

## LOUISBOURG UNCOVERED

A New Brunswick archaeologist will spend six months uncovering and identifying buildings and streets of the 18th century French fortress of Louisbourg on Cape Breton Island.

Resources Minister Alvin Hamilton has announced that J. Russell Harper of Fredericton, N.B. will start an archaeological investigation of Louisbourg in June. The research, which is expected to unearth significant remains of the old city, will be carried out under contract to the National Parks Branch.

It is expected that, following a complete archaeological enquiry, the buildings and streets located by Mr. Harper will be excavated and identified for the information of the many visitors who come to visit the ruins of this famous walled city every summer.

Louisbourg was once the marvel of the Atlantic coast. An entire city surrounded by massive fortifications, it covered 57 acres. In 1758 it fell to the British and two years later the fortress and its buildings were completely demolished. Building materials were then shipped in ballast to England and to Halifax, N.S. Since 1928 Louisbourg has been a national historic site and since 1940 a national historic park of the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources. Some excavation of the ruins has been carried out but very little of the old city has been unearthed and cleared.

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## 1959 MAPPING PROGRAMME

More than a thousand men comprising 81 individual field survey parties will conduct the annual mapping and charting programme this year for the Surveys and Mapping Branch of the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys.

The programme, which is getting under way now and will continue through November, will take survey parties to all ten Canadian provinces as well as into the Yukon, the Northwest Territories and into navigable coastal and inland waters. Included in the field survey force will be 28 units of the Canadian Hydrographic Service.

In announcing the programme, Mines Minister Paul Comtois stated that, following the trend of recent years, increasing emphasis is being placed on the development of Canada's north-land.

Essential for the production of base maps and charts, the overall programme has a two-fold objective. Its long-range purpose is to provide Dominion-wide coverage in base maps and charts at various scales; and the short-range objective is to stress work in areas of potential resources development - minerals, water power, forestry and other such potentialities. Defence needs also constitute a factor in the mapping and charting programme.

Aspects of the work range from true exploration and research by the Polar Continental Shelf party in the western Arctic to small mobile parties checking new topographical features in long-settled areas of southern Canada.

A topographical survey party using helicopters will extend surveys for mapping the mineral-rich areas of Labrador. Another helicopter party will conduct similar work in the central part of New Quebec.

A hydrographic party aboard a chartered sealer will chart areas along the Labrador coast and also the east coast of Hudson Bay. Later in the season the ship will push her way through the huge rafts of Polar ice that clog the waters of Foxe Basin within the Arctic Circle, so that the work parties can carry out charting in those regions.

The survey force will be comprised of 185 field officers, who will be assisted by about 170 university students, together with crews for ships and supporting aircraft, labourers, cooks and other summer help. Full use will be made of modern transport and technical equipment. This includes fixed and rotary winged aircraft, bunk and kitchen trailers, electronic measuring and positioning devices, the latest type of transits, radar altimeters, etc.

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## BENEFITS FOR IMMIGRANTS

A joint announcement was made by the Federal Minister of Citizenship and Immigration and the Ontario Minister of Public Welfare on May 5, concerning the welfare of immigrants in the Province of Ontario.

Ontario has agreed that, as of May 1, all immigrants of whatever length of residence will be entitled to the same welfare benefits as other persons in the province.

By the agreement of 1952 hospital costs for immigrants who have been in Canada for less than a year and who have become indigent through accident or illness, will be shared with the Federal Government for the present. This clause, however, is under review, owing to the Federally sponsored Provincial hospital insurance plan which went into effect in Ontario on January 1, 1959.

The Province will share with the Federal Government such expenses as are applicable under the agreement in force under the Federal Unemployment Insurance Act.

In making the announcement Mrs. Fairclough said in part:

"The proviso that an immigrant must become indigent through accident or illness, which applied in the case of the earlier agreement, has been removed. This in our opinion will greatly assist newcomers who occasionally after their arrival in this country require social and welfare benefits. My Department and

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