusion that large-scale, long-term contracts for the export of power surplus to Canada's needs, present and potential, should now be encouraged in order to expedite the development of major power projects in Canada which are too large to be supported by the domestic market. Such exports can also strengthen our balance of payments....

"You will be asked to approve amendments to the Food and Drugs Act to provide for more effective control of the distribution and sale of drugs in the interests of the public health...."

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**WATERBORNE FARM MACHINERY**

Anyone who thinks that a contraption he sees on the Rideau Canal these days looks like a floating sickle-bar cutter or a hay loader or an ensilage cutter is right; it is all these things and more. The waterborne collection of farm machinery is the Department of Transport's new weed cutter.

Built at the Department's marine agency at Prescott, Ontario, from standard farm implements, the device is still in the experimental stage and will be tested during next summer's weed season.

Designed to cut weeds down to six feet below the water, it will be used to clear the navigation channels in the Rideau and Trent Canals.

Cutting weeds under water has never been a great problem but getting rid of the cuttings has. Unlike the small weed cutters which have been in use on the canals for some time, the new machine uses an ensilage cutter to chop the water plants up fine enough to make sure they sink to the bottom.

The apparatus consists of two pontoons 30 inches wide and 38 feet long, on which are mounted a 10-foot sickle-bar cutter, adjustable from water level to six feet below the surface, a nine-horsepower, air-cooled gasoline motor, a standard hay loader to gather the cut weeds, an endless belt to transport them, an ensilage cutter, a six-cylinder gasoline engine to drive loader and ensilage cutter and two 40-horsepower outboard motors to propel the entire machine.

The ingenious device cuts a swath ten feet wide at a speed of four miles per hour.

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**NATIONAL ACCOUNTS**

There was a further expansion in economic activity in the second quarter of this year as the gross national product rose to a seasonally-adjusted annual rate of \$39,424 million, 1.5 per cent higher than in the first quarter. Higher prices accounted for a third of the increase; thus the rise in real gross national product amounted to about 1 per cent. The rate of increase in prices was of the same magnitude as that during the immediately preceding quarter.

**MAIN INFLUENCES**

The major expansionary influences came from exports and from government expenditure on goods and services, which was higher at all levels. There was a modest increase in consumer expenditure, with services absorbing most of the gain. Business gross fixed-capital formation was up slightly, construction activity showing no change and expenditure on machinery and equipment rising fractionally. Imports were higher, but to a much smaller extent than exports. The devaluation of the Canadian dollar has, of course, affected both import prices and export prices, making for a significant rise in prices in the external sector. As in the first quarter, investment in business inventories was virtually negligible and farm inventories continued to be drawn down.

On the income side, the salient developments were the further expansion in labour income (but at a lower rate than in the preceding quarter) and the small advance in corporate profits (before dividends paid abroad), which regained the level prevailing before the decline in the first quarter. Accrued net farm income increased substantially.

### TO RESTORE UNIQUE LIBRARY

A contribution of \$40,000 toward the restoration of the library of the University of Montreal's Institute of Experimental Medicine and Surgery has been made by the Federal Government. The institution, which has been closely linked with the work of Dr. Hans Selye, will receive a grant extending over the next two years, according to an announcement made recently by the Department of National Health and Welfare.

The library, which is unique, was largely destroyed by fire last winter, and the reference system of the Institute was almost completely lost. The library is well known to scientists specializing in endocrinology and stress, the latter being Dr. Selye's great contribution to the medical world.

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### VISIT BY INDIAN MINISTER

The Finance Minister of India, Mr. Morarji R. Desai, visited Ottawa September 24 and 25. He was accompanied by Mr. L.K. Jha, Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs of the Indian Ministry of Finance, and Mr. V.Y. Tompe, Private Secretary to the Finance Minister.

While in Ottawa, Mr. Desai and Mr. Jha had discussions concerning economic and technical assistance and trade relations between Canada and India. They also called on the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Trade and Commerce and the Director-General of the External Aid Office, and met senior Government officials.

