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completed although connecting roadways to the Victoria Bridge at St. Lambert require partial grading and paving.

BUILDINGS

The headquarters building at Cornwall has been completed.

Operations buildings at the five locks are virtually completed

Final plans have not as yet been developed for the construction of maintenance and repair shops or stores warehouses. In the meantime, temporary facilities are available.

CONSTRUCTION BY OTHER AGENCIES

A significant proportion of the facilities for 27' navigation is being provided by other agencies. The status of these works as indicated informally by the agencies concerned is as follows:

Navigation facilities being provided by the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation have been in use since July 1, 1958 by 14' depth navigation. The Corporation states that these facilities are fully completed for 27' navigation except in the Cornwall Island South Channel where the navigation channel will be

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RCAF TO MAN DEW LINE

Canada and the United States have issued a joint statement that the RCAF will take over the manning of the majority of the operational positions of the DEW Line Stations in Canada, commencing on February 1, 1959. It will be recalled that the United States Government was authorized by the Canadian Government to establish the DEW Line in Canada and to man and operate this line for a certain period, on the understanding that Canada would be free to review this decision if conditions should change in the meantime. With the establishment of NORAD, the situation has changed and the RCAF can now assume the responsibility for manning the majority of the operational positions at the DEW Line Stations in Canada.

The target date for the handover of the operational positions is to be February 1, 1959. The majority of the USAF officers will be replaced progressively as RCAF officers are trained in the functions of the DEW Line. A minimum of one USAF officer will remain at each of the main stations to maintain liaison between the USAF and the American civilian contractor who provides logistic support to DEW Line Stations. With few exceptions the civilian positions in the DEW Line in Canada are now filled by Canadians and with this change in operational positions, the majority of the military positions will also be filled by Canadian personnel.

restricted to 400' in width during the early part of 1959.

The navigation channel through the Beauharnois Canal has been continuously developed since 1932 in accordance with PC 504 dated March 1, 1932. Some clean-up dredging remains in the 600' navigation channel which will impose minor restrictions in channel width but not in available depth.

In the International Rapids Section of the river between the head of the Wiley-Dondero ship channel and Morrisburg a navigation channel has been provided by the creation of Lake St. Lawrence. West of Morrisburg to Johnstown - with the exception of the Iroquois Lock area - the channels are being developed jointly by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario and the Power Authority of the State of New York. In discussion with the two power entities it has been stated that a substantial amount of channel improvement work remains to be completed in 1959; however, it is the opinion of the power entities that a 450' channel of full 27' depth will be available for the opening of the navigation season. These works, which are being constructed in accordance with the Order of Approval of the Power Project, dated October 29, 1952, are subject to approval by the St. Lawrence River Joint Board of Engineers.

AMBASSADOR FROM ITALY

His Excellency Adolfo Alessandrini presented to the Governor General his Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Italy to Canada on January 22. The ceremony took place at Government House.

Mr. Alessandrini was born in 1902. During his early career he served in Cairo, Kalgenfurt and in Belgrade. Mr. Alessandrini has served also as Counsellor in Peking, Washington and in Berne, as Minister to Lebanon and as Ambassador to Greece. From 1954 to 1958, Mr. Alessandrini was the Italian Permanent Representative at NATO, Paris. Prior to his appointment to Ottawa, he was Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Rome.

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EQUERRIES TO THE QUEEN

The Queen has appointed the following serving officers from Her Majesty's Canadian Forces to be Equerries during her tour in Canada: - Lieutenant-Commander I.A. MacPherson, CD; Major R.A. Reid, MC, CD; Squadron-Leader R.M. Edwards, AFC.

Each of these officers will spend about a month in the Queen's Household in London before the tour, to familiarize himself with his duties. It is Her Majesty's wish that for the tour in Canada her Equerries should all be Canadians.