

### Substantial Boost Noted In Canadian Nickel Sales

TORONTO (CP) — Substantially increased nickel sales have been reported by Henry S. Wingate, chairman, at the annual meeting of International Company of Canada Ltd. The company's world-wide deliveries in the first three months of this year, Mr. Wingate stated, totalled nearly \$5,000,000

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### PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE PRIZE WINNERS

Alvin Curley and Miss Marion Bryanton are seen here receiving their prizes for obtaining the highest point average in the pre-marriage course conducted this winter at the Bastille. Making the presentation is Rev. Preston Hammill who conducted the 15-week course, attended by 130 people. Father Hammill also conducted a 10-week course for married people at the same time. The presentation was made last Friday night at a banquet and dance in the Charlottetown Hotel, for those who completed the course.

### Canadian Economy Registers 8 Per Cent Gain Last Year

Ottawa (CP) — Canada's economy registered an eight-per-cent gain last year in the value of its total production. But the advance was showing signs of running out of steam towards the year's end. Gross national product—value of all goods and services produced—rose to \$40,401,000,000 from the revised 1961 figure of \$37,421,000,000, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported. It was the largest economic advance since the 1956 boom. Higher prices accounted for about one-quarter of the gain. In volume terms, output rose 6.2 per cent. Measured in constant 1957 dollars, GNP rose to \$37,193,000,000 from \$35,023,000,000—equivalent to a record \$2,003 for each Canadian. For five years this measure of production per person had been below the previous peak of \$1,959 in 1959. **BEGAN IN 1961** The year's strong growth rate wasn't maintained throughout. The GNP in the last quarter of 1962 hit an annual rate, seasonally adjusted, of 4.2—200,000,000—up 1.2 per cent from the third quarter. Half of the gain was due to higher prices. The volume increase of half of one per cent was the smallest since the upswing in the business cycle in the spring of 1961. The 1962 expansion compares with the 12.7-per-cent jump in GNP in 1959. The DBS report said the 1961-62 recovery—a total rise of 13.8 per cent since the first quarter of 1961—was not as strong as the 20-per-cent gain during the corresponding period of the 1954-56 expansion. But in that earlier expansion—unlike the last one—a high proportion of the demand for goods was met by imports.

### Censor Cut Suspected In Story On Stalin

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet writer Ilya Ehrenburg has published some of his memoirs assailing Stalin. But they appeared two weeks late and in short form, arousing speculation they had been cut by censors over his protest. The voice of Soviet artists and writers in revolt against Communist cultural direction, Ehrenburg heard his memoirs denounced by Premier Khrushchev last year painting too dark a picture of the Stalin era. At a March meeting with intellectuals, Khrushchev also signaled the crackdown on writers and artists by rejecting Ehrenburg's thesis of co-existence between officially approved specialists and Western art forms. Ehrenburg's memoirs appeared in the magazine Novy Mir (New World). The new instalment had been expected to run 40 to 60 pages but was only 22 pages, half as long as the first. The material also appeared two weeks later than usual. Of the purges of his friends by Stalin, the 72-year-old novelist wrote: "I knew that they were not traitors but the most honorable and upright people, that the repressions against them and commanders of the Red Army, against engineers and the intelligentsia, had cost our nation dearly." **REBUKED SILENT ONES** In the previous instalment, Ehrenburg rebuked Communists who knew of Stalin's crimes while he lived but said nothing. This implied criticism of Soviet leaders who worked for Stalin, including Khrushchev. Khrushchev told the meeting of intellectuals he knew nothing of the crimes while Stalin lived. And the party's chief ideologist, Leonid Brezhnev, reproached Ehrenburg for writing praises of Stalin while he knew the truth about his repressions. In his latest instalment, Ehrenburg said "I myself wrote about Stalin the consequences." But he said that had been known about the crimes laid at Stalin's door by the 20th party congress in 1956 "I would have considered him a maniac."

### Unemployment Picture Shows Little Change

Ottawa (CP) — Both employment and unemployment showed little change between February and March. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics and the federal labor department reported that 549,000 workers were jobless last month, up 4,000 from the previous month but down 11,000 from March, 1962. This meant that 8.4 per cent of the labor force was out of work—the same percentage as in February. However, this jobless rate was down from the year-earlier rate of 8.7 per cent and well below the 11.1-per-cent rate of March, 1961. Increased farm work kept the employment picture up in March—offsetting a decline in non-farm jobs, mainly in the forestry industry where the spring breakup reduced activity. There were 5,963,000 workers in jobs at mid-March, compared with 5,951,000 in mid-February. **LABOR FORCE RISES** The labor force in March was 6,512,000, up by 38,000 from the year-earlier total. The increase—just under one per cent—was mainly due to the average annual rate of increase in the labor force over the last 10 years. There was little change in the regional unemployment picture.

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