The visitors were guests of honour at a dinner at which Finance Minister G.C. Nowlan was host.

Mr. Desai held a press conference in the East Block of the Parliament Buildings on September 25.

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### FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT

Employees of the Government of Canada, including its corporations and agencies, numbered 352,607 in June of this year, compared to 345,260 in May and 349,941 in June 1961, according to advance preliminary figures which will be released in the June issue of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics report "Federal Government Employment". This represents an increase of 7,347 or 2.1 per cent over the May figure and 2,666 or 0.8 per cent over that for June of last year. The total earnings of these employees in June amounted to \$131,667,000, compared to \$130,004,000 in May and \$134,661,000 in the corresponding month a year earlier.

Staff of agency and proprietary corporations and other agencies totalled 142,292 in June 1962, 137,504 in May 1962 and 142,139 in June 1961, while earnings totalled \$57,604,000 in June, \$56,980,000

in May and \$63,225,000 in June last year. Employees of departmental branches, services and corporations numbered 210,315 in June, 207,756 in May and 207,802 in June last year, and their earnings totalled \$72,361,000 in June, \$71,519,000 in May and \$70,128,000 in June 1961.

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### OLD FORT NAME REVIVED

Effective June 1 of this year, one of Alberta's oldest settlements officially reclaimed its original name, and became once more Fort McMurray.

Although it was erected as a village only in May 1947, and incorporated as a town as recently as December 1948, Fort McMurray had been in operation since 1870, as a trading post on the Athabasca River. It was at the time of its erection as a village that the municipal council decided to drop the "Fort" from the name.

The present population of Fort McMurray is 1,186. Situated at the "end of steel" — the north-east terminal of the Northern Alberta Railway — the town is playing an increasingly important role in the development of the resources of Northern Alberta.

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### SHIPMENTS, INVENTORIES & ORDERS

Manufacturers' shipments in July were valued at an estimated \$2,174.5 million, down 5.3 per cent from the revised June total of \$2,295.6 million and up 11.4 per cent from \$1,952.5 million in July 1961, according to advance figures that will be contained in the July issue of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics report "Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries". Shipments in the January-July period totalled \$14,758.2 million higher by 10.0 per cent than the comparable 1961 value of \$12,416.2 million.

Inventories owned by manufacturers at the end of July were estimated at \$4,463.9 million, a decrease of 0.3 per cent from the revised June total of \$4,478.0 million and an increase of 5.2 per cent from the July 1961 figure of \$4,242.0 million. Inventories held by manufacturers at the end of July were valued at \$4,755.4 million, up fractionally from \$4,754.3 million a month earlier and up 7.0 per cent from \$4,446.0 million a year ago. The ratio of total inventory-to-shipments was 2.05 in July, compared to 1.95 in June and 2.17 in July last year, while the ratio of finished products-to-shipments was 0.68 in the month, compared to 0.65 a month earlier or 0.71 a year ago.

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### NATO VISITOR

The Secretary of State for External Affairs has announced that the Chairman of the North Atlantic Council and Secretary-General of NATO, Mr. Dirk Stikker, will be visiting Ottawa on October 9 and

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While in Ottawa, Mr. Stikker will have talks with Canadian ministers and will meet senior government officials.

The visitors will be guests of honour at a dinner given by the Secretary of State for External Affairs and Mrs. Green.

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### TRADE MISSION TO MIDDLE EAST

An 11-man appliances and commercial machinery trade mission from Canada is visiting the Middle East to explore markets in that area. The mission will visit the United Arab Republic, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Iraq and Iran before returning to Canada on October 21.

Its purpose is to examine current and long-term market opportunities, to obtain information regarding trade practices, preferences and requirements, and to stimulate the interest of prospective purchasers of Canadian machinery, appliances and equipment generally. To assist the mission in accomplishing its purpose, Canadian trade commissioners in the countries visited have arranged meetings with importers, wholesalers and retailers so that mission members may familiarize themselves with specific needs, discuss actual commodity requirements, and make known to the trade the wide range of products available in Canada.

