

High Production Costs Said Hampering Steel Companies

HAMILTON (CP)—Production in Canada of the wire nails imported from overseas last year would have provided full-time employment for 12 months for 174 men. H. G. Hilton, chairman of Steel Company of Canada Ltd., said Monday at the company's annual meeting.

Mr. Hilton said that during 1957 many items which the company regularly makes—of which wire nails were an example—were imported into Canada.

"The prices of these imports were well below those at which we can afford to sell and, in some cases, at or below our actual costs of production."

"Many other Canadian firms are facing the same difficulty in their home markets, while those who are also exporters are finding it more and more difficult to penetrate markets overseas and at the same time meet the demands made on them for higher and higher wages."

"Our domestic producers must be granted proper safeguards in their own markets."

CAUSE HIGH PRICES
Turning to wages, Mr. Hilton said increases that are proportionately greater than improvement in productivity must result in higher prices.

"Despite a high degree of unemployment in Canada and the fact that our plants and most other plants are at present being operated below capacity, the leaders of organized labor, including the United Steel Workers, are still demanding exorbitant upward revisions of wages and benefits."

"The company, mindful of the present state of the economy and the many pleas for moderation in collective bargaining settlements, has proposed to the union an extension for at least one year

Jr. Red Cross Educationalists Toronto Bound

The National Junior Red Cross Advisory Committee is meeting in Toronto for a two-day session at Red Cross national headquarters. The committee is composed of outstanding educationalists from all parts of Canada under the chairmanship of Dr. J. T. Phair, Toronto.

The agenda for the meeting covers all aspects of the Canadian Junior Red Cross. Particular emphasis will be placed on the planning of the International Study Centre to be held at the University of Toronto, August 11-22, 1959.

CENTENNIAL
The study centre will be held in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the Canadian Red Cross Society and the 100th anniversary of the birth of the idea of the Red Cross movement.

Invitations have been sent to 71 Junior Red Cross sections throughout the world. To date, 35 nations have indicated they will send delegates. It is expected more than 40 countries will be represented by 124 young people. These will be joined by 20 delegates from the United States and 50 boys and girls from all parts of Canada. Their age limit will be between 15 and 18 years of age.

Adult leaders from Junior Red Cross sections in adjacent nations are also being invited to the centre. It is anticipated that about 16 of these leaders will participate.

OTHER GROUPS
The advisory committee will also discuss the Handicapped and Crippled Children's Fund, the Fund for International Understanding and other projects of the Canadian Junior Red Cross.

Other members of the committee attending this meeting are Dr. J. F. K. English, assistant deputy minister, Department of Education, British Columbia; A. A. Aldridge, supervisor of guidance, Department of Education, Alberta; Clive Tallant, superintendent of high schools, Department of Education, Saskatchewan; Mrs. Nan Murphy, president, Canadian School Trustees Association and member of the Winnipeg School Board; Clare Routley, superintendent of professional development, Department of Education, Ontario; Gordon L. Shemilt, Montreal; G. F. McIntyre, superintendent of schools, Board of Education, New Brunswick; Dr. H. P. Moffatt, deputy minister of education, Nova Scotia; Kenneth Parker, director of education, Charlottetown; and Dr. Leonard Miller, deputy minister of health, Department of Health, Newfoundland.

PUTS LIMIT ON HIS SHOW

LONDON (CP)—The organizer of a factory equipment exhibition at London's capacious Earl's Court arena has taken steps to limit the amount of equipment on display by having 12 cabinet cuties from the British Safety Council's stand.

John Holdsworth took prompt action Monday when he learned that the chorus girls, clad in fetching space suits and helmets, were to serve as "safety ambassadors."

"Quite unsuitable," was Holdsworth's verdict. "Any executive putting through a \$5,000 deal doesn't want to be disturbed by such things."

STUDENTS RIOT

TOKYO (Reuters)—About 250 students clashed with police Thursday outside the British Embassy when they demanded a meeting with embassy officials to protest Britain's latest H-bomb test in the Pacific.

Reds Transplant Body Parts

EDMONTON (CP)—The surgeon of the Queen says Russian experiments with transplanted heads, hearts and legs hold "great possibilities."

Sir Walter Mercer, who recently toured medical centres in Moscow and Leningrad, delivered the annual Fulton Gillespie memorial lecture at the University of Alberta Monday.

Russian doctors have transplanted second hearts to dogs, and have been able to start and stop the additional heart at will, said Sir Walter. Dogs with transplanted heads had been able to survive for eight days in other experiments. Animals with transplanted legs had been able to run after three months "as though

nothing had happened."

Experiments with "nails of human blood" were witnessed by Sir Walter during his visit. The "nails" were made from coagulated, compressed human blood and were able to withstand pressure of 180 kilograms per square centimetre. The "nails" are used to replace joints and separate bones in jaws and feet. They dissolved after six months.

U.-K. Car Sales In N. America Up

MONTREAL (CP)—Britain's auto industry reports a 50 per cent sales increase in North America during the first quarter of 1958. Sir William Rotes, chairman of the United Kingdom Export Council, said Tuesday.

He told a press conference that Britain sent 1,250,000 cars to world markets in 1957, setting new production records and again beating West Germany as Europe's major car producer.

Sir William is heading an 11-man British trade mission making a cross-Canada tour to promote wider Anglo-Canadian trade.

Sir William, head of an auto manufacturing firm in Britain, left with the mission Tuesday night aboard the CNR's Ocean Limited for Halifax to continue the tour.

The mission is to spend today and Thursday in Halifax, then visit Fredericton, N.B., en route to Quebec City. Later, the British group will tour Western Canada, ending the Canadian visit in Vancouver May 21.

EXPORT FEWER AUTOS
OTTAWA (CP)—Canadian auto mobile manufacturers shipped fewer cars during both March and

the first quarter of 1958 than they did a year ago, the bureau of statistics said Thursday. March shipments fell 38 per cent to 36,024 units from 58,031. First-quarter shipments were 99,652, or 21 per cent below the 126,532 shipped last year.

SYDNEY, (CP)—About 70 delegates are expected to attend the Maritime regional convention of the Junior Chamber of Commerce slated for here May 9-11.

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