

## LOW-INCOME HOUSING EXPERIMENT

A Canadian experiment in providing modern housing for low-income families in sparsely-settled regions was launched on April 21 as a joint programme of the Federal Government and the government of the Province of Saskatchewan. The agreement was announced in Ottawa by Prime Minister Pearson and Mr. J.R. Nicholson, the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, who is responsible to Parliament for the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, and in Regina by Premier Thatcher.

The project is designed to help Métis (persons of mixed blood) and enfranchised Indians now living in sub-standard conditions in northern Saskatchewan. New homes will be brought within their reach by loans and subsidies.

### FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS

The province will sponsor co-operatives that will build and own the houses, and will make a capital grant of \$500 a home. Co-operatives will be required to provide matching amounts of \$500 in cash or the labour equivalent. The remaining capital (it is estimated that the homes will cost about \$4,500 each) will be lent by the two governments, 75 per cent by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and 25 per cent by the government of Saskatchewan. The loans will be for 15 years or such longer period as may be agreed on.

What the occupant has to pay for his new home will depend on the family's income. The requirement will be to make monthly payments of principal, interest and taxes up to 25 per cent of the income of the member of the co-operative occupying the home. If there is a deficit, if the total monthly payment required to finance the home exceeds this 25 per cent, the federal and provincial governments will make up the difference. The Federal Government will provide 75 per cent of the subsidy and the provincial government the remainder.

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## STRATFORD REHEARSALS START

The new Canadian flag was unfurled above the Stratford Festival Theatre for the first time on April 19. It was flying with the yellow-and-black Shakespeare banner when, at 10 a.m., the cannon that signals the beginning of every performance boomed for the first time in 1965.

At that same hour, 28 players reported onstage to start rehearsing for the June 14 opening of the Festival's thirteenth season. The first item of business was a reading of "Henry IV", under the direction of Stuart Burge, who had just arrived from England. The company this year will number 50 at full strength.

The Festival Company will be in residence for 24 weeks this year - eight weeks of rehearsal and 16 of playing "Henry IV" (Henry IV, Part 1), "Falstaff" (Henry IV, Part 2) and "Julius Caesar". Chekhov's "The Cherry Orchard" will be added to the repertory on July 26, and will run until September 10.

## GRANTS TO RECREATION LEADERS

Aid for leadership training in a number of recreational fields was announced recently by Miss Judy LaMarsh, the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Grants totalling \$65,805 have been provided to six national agencies under the Fitness and Amateur Sport programme.

### FRENCH-LANGUAGE GROUPS

L'Association canadienne des centres de loisirs, an association representing 107 French-speaking centres for sports and recreation, received \$32,000. Of this total, \$12,000 goes towards the cost of a training clinic for 142 leaders from five provinces, to be held at St. Agathe des Monts, Quebec. A seminar for 177 directors of recreation centres, to be held at Rivière-du-Loup, will be assisted by a \$20,000 grant.

Les Guides catholiques du Canada were granted \$13,250 to conduct four leadership-training camps for 274 Girl Guide and Brownie leaders. These training camps will operate during the summer in Edmonton, Ottawa, Montreal and Moncton.

### ENGLISH-LANGUAGE GROUPS

The Young Women's Christian Association of Canada received \$6,930 to help finance a special project to improve the co-ordination of training methods and to develop a national fitness programme for women.

Two grants were also announced for further training of adult leaders of boys' organizations. The Boys' Clubs of Canada received \$8,000 to help provide courses in regional centres for professional and volunteer workers. The Boy Scouts of Canada received \$3,425 to carry out a fitness and leadership promotion programme for its members.

A grant of \$2,200 was awarded to the Parks and Recreation Association of Canada, to help finance a leadership seminar on amateur sports facilities and programming.

All grants were recommended by the National Advisory Council on Fitness and Amateur Sport. Assistance for leadership training and amateur-sports promotion under the national programme in the fiscal year that ended on March 31 totalled \$417,337. During the same period, grants for national or international sports competitions totalled \$258,595.

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## RIVER HARBOUR COMMISSION

Mr. J.W. Pickersgill, the Minister of Transport, recently announced the establishment of the Fraser River Harbour Commission, three members of which will be appointed by the Federal Government and the remaining two by the ten municipalities bordering the Fraser River within the harbour limits.

The new body succeeds the New Westminster Harbour Commissioners, incorporated by Act of Parliament in 1913, which comprised two federal appointees and one member appointed by the City of New Westminster. The new basis of appointment is intended to give effect to the greatly expanded interest in the harbour that has developed since the earlier Commission was established.