

MEDICAL HELP TO VIETNAM

One of Canada's programmes to help Vietnam's Ministry of Health is a pilot project to combat poliomyelitis, which in 1966 struck down more than 1,700 persons in Saigon. The project should provide protection for all children from the age of six months to 12 years. Under the external aid programme, Canada has supplied 540,000 doses of trivalent oral Sabin vaccine - enough for 250,000 children. The vaccine, which is produced in Montreal, was the first of its kind to reach Vietnam.

HOSPITAL FACILITIES

Canada is also providing Vietnamese health officials with ten emergency hospital units valued at \$70,000 each, which formed part of the national medical stockpile assembled by the Emergency Health Services of the Department of National Health and Welfare. Packed in colour-coded boxes for easy distribution, each hospital unit has 200 beds and equipment to set up three operating-rooms, receiving and recovery rooms, general wards, X-ray facilities, a pharmacy, a central supply-room and a laboratory.

At a ceremony marking the arrival of the first emergency hospital unit in Vietnam, Dr. Tran Lu Y, South Vietnam's Minister of Health said: "The unselfish and humanitarian aid of Canada has aroused a deep affection among the Vietnamese people."

HOUSING FOR MINERS

Mr. John R. Nicholson, the Minister of Labour, announced recently that the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the Ontario Housing Corporation, Falconbridge Nickel Mining and the International Nickel Company would co-operate in a housing programme to meet the acute need for accommodation in Sudbury, Ontario, created by expanded mining activities. "I have attended several meetings in Sudbury," Mr. Nicholson said, "and as a result of my visit I have concluded that the total number of units started this year will have to double the 400-unit per annum average rate of the past few years to accommodate the influx of workers and their families resulting from the rapid expansion of mining and smelting operations now taking place in the area."

During the next two years, mining is expected to produce new employment for some 4,000 workers and, though many will be drawn from the Sudbury area, others will come from elsewhere and the rate of housing production must be increased to accommodate them.

RENTAL HOUSING PROJECTS

To meet the additional demand, most of which will be in a form of rental housing, said Mr. Nicholson, he was instructing the CMHC to make funds available for 200 rental housing units. "In addition," he said, "funds will be provided under the National Housing Act to Ontario Housing Corporation for the production of 100 rental units and the two major mining companies will be asked to provide funