

# Economy Has Slowed Down

OTTAWA (CP)—The Canadian economy in 1957 has slowed down from its upward surge of the last few years, the government indicated Wednesday.

A bureau of statistics report on gross national product—the value of goods and services produced in the country—forecast a higher rate of production for 1957 than for 1956. The prediction was for three or four per cent above 1956's \$29,900,000,000 value but, after taking price increases into account, little if any change in the volume of production.

The gross national product is regarded generally as a barometer of the economy.

For the first nine months of this year, the bureau estimated its value at \$28,000,000,000, a gain of \$2,100,000,000 over the same three quarters of last year. But it said that, after making adjustments for price advances, the volume was little changed.

During the third quarter, the GNP was at an annual rate of \$31,000,000,000. This was about one per cent above the rate of the first two quarters.

About half the increase in value between the second and third quarters, the bureau estimated, was accounted for by higher consumer prices on farm products. However, production of goods and services was not changed substantially in terms of volume.

**SPENDING GOES UP**

In the third quarter, major elements in the situation were rises in consumer spending, which had dropped in the second quarter, more spending on housing and greater exports of goods and services.

There also were gains in labor income, brought on mainly by wage rates in some industries, though corporation profits declined about five per cent.

In summarizing 1957 trends,

the bureau said there has been a "stability" in total volume of advances in consumer prices in 1955 and 1956.

There also had been continuation of advances in consumer prices for products, with some decline in prices at the production level. There also had been a levelling-off in the rate of capacity and equipment.

A gain of about three per cent in the national income, reflecting sharp rises in labor income, had been partly offset by a drop in crop production and a decline in personal income of about five per cent had been closely paralleled by advances in personal expenditures.

## Will Air Canada House In House Committee

OTTAWA (CP)—The Commons external affairs committee has decided to probe fully the Canada House building project in New York.

Some members said the government may have made a mistake in deciding not to rent space in the building. It was agreed that a Canadian who promoted the idea and a New York real estate operator be invited to appear.

Before the motion introduced by Leon Crestoli (L.-Montreal, Carleton) was passed it was amended to give the committee authority to call any persons who may be able to give information.

Mr. Crestoli's original motion asked that Jay Lawson, former consul general in New York and former lieutenant governor of Ontario, and William Eckendorf, a

real estate operator, appear before the committee.

John Garland (L.—Nipissing) charged the Conservative government made a mistake in not renting space in the building.

The government announced last week it had cancelled plans to move offices in the new building sponsored by Mr. Lawson and 28 Canadian businessmen who each invested \$100,000.

During a 90-minute questioning of the committee members, Mr. D. Matthews, deputy undersecretary of state for external affairs, said the cancellation was "a decision of the government."

"I do not think it would be appropriate for an official of the government to comment on it," Mr. Matthews said.

Mr. Matthews said the government had written Canada House "New York Limited" well over a year ago, stating its intention to rent space.

Last week Jules Leger, deputy external affairs minister, said the government's decision not to take over offices in the new building was a change in the financial aspect of the project.

Chairman Harry O. White (PC-Middlesex, East) agreed to ask External Affairs Minister Sidney Smith to provide pertinent files for study.

This was done after Mr. Matthews said he did not think it would be appropriate to have any other officials to table files with the committee's information.

Mr. Lawson, in a statement issued through Webb and Knapp, Eckendorf's firm, said the government action was a surprise and had caused him much embarrassment.

At New York, Eckendorf said he is "extremely pleased" at being before the committee.

"I will be very pleased to appear before the committee, and I am also extremely pleased and gratified that the committee wishes to hear all sides," Eckendorf said in a telephone conversation.

**GOOD ODDS**

TORONTO (CP)—Chief Forecaster Fred Turnbull says he would predict Christmas Day weather here but statistical odds favor a white Christmas for the Toronto area. Thirty christmases in the last 50 years have been white; only 15 have been entirely without snow and the other five had only a trace.

LONDON — Attending a farewell reception in London for Canada's 50-man trade mission are, left to right, Canadian High Commissioner George Drew, F. J. Erroll, parliamentary assistant to Britain's board of Trade Minister; Canadian Trade Minister Gordon

## FAREWELL TO TRADE MISSION

Churchill; Lord Home, secretary of state for Commonwealth relations; James Duncan, deputy leader of the Canadian group's deputy leader; C.P. Wirephoto (Canadian Overseas Telecommunications Corporation.)

## EDUCATIONAL HORIZONS

### Teacher Shortage Is Still Acute In The Province

This is not the first time an article of "teacher shortage" has appeared in this column, and since it is one of our most vital problems in education today we must be ever mindful of it.

The problem of teacher shortage is still acute in Prince Edward Island. We must admit it and if we hope to have an adequate supply of properly qualified teachers for our children in the future, we must keep talking about the shortage so that our efforts will not be lulled into forgetfulness.

Let us review, once more, what we consider the main factors causing this shortage. First, more children are being born, while the source of teacher recruitment is low. This is due, in part, to the low birthrate during the depression years, and the accelerated birthrate during and following World War II.

**RECRUITING**

Second, more fields of endeavor are open to young people today. Living is becoming more complex and occupations demanding more and more scientific and engineering business is demanding more trained secretaries, stenographers and clerks.

In the frantic search for bright young people to enter these fields the leaders of business and industry are going into our high schools recruiting, top students, offering them attractive salaries, a short work week, and chances for advancement, thus depleting the number of top-rate students who are potential teacher calibre.

Third, teaching today is considered by the high school student as a job that pays a low salary, a profession without prestige, one filled with problems of discipline, and one that has little or no chance for advancement.

Having set down the reasons which are generally accepted as ones basic in contributing to teacher shortage, let us try to evaluate them.

Number 1. There are more children in school today than there are teachers to teach them and this point must not be lightly brushed aside for two reasons: (a) teachers are overworked and are left with a feeling of frustration when they have to handle thirty five, forty or more children (b) children in an over-crowded classroom are being cheated, for it is impossible to give each child the necessary individual attention.

Number 2. That the young people who are in our high schools today are being channelled into business and industry is caused chiefly by the fact that business and industry hold out an attractive job with one hand and a most attractive salary schedule with the other.

**CHALLENGING**

And now for the third reason.

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