

## FORESTRY AGREEMENT

A new federal forestry agreement with the provinces provides for a contribution of close to \$16 million by the Federal Government for the two years starting April 1, 1962. It covers in a "single package" federal aid formerly available under three separate agreements.

According to Department of Forestry officials, the main feature of the new agreement is flexibility. A province may expend its entire allotment for forest-access projects, which include construction of access roads and airstrips for forestry purposes. Up to 60 per cent of the provincial allotment may be claimed for inventory, reforestation, fire protection and, for the first time, for stand-improvement projects. The provinces, therefore, have wide discretion in allocating federal aid among the specified fields of work.

### BASIS OF FEDERAL AID

Federal assistance is based on payment of 50 per cent of provincial costs, but reforestation is the one exception. The Federal Government pays \$15 a thousand trees planted, \$2 an acre seeded and \$4 an acre seeded with ground preparation. In addition, a quarter of the cost of establishing new forest nurseries is contributed.

Other changes incorporated in the new agreement: costs of management-type surveys are now included as sharable, and the reforestation of occupied or unoccupied Crown land qualifies for assistance provided it is carried out by the province.

Since 1951, more than \$25 million in federal funds have been contributed to the provinces under forestry agreements, plus \$5 million for aerial spraying against budworm infestations in New Brunswick and, on a smaller scale, in British Columbia.

The Federal Government has paid \$9 million for forest-access roads built by the provinces since 1958 and \$5 million in the last five years to assist the provinces with capital expenditures for fire prevention, detection and suppression equipment, airfields and improvements, and the hiring of aircraft.

### PROVINCIAL INVENTORIES

Other work accomplished with federal assistance has included the completion of forest inventories by seven provinces. As a result of these inventories, new woods operations have sprung up, particularly in the British Columbia interior, and new pulp and paper mills have been built or are planned in other areas of Canada.

The Federal Government has contributed under the agreement to the establishment of 15 new forest nurseries and the planting of 140 million trees. Reforestation has become more and more geared to, and integrated with, current logging operations.

Under a special stand-improvement agreement with the Province of Nova Scotia, designed to provide woods experience for coal miners laid off in

the Cape Breton area, the Federal Government is providing \$280,000. At the conclusion of this programme, it is expected that many of the miners will be able to find gainful employment with industry or other employers engaged in forestry operations. To date, as many as 160 miners have been employed under this programme.

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## RECENT CULTURAL AWARDS

A photographic record of several historic streets in Eastern Canada will be compiled with the help of a \$3,500 Canada Council grant. Eric Arthur, Professor of Architecture at the University of Toronto, hopes to preserve pictorially some of the buildings in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, St. John's, Newfoundland, and Saint John, New Brunswick, that may be lost in urban redevelopment programmes.

Several other grants to organizations and individuals were announced following the recent meeting of the Council. The National Youth Orchestra was awarded \$15,000 to hold sessions in Toronto during the 1962 season. Under the direction of such well-known conductors as Walter Susskind, Wilfrid Pelletier and Victor Feldbrill, the NYO has made remarkable progress since its establishment in 1960. Concerts given recently by the orchestra in Montreal and Ottawa were highly acclaimed by critics and public alike.

Among individuals receiving assistance from the Council were violinist Betty Jean Hagen, who was awarded a \$1,000 travel grant to enable her to compete in the Tchaikowsky Competition being held in Moscow in April 1962, and Lois Smith, Prima Ballerina of the National Ballet of Canada, who will study with the Leningrad Kirov Ballet during the summer with the help of a scholarship of \$2,260.

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## EMERGENCY BROADCASTING

The Emergency Broadcasting Network will be expanded to include all radio and television stations in Canada, the Department of Transport announced recently. In a national emergency, the network would carry warnings and instructions from federal and regional control studios linked with Army warning centres. Co-ordinated by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation under the control of the Minister of Transport, the network will include both private and CBC stations.

Existing CBC network connections will be used and additional connections will be made where necessary. The network will be kept in a constant state of readiness. In the event of a national emergency, all broadcasting stations in operation at the time would remain on the air, and the radio stations which had shut down would be re-opened. All stations would broadcast only official warnings and instructions.