

# Gross National Product Nears \$50 Billion Mark

**By JAMES NELSON**  
**OTTAWA (CP)** — Canada's gross national product and gross national expenditure now appear to be churning over at a rate even faster than Finance Minister Gordon's April 26 budget prediction of \$50,000,000,000 for 1965.

The GNP in the first three months of the year was at the annual rate of \$49,676,000,000 and available statistics for the second three-month period indicate the gap has been closed. Unless there is a serious slump in the last half of the year the GNP appears destined to go beyond the \$50,000,000,000 mark for the year.

The GNP is the total value of all end-product goods and services produced by the country in a year—excluding the value of imports and computed in such a way that the value of goods does not get counted more than once between primary production and manufactured end-products.

**COMPUTE GNP**  
 Statisticians compute it in two ways by adding up all income including corporation profits, rents, interest, inventory valuations and dividend taxes, and by adding expenditures on consumer goods and services, government purchasing, new construction and capital equipment.

The largest element in incomes is wages, salaries and supplementary labor income, which last year amounted to \$23,416,000,000 of year's GNP, \$47,003,000,000 in the first quarter of this year, it amounted to \$6,021,000,000 and another \$4,214,900,000 was added in April and May.

On the expenditure side, the largest domestic elements are personal expenditure on consumer goods and services, construction and machinery and equipment purchases.

**SHOW MAJOR RISE**  
 These all-inclusive figures are not compiled except for three-month periods. But important components of them have shown major increases in statistics so far available for May and June.

Total retail trade, for instance, has shown the sharpest rise in the first five months of the year in any comparable period back to 1960, running to \$8,694,000,000. Building permits issued in the first five months of this year covered total construction with a value of \$1,293,100,000, compared with \$1,054,500,000 in the same period last year.

Final six-month totals covering the first and second quarters of the year will not be available to permit compiling a report on mid-year gross national product and expenditure totals until late in September, a bureau of statistics source said.

gram has been discussed with Forestry Minister Maurice Sauve, who promised to put the idea before the federal cabinet.

## Social Insurance Numbers Now To Be Issued In Plastic

**OTTAWA (CP)** — New registrars for federal social insurance numbers will shortly be issued with plastic cards bearing their name and social insurance number.

The government last month placed an order for 5,000,000 of the new cards with a Toronto firm, Dashew Business Machines (Canada) Ltd., that entered the low bid of \$323,500 for the contract.

The heavy plastic cards look like commercial credit cards. They will eventually replace the light cardboard cards that have already been issued to nearly 6,000,000 workers.

It now is mandatory for all employed persons who will come under the Canada Pension Plan next Jan. 1 to obtain a social insurance number.

The new cards are white bearing a red maple leaf between the words "Social Insurance Number" and "numero d'assurance sociale." The Canadian coat of arms used on the cardboard cards has been removed. The Toronto firm is preparing all except the names and numbers. These are stamped in raised lettering by the labor department branch that handles registrations.

Each person is issued two cards, one to be carried and a spare to be kept at home in case the original is lost.

## INGENIOUS HAUNTING AT HOUSE

**GUILFORD Conn. (AP)** — Patrolman Nicholas Heery, sent to investigate reports of ghostly doings at a deserted farm house, opened the front door and a strange figure swooped at him, knife in hand.

The figure was a dummy, one of several in the house. All were made from sheets rigged with wires, strings to make the dummies plunge down stairs and lunge through doorways.

The report of strange happenings came from Frederick Bennett, the owner, after he had stopped by the old house to see if vandals had damaged it.

Bennett found a mannequin lying in state in the living room, a booby-trapped kitchen, and one bedroom rigged so that a person outside could pull wires to raise the lid of a chest, lift the sheet off the bed and jangle the bed-springs.

Bennett and Heery agreed the haunting was probably the work of ingenious youngsters.

## Feed Grain Gift To East Under Study

**REGINA (CP)** — A twinning system between fodder-rich Saskatchewan farmers and drought-stricken Eastern Canadian farmers in an effort to provide a 3,000,000 bushel feed grain gift to the Easterners, is being studied by the National Farmers Union.

Roy Atkinson, president of both the NFU and the Saskatchewan Farmers Union, in a telephone interview from Saskatoon, said the NFU is conducting a feasibility study on the gathering, transportation and distribution of the proposed gift.

"We are looking into the possibilities of twinning localities in West and East, with grain collected in a municipality in the West and being shipped to a definite locality in the East. This way there would be a type of personal contact between the giver and the receiver," he said.

He said there were still plenty of obstacles to be overcome in setting up machinery for the gift, but was hopeful at least some kind of decision could be reached by Sept. 10.

