

CANARIE

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Already operational is CANARIE's very high speed experimental network which provides innovative businesses with a low-risk environment for the development and testing of new technologies and applications before bringing them to market.

This Canada-wide test-bed comprises seven regional test networks: one each in British Columbia, the prairie provinces, the Ottawa area, Quebec, Southern Ontario, Toronto and the Maritime provinces. The regional networks are collaborative projects by industry, universities, hospitals and government research institutions. They are currently being used for trials of a large number of interactive and multimedia technologies. Discussions are under way to connect the CANARIE test-bed to

counterparts in the European Community.

Summing up the importance of Canadian telecommunications

leadership to Canada-based businesses, Dr. Andrew Bjerring, President of CANARIE Inc., says: "The Information Superhighway

is already a cornerstone for industrial development and economic growth in Canada and the world. The projects being funded through CANARIE put Canadian companies at the cutting edge of product and technology development." ♦



In Phase Two, CANARIE will expand its test-bed network and link it to similar networks abroad. Announcing Phase Two, above, are, from left: CANARIE Chairman Peter Jollymore, Industry Minister John Manley and CANARIE President Andrew Bjerring.