The members of this mission include representatives of the domestic-appliance, commercial-refrigeration, heating and air-conditioning, plumbing-equipment, stationery, X-ray equipment and camping-equipment industries. They represent firms producing a variety of commodities, including oil and gas furnaces and heaters, cooking and camp stoves, automatic humidifiers, coolers, refrigerators, freezers and blood banks, boilers, domestic water pumps, circulators and water treatment equipment, stationery of all kinds, X-ray equipment, washing machines, and pots, pans and enamelware.

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### GRANT TO WILDLIFE GROUP

A grant of \$20,000 has been made to the Canadian Wildlife Federation under the National Fitness Programme, to support the establishment of the Federation's national headquarters in Ottawa. Approval of the grant was announced by Mr. J. Waldo Monteith, Minister of National Health and Welfare, and Mr. Walter Dinsdale, Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources.

The Federation is the national co-ordinating body for wildlife-conservation agencies and for rod-and-gun clubs in Canada. Its principal aim is the furtherance of conservation measures. It is expected that it will work closely in this field with the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources and the Department of National Health and Welfare. Through the Fitness and Amateur Sport Programme, the Department of National Health and Welfare is concerned with conservation matters related to camping, hiking and other outdoor activities.

The grant will assist the organization in hiring an executive director and maintaining its new headquarters for the first year of operation. It was made on the recommendation of the National Advisory Council on Fitness and Amateur Sport, the main advisory body to the Department of National Health and Welfare on the Fitness Programme.

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### TENTH STRATFORD SEASON ENDS

At 11.30 p.m. on Saturday, September 29, the Stratford Festival's tenth season came to a close with the final performance of "Cyrano de Bergerac." Victor C. Polley, administrative director, said that, in attendance and revenue, it had been the Festival's most successful season; for the first time the box office had passed the million-dollar mark. About 323,500 people paid \$1,100,000 to see four plays, 13 concerts and an operetta. For the plays, the 2,258-seat Festival Theatre was filled to 94.5 per cent of its capacity during the 15-week season. The musical events, presented during a six-week period, were patronized to 86.2 per cent of capacity.

Mr. Polley pointed out that these figures were approximate and that the official ones must await the final audit, to be completed at the end of October. But it appeared, he said, that the season would show a profit in spite of rising production costs.

There were 123 performances of the four plays - "Macbeth," "The Taming of the Shrew," "The Tempest" and "Cyrano de Bergerac" - between the opening of the Festival on June 18 and the close. Two of these were benefit matinees, one for the Tyrone Guthrie Award fund and the other for the Actors' Fund of Canada.

### RELATIVE POPULARITY

Of the four, "Cyrano," directed by Michael Langham with Christopher Plummer and Toby Robins in the leads, was the most popular. Although it had only 19 performances, it played to packed houses. At most performances it received a standing ovation.

"Macbeth," directed by Peter Coe, with Christopher Plummer and Kate Reid in the leading roles, was presented 38 times to audiences 95.9 per cent of capacity. "The Taming of the Shrew," directed by Michael Langham, with John Colicos and Kate Reid, had 31 performances to 95.5 per cent of capacity. "The Tempest", directed by George McCowan, with William Hutt, John Colicos and Bruno Gerussi, was presented 35 times to 90.7 per cent of capacity.

Of the total attendance, Mr. Polley noted that approximately 262,500 admissions were for the plays. The remaining 61,000 were for the music season, which consisted of six Sunday-afternoon, five Saturday-morning and two Friday-afternoon concerts, as well as 45 performances of Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Gondoliers" in the Avon Theatre. For the drama, the box office total was \$915,000; for the music \$185,000.

Plans are already under way for the eleventh season next year. Dates and details are not yet available, but Michael Langham, the artistic director, expects to announce these within the next few weeks.