

dations are being undertaken by the National Historic Sites Service. The Board also recommended that a survey be made of artifacts and other objects still in existence in Dawson City relating to the Gold Rush.

### TRADE MINISTER IN INDIA

Trade and Commerce Minister Robert Winters, leading the Canadian delegation to the second United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in New Delhi, declared at the opening session, that the Conference presented a favourable opportunity for the member countries to help resolve the urgent problems of the developing nations.

### DEVELOPMENT LOAN

While in New Delhi, the Minister paid a courtesy call on the President of India, Dr. Zakir Hussain, and also met leaders of the Indian Government, including the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Mr. Morarji Desai. During the meeting with Mr. Desai, trade relations between Canada and India were reviewed and Canada's current aid programme discussed. Subsequently, Mr. Winters and Mr. Desai signed an agreement for Canada to lend India \$21.14 million.

Under the terms of the agreement Canada will provide a wide range of materials, equipment and services as part of its assistance to India's long-term development programme.

This loan, together with the fertilizer and industrial commodity loans, which were signed previously, completes Canada's pledge of development loan assistance to India for the current fiscal year. The current loan, like previous credits, carries no interest or service charges and is repayable over 50 years, including ten years of grace.

Since 1950, Canada has provided India with more than \$645 million in the form of food aid, industrial raw materials, fertilizers, industrial equipment and assistance to India's development in the fields of hydroelectric and nuclear power.

During his visit to India, Mr. Winters, accompanied by the Canadian High Commissioner, Mr. James George, visited the Rana Pratap Sagar Dam and the Rajasthan Atomic Power Project, two power projects being developed with financial and technical aid from Canada.

### THEATRE HISTORY PROBE

A Canada Council grant announced recently will help the Dominion Drama Festival investigate what has happened to theatre in Canada during the past 40 years. A survey will be made of historical material including correspondence, scrapbooks, theatre programmes, photographs and posters. The grant, worth \$1,900, will be used by volunteer researchers of the Drama Festival for travel and clerical expenses as they search for these materials and tape interviews with members of the profession, amateurs and patrons who contributed to the growth of theatre in the Twenties and Thirties.

### CABINET APPOINTMENT

The Prime Minister has announced the appointment of Bryce S. Mackasey to the Cabinet as Minister without Portfolio.

Mr. Mackasey will be the Acting Minister of Labour during the absence of Mr. Nicholson, who has taken over the leadership of the Canadian delegation at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development now meeting in New Delhi.

### NEWFOUNDLAND PRIZE FILM WINS AGAIN

The Newfoundland film, *Tuna Angling - the Art and Science of Big Game Fishing*, has won another award - first prize in the "how to do it" category in the National Outdoor-Travel Film Festival, sponsored by the Michigan Outdoors Writers' Association, in the United States.

This film, produced for the Newfoundland and Labrador Tourist Development Office, has already earned international recognition by being awarded an Honourable Mention in an international film festival held in Yugoslavia and winning second place in the Festival of Maritime Sports Films at LaSpezia, Italy, [See *Canadian Weekly Bulletin*, No. 7, February 14, P. 3].

The tuna film is the third Newfoundland entry to have gained honours in the MOWA annual film festival. Two others, *The Atlantic Salmon in Newfoundland* and *With Camera and Gun in Newfoundland*, earned the Festival's certificate of outstanding merit in the 1966 competition. All three films are distributed outside Newfoundland by the National Film Board of Canada.

### BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

Births registered in Canada in 1967 decreased by almost 20,000 from the 1966 figure. Marriages increased by over 8,000. Deaths decreased by about 1,000.

Estimates based on records filed in provincial offices indicate that approximately 368,000 births occurred in Canada in 1967 compared to 387,000 in 1966. The annual birth rate has been declining steadily from the record high figure of 479,300 in 1959. The national birth rate in 1967, per 1,000 population, is estimated at 18.0, the lowest ever recorded and the tenth consecutive annual decline from 28.2 in 1957. The previous record low figure was 9.4 in 1966.

Marriages in 1967 were estimated at a record 164,000 compared to the previous record of 155,600 in 1966. The marriage rate per 1,000 population was estimated at 8.0, somewhat higher than the 1966 rate of 7.8. Prior to 1964, the marriage rate declined steadily from a record high figure of 10.9 in 1946 to the lowest, 6.9, in 1963.

Deaths in 1967 were estimated at 149,000, slightly lower than the 1966 figure. The annual death rate per 1,000 population declined in 1967 to the low record of 7.3.