

New high-speed presses are on order, delivery of which will begin in about six months. It is planned to expand the production facilities of the Mint in temporary quarters as quickly as the necessary equipment can be obtained and arrangements made for relocation. Additional production facilities on a permanent basis are under active consideration. These will include the construction of a modern building with up-to-date equipment.

ELECTRIC POWER IN 1964

The year 1964 promises to be a big year in electric power construction in Canada, according to National Resources Minister Arthur Laing. An estimated 2.1 million kilowatts of new generating capacity will go into operation before the end of the twelve-months, the minister forecast. This includes 1.2 million kilowatts of hydro (water-power) capacity and 0.9 million kilowatts of thermal (heat-producing) capacity.

In 1964, Canada's constantly growing requirements for electric power for industrial, agricultural and domestic use led to the installation of 818,000 kilowatts of new generating capacity. This included 436,000 kilowatts thermal and 382,000 kilowatts hydro.

Re-scheduling of several large units accounts for most of the difference between the total of 1,349,000 kilowatts forecast for 1964 and the total of 818,000 kilowatts actually installed.

The new capacity put into service in 1964 boosted the nation's total installed hydro-generating capacity to 20.3 million kilowatts and total installed thermal capacity to 6.7 million kilowatts.

Mr. Laing said the rate at which electric power demands were growing allowed for no slackening in the pace of development of new generating facilities. To meet anticipated demands, Canada's power producers, he added, had under construction or had scheduled over 17 million kilowatts of new capacity to come into service within the next few years.

This estimate does not include any of the vast potential that will eventually be developed on the Hamilton, Columbia and Nelson Rivers and on other major river systems in Canada. The scheduled figure of 17 million kilowatts consists of over 10.5 million kilowatts hydro and 6.5 million kilowatts thermal.

FORT GARRY EXPANSION

The National Parks Branch of the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources plans to spend about \$750,000 on the expansion of Lower Fort Garry National Historic Park near Winnipeg, Manitoba.

In December, Manitoba agreed to transfer some 14 acres of land adjoining the present eight-acre park to the Federal Government. The main lines of this agreement were settled by National Resources

Minister Arthur Laing and Manitoba Resources Minister Sterling Lyon.

TRANSFERRED AREA

The land to be transferred was the site of a small village and several farm buildings connected with the fort. The village included a store, sawmill, grist mill, blacksmith shop, distillery, beer cellar and lime-kilns, as well as several residences. Under the agreement, some of these structures will be restored by the Historic Sites Division of the National Parks Branch by 1980. However, details of this programme are yet to be worked out.

The proposed expansion will also include the provision of parking space and the construction of a visitors' centre, service building and custodians' residence.

ARMY SKIERS COMPETE

Members of the Alpine and Nordic teams which will represent Canada in the 1965 British Army Ski Association championships at St. Moritz, Switzerland, and Southofen, Germany, were announced recently by Canadian Forces Headquarters. All but one are from the 1st and 2nd Battalions, Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, stationed at Victoria, British Columbia, and Edmonton, Alberta.

The Alpine team, competing at St. Moritz, from January 9 to 23, will be defending the Royal Artillery Cup, won last year in the giant slalom unit team event by a squad from the Royal 22nd Regiment. They will also be competing in the downhill and slalom events of the competition.

BIATHALON EVENT

In Nordic team competition at Southofen from January 23 to February 5, the Canadian skiers will be up against the cream of British skiers, including the British Olympic team in the biathlon event, open to all British subjects. The four other events in which they will compete are the 4 x 10 kilometer relay, the 15-kilometer cross-country event, and the military patrol race.

The biathlon competition is conducted over a 20-kilometer course. Each contestant carries a rifle and 20 rounds of ammunition, which he fires at four different stages of the course at 10-inch targets, at ranges measuring from 100 to 200 meters.

CANADIAN-ROUMANIAN RELATIONS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs recently announced that the Canadian Government, pursuing its policy of furthering its relations with the countries of Eastern Europe, would invite a Roumanian delegation to come to Ottawa at the end of January for discussion on trade, claims, consular matters and diplomatic relations. Canadian officials from various departments will take part in these discussions.

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