

hospital construction be continued for a further five-year period after the expiration of the present period in March 1963.

Another special winter housing program has been undertaken; the terms of housing and home improvement loans have been modified within the National Housing Act to encourage additional building activity; in addition, you will be asked to amend the act to make further improvement in the terms of mortgage lending. You will also be asked, as a means of providing low-rent housing more economically, and counteracting urban blight, to authorize the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, in partnership with provincial authorities, to undertake the purchase, improvement and rental of existing housing in specified areas of urban redevelopment, just as such partnerships now build and rent new housing units.

The housing legislation put before you will also contain provisions to authorize the corporation to make loans to universities for students' residences on terms similar to those of loans made for limited dividend housing projects.

The pollution of Canada's water supplies is a serious problem confronting many communities; its correction or prevention involves substantial further investment in sound urban development. It will therefore be proposed to you that the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation be authorized to make long-term loans to local authorities for approved projects for sewage disposal and treatment, up to two thirds of the costs of such projects, on terms similar to those of loans for limited dividend housing projects. As a special incentive for prompt action on this urgent problem, Parliament will be asked to authorize the Crown to write off one quarter of the amount of any such loan expended on work done before April 1963.

Believing that the ultimate success of efforts to improve Canada's trade and employment and the standard of living of Canadian workers depends largely upon increasing Canadian productivity, my ministers will ask you to authorize the establishment of a Productivity Council. Its membership would include Canadians from the fields of industry and commerce, organized labour, agriculture and other primary production, as well as qualified individuals chosen from the public at large and from the scientific agencies of government. The purpose of this council would be to strengthen Canada's competitive position in export and domestic markets by improving the productivity of primary and secondary industries.

You will also be asked to give early consideration to a bill authorizing Government guarantees for bank loans to small businesses to finance additions and improvements to

their business premises and equipment. My ministers are convinced that additional medium term credit facilities for small businesses would enable many private projects to go forward this winter all across Canada, providing substantial additional employment. Moreover, this addition to our credit legislation will constitute a continuing stimulus to the growth of Canadian private enterprise.

A bill will also be laid before you to extend the assistance given to provincial Governments for vocational training, both in the school system and in the training and retraining of those who have already become workers. With more advanced technology in industry and the need to increase productivity, better technical training of the youth of Canada is required and more retraining of Canadian workers who have to transfer to other jobs or trades. This is particularly necessary in those areas where job opportunities in traditional industries are limited. In order to get this program underway quickly, you will be asked to approve grants of seventy-five per cent of the amounts expended, up to March 31, 1963, in building approved technical schools or training institutions.

Amendments to the Unemployment Insurance Act will be placed before you to safeguard the basic purpose of the act to strengthen the fund and to correct abuses which have developed in practice.

As an additional step in the national agricultural program, you will also be asked to approve enabling legislation to authorize the federal Government to join with provincial authorities and local groups throughout Canada in comprehensive programs of rural rehabilitation and development. My ministers believe that as farming is a basic Canadian industry it must be made more stable and remunerative. Widening the uses of Canada's farm lands and water resources will be necessary for this purpose.

Among other measures in the long-range program, you will be requested to approve a number of major projects of national development. The largest of these will be the development of the water power on the Columbia River. Agreement has been reached with the Government of the United States on a plan for the Co-operative development of the use of these waters and a treaty will be submitted to you for approval in due course. You will also be asked to take the action necessary to fulfil Canada's part in implementing it.

You will be requested to approve several projects of railway development in opening up Canada's frontier. One of these will be a Canadian National Railway line to the new