

FUTURE OF NATIONAL RESOURCES

Interesting new areas of federal-provincial co-operation are becoming more apparent as a result of a meeting of federal and provincial cabinet ministers in Ottawa on January 16.

Agreement to work closely together on making the "Resources For Tomorrow" conference in Montreal next October a solid success was arrived at in the meeting of the national steering committee of the conference. Seven provincial resource department ministers were in attendance and other provinces were represented by senior officials. The proposed content of the conference agenda was fully discussed. All renewable resource sectors will be represented in conference discussions including agriculture, forestry, water, recreation, wildlife, fisheries and regional development.

The general feeling of the committee is that the "Resources For Tomorrow" conference is a major step in the promotion of the long-range development and proper management of all of Canada's renewable resources.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

Consumer price indexes declined in five of the ten regional cities during November and December 1960, with decreases ranging from 0.1 per cent to 0.3 per cent. Indexes were higher in three of the other five regional cities, and unchanged in the remaining two.

Food indexes declined in seven of the ten regional cities, and were higher in the remaining three cities. Shelter indexes showed mixed results as four indexes were higher, two lower and four unchanged. Clothing indexes were higher in five regional cities, unchanged in four, and down fractionally in the remaining city. Household-operation indexes were higher in six of the cities, unchanged in two, and down in the other two. "Other" commodities and services indexes were unchanged in seven of the ten cities, up fractionally in two, and down slightly in the remaining city.

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COMMEMORATIVE STAMP

The tremendous strides made by Canada's Indian population and the significant contribution they have made to the development of Canada in many fields will be honoured by the Canada Post Office with the issue of a special commemorative stamp on March 10, it has been announced by Postmaster General Hamilton.

Occasion for the special stamp will be the centennial of the birth of E. Pauline Johnson, the famed Mohawk poet, who was born at Chiefswood, near Brantford, Ontario, on March 10, 1861.

In announcing the new stamp, Mr. Hamilton pointed out that, although the issue was

directly related to the life and work of Miss Johnson, it was intended to honour all the members of her race. He noted that, in recent years particularly, Canadian Indians have made tremendous advances. They have achieved the federal franchise, made sweeping gains in the educational, health and social fields, and contributed at a vastly accelerated pace to the economic and industrial growth of the nation.

LEADERS IN MANY FIELDS

Historically, Mr. Hamilton pointed out, Canadian Indians had produced outstanding leaders in many fields. He mentioned, among other notables, Joseph Brant, Crowfoot, and Tecumseh, all outstanding military leaders. Among modern Indians, the Postmaster General mentioned: James Gladstone, whose appointment in January 1958 marked the appointment of the first Indian Senator; George Clutesi, painter; Mrs. Ethel Brant Monture, author; Dr. Gilbert C. Monture, O.B.E., internationally-known mineral economist; and the late Brigadier and Judge Oliver M. Monture.

The stamp is designed to show Miss Johnson's dual personality - as Victorian lady and Indian princess. It shows the poet in the foreground, wearing a high ruffled collar. In the background, she is depicted in tribal dress. Printed in brown and dark green, the stamp measures one and one-half inches by one inch. It was designed by B.J. Reddie of Ottawa. It is of the five-cent denomination and 32,000,000 copies will be printed.

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SEAWAY COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

The St. Lawrence Seaway Authority and the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation of the United States advise that a very high frequency (VHF) radio telephone communication system has been fully installed within the Seaway. It is strongly recommended that vessels transiting the Seaway be equipped with VHF since it is believed that its use will resolve a number of communication problems because of the interference-free positive communication it provides. The Seaway entities also believe that the use of this system will result in greater ease in scheduling and transit.

The St. Lawrence Seaway Authority gives notice that very high frequency radio-telephone equipment will be compulsory on the Welland Canal, effective on the opening of navigation in 1962.

It is anticipated that vessels will be required to be equipped with VHF radio telephone installations in all sections of the Seaway for the 1962 navigation season.

The Seaway Rules and Circulars will be amended at a later date to clarify the requirements of the Seaway entities with respect to very high frequency radio scheduling.