

Province of Nova Scotia will contribute \$10 million to the industrial development fund."

Delivery of the equipment is expected during the next three to 12 months.

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### PAN-AM GAMES ROYAL OPENING

Trade and Commerce Minister Robert Winters recently announced that the Duke of Edinburgh would open the Pan-American Games in Winnipeg on July 23. The Duke will also open the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto on November 10, and attend the Conference of the Royal Agricultural Society of the Commonwealth of which he is President, which is taking place in Toronto at about the same time.

Mr. Winters said that the presence of the Duke of Edinburgh indicated the well-merited international importance of both these events and does both of them a signal honour.

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### RIVER INFORMATION SERVICE

Transport Minister J.W. Pickersgill has announced that, as a result of studies started in 1964, a VHF (Very High Frequency) radio-traffic information service is now operating along the stretch of the St. Lawrence River between Les Escoumins and Montreal.

Progress reports on this project were made at a series of meetings with the shipping industry held at the Montreal International Airport last year. The first meeting of the series, chaired by Gordon W. Stead, Assistant Deputy Minister, Marine, was opened by John N. Turner, Registrar General of Canada.

The information service, an elaborate organization with two main traffic-control centres — one at Quebec and the other at Montreal — six satellite stations and 18 reporting points along the river, has been devised (1) to prevent collisions between ships; (2) to prevent collisions between ships and obstructions in the channel; (3) to maintain a safe, expeditious and orderly flow of traffic in the river; and (4) to alert appropriate authorities when ships are in need of assistance.

To take full advantage of the services provided, all ships travelling the St. Lawrence should be fitted with the required VHF equipment. Those not so equipped as yet may benefit from services provided by pilots carrying portable radio sets on board.

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### OUTDOOR SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED

Three scholarships valued at \$2,000 each will be awarded by the National Parks Service for graduate work in the planning and management of natural parks and outdoor recreation areas.

In making the announcement, the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Mr. Arthur Laing, said that the ever-increasing challenge to meet the demands for parks and recreation areas would be a continuing need and every effort to encourage professionalism in the field must be made.

The Minister described park-planning and outdoor-recreation management as "vocations born of modern social and economic patterns", and noted that more than 12 million people had visited Canada's national parks during 1966, whereas, years ago, the number had been only 500,000.

The scholarships will be offered to Canadian citizens attending Canadian universities.

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### BUFFALO RANCHING IN CANADA

Indian Affairs and Northern Development Minister Arthur Laing said recently that buffalo ranching would soon become possible in Canada through the co-operation of the National and Historic Parks Branch. The Parks Branch has managed the surviving buffalo herds since 1897. The popularity of buffalo meat in Canada and the agreement of various provincial governments to establish commercial sources of the meat has made it possible for ranchers to enter the buffalo-breeding business.

The first buffalo herd sold to a Canadian buyer will be made up of 20 to 25 head of prime stock from Elk Island National Park, where periodic herd reductions take place because of range limitations. The herd will be large enough to permit the purchaser to begin producing buffalo meat within a reasonable time, and will include a sufficient ratio of bulls to cows to permit natural increase.

If sufficient interest is shown in buffalo-ranching on a commercial scale, other herd units may be put on sale in the future from Elk Island's surplus stock.

Consideration is being given to the possibility of adding buffalo-ranching to the cattle-ranching in which some Indian bands are already engaged.

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### FISHERY MANPOWER SURVEY

The Department of Fisheries is undertaking a manpower survey of the deep-sea fishery off Canada's Atlantic coast. The purpose of the study is to obtain information about off-shore fishermen and their training and to determine the general attitude of fishermen toward their livelihood. The survey also covers the manpower situation of vessel-owners and fish-processing companies. It studies Canadian vessels of 100 gross tons and over fishing in Atlantic waters.

This confidential survey, which may be described as an economic and sociological study, is aimed at helping the industry. The Department has received many questions from industry, the Federal-Provincial Atlantic Fisheries Committee and other agencies,