MR. ATKINSON said the pro-

## CONTRACT BRIDGE

**By B. JAY BECKER**

**FAMOUS HANDS**

South dealer.  
 East-West vulnerable

**NORTH**  
 ♠ K 4 3  
 ♥ K J 10 9 7  
 ♦ Q J 9  
 ♣ Q 8

**WEST**  
 ♠ A 2  
 ♥ J 10 9 8 6  
 ♦ A 8 5  
 ♣ J 9 7

**EAST**  
 ♠ 10 4  
 ♥ A Q 7 3  
 ♦ A 2  
 ♣ A 10 8 6 4

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ K Q J 9 8 5 3  
 ♥ Q 8 3  
 ♦ K 5 2

The bidding:  
 South West North East  
 4 Pass Pass Pass  
 Opening lead—jack of hearts.

The scene was the open pair championship played in San Francisco in 1962. Declarer at four spades was Meyer Schliefer, prominent West Coast star. West led the jack of hearts, ducked by North and East, and South ruffed. Schliefer then led the king of spades, taken by the ace. West made the normal continuation of the ten of hearts, again ruffed by South after dummy and East had followed low.

It is somewhat difficult to see at this point how Schliefer wound up making four spades even though he encountered the best possible defense. His losers consisted of two clubs and a dia-

## CMA Head To Address Convention

**ST. ANDREWS N.B. (CP)** — Dr. Robert O. Jones of Halifax, president of the Canadian Medical Association, will deliver the keynote address during the 85th annual meeting of the New Brunswick Medical Society which opens here Tuesday.

Dr. Jones will address delegates at a banquet Wednesday night on "Government and Medicine—Canada 1965."

Dr. A. D. Kelly of Toronto, general secretary of the Canadian Association, will also attend.

Wednesday's program will be highlighted by clinical sessions at which Dr. Lloyd D. MacLean of Montreal, professor of surgery at McGill University and a surgeon-in-chief at Royal Victoria Hospital, and Dr. Bernard J. Perley of Montreal, clinical assistant and director of clinics at Royal Victoria Hospital, will be chief speakers. Dr. MacLean and Dr. Perley will make a joint presentation, "New Concepts in Surgery."

## Wholesale Prices Down

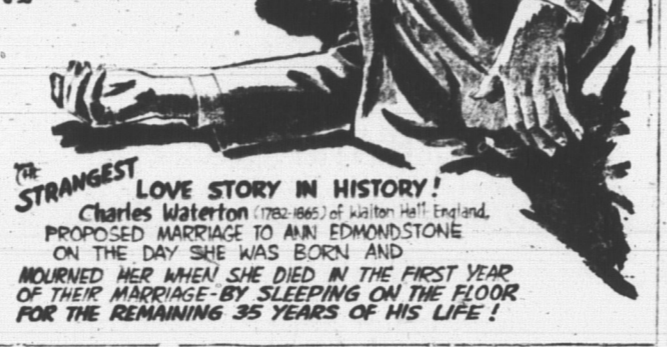
**OTTAWA (CP)** — Wholesale prices eased down slightly in July from the high level they established in June after a sharp four-month climb, the bureau of statistics reports.

It says its general wholesale price index, based on 1935-39 prices equalling 100, fell to 251.8 from 252.0 in February. The index was 246.4.

Wholesale prices were lower in July among vegetable products, textile products, non-ferrous metals products and wood products, but higher for animal products, chemical products, coal and iron products.

The general wholesale index covers all prices but those at the retail level. Another series of statistics available weekly, covering 30 industrial raw materials, has recently shown a net increase in the early part of August.

## RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT



**ACROSS**

- Measure of distance
- Tea
- Demons
- Milk
- Jim Clark
- Make amends
- Mistake
- Month
- Hindu calendar
- Wearer of eagle anchor and globe
- Pigs
- Apportions
- Furthers
- Dried up
- Eskers
- Reprova gently
- Hats: slang
- Japanese measure
- Worn away
- Man's nickname
- Entices
- Thin mud
- Summit of a tower
- Sharpens, as a razor
- Soviet news agency
- Mimicked
- DOWN
- Yard or bushel
- Tooth

**CRIB**

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56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66

## DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

**AXYDLBAAXE**  
**LONGFELOW**

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

**A Cryptogram Quotation**  
 'PHG OXPPXN PM DCSX KMSXF  
 GYF KMGP PDGY YKXSN PM  
 DCSX OXXY GLXF.—DLOOCNF

Saturday's Cryptogram: A MAN NEVER TELLS YOU ANYTHING UNTIL YOU CONTRADICT HIM.—SHAW  
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## OUR BOARDING HOUSE MAJOR HOOPLE

