

a week; and the long line-ups currently so common in outpatients' departments or lengthy delays in seeing private doctors will be eliminated by an appointment system. With a hospital base, family-medicine units will be able to supply all the necessary services — laboratory tests, X-rays, specialist consultations, social services etc.

Each of the hospitals has had a family-medicine unit operating with limited staff for at least a year, but lack of space, permanent staff and funds for equipment have made their full functioning impossible. McGill's Faculty of Medicine, through Dr. Sidney Lee, Associate Dean (Community Health) initiated the co-ordination and presentation to the provincial government of a policy for family-medicine units. In June, the faculty voted to establish a Department of Family Medicine to train doctors in areas of primary health-care delivery rather than in special disciplines. Over the past two years two postgraduate programs in family medicine have also been developed at McGill, one jointly by the Montreal General and Children's Hospitals, and the other at the Jewish General Hospital.

As the family-medicine units expand, the Medical Faculty's potential for training doctors to staff these units will also be expanded and strengthened. Discussions are currently in progress with the respective McGill Departments concerning the training of social workers and nurses for the units. Nurses will receive extensive training to enable them to assess the severity of patients' mental or physical illness; and the University's School of Social Work currently offers a Master of Science degree with an option to specialize in health care.

Canada's housing starts continuing at high level

Housing starts were at a seasonally-adjusted annual rate of 280,600 for all areas in August, according to preliminary figures released recently by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC).

In July the rate reached an unprecedented 304,200, following the first and second quarter levels of 262,500 and 284,300 respectively.

The CMHC survey indicated total

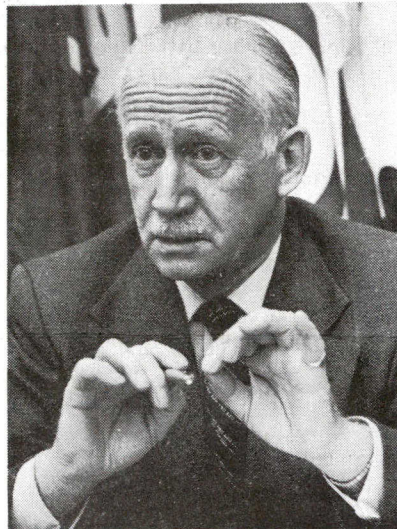
housing starts for 1973 could reach over 260,000 units. Canada's annual record was set in 1972, when starts numbered 249,914.

Actual starts in August totalled 19,924 in the urban areas alone, up 4 per cent from the August 1973 figure of 19,082. For the first eight months of 1973, actual urban starts numbered 134,563, an increase of 3 per cent over the 130,470 total for the same period last year. Single-family housing activity increased 6 per cent, while multiples were up 1 per cent.

Olympics protocol chief keeps busy

Although his official title is Olympics Chief of Protocol, keeping 129 nations happy is the real job of Charles Lotbinière Harwood.

There is more to Olympics protocol than meets the eye. A larger gathering of international representatives will be present at the 1976 Olympics than there was at Expo 67, when some 60 countries participated.



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Charles de Lotbinière Harwood

Charles de Lotbinière Harwood, says the problems involve more than those of protocol during the two weeks of competition.

Immediately preceding the Olympics in Montreal will be the week-long quadrennial congress of the International Olympic Committee, a conference of the Olympic national committees of all IOC members.

Associated with these will be a range

of subcommittee sessions and meetings of international sports federations.

"Part of my responsibility is to get these things organized," said Mr. Harwood.

"We'll need space for meetings and functions, accommodations for those attending, transportation and interpreters to provide simultaneous translation for the four official languages (English, French, Spanish and German).

"In addition to this we will also have to find a supply of interpreters who can be made available to all the national Olympic committee representatives who come to Montreal and who do not speak either English or French."

Once this is over the protocol department will turn its attention to the Olympics itself. Responsibilities range from the elaborate opening ceremony and receptions, through the split-second delivery and presentation of the medals, to the intricate closing session and the dispersal of dignitaries, national Olympic representatives and new athletics stars.

Many VIPs expected

The task will be made more complex by the probable presence of dignitaries, including Prince Philip, who attended the Munich games, British Prime Minister Edward Heath, well-known as a sailing enthusiast, the U.S. President Nixon and King Constantine of Greece, now living in Rome.

The problem of providing adequate security for distinguished visitors will be added to that of ensuring their comfort.

Charles de Lotbinière Harwood's long and distinguished career with Bell Canada, from where he retired as assistant vice-president and his involvement in community activities, notably Expo 67, qualify him for this demanding job.

During the 1930s he was a play-by-play announcer of the National Hockey League, Big Four and intercollegiate football games on the national radio network.

In 1938 he set a record that still stands for the longest individual sports broadcast at a Stanley Cup playoff game between Montreal and Detroit which lasted from 9 p.m. to 2:42 a.m. and which was finally won by Detroit 1-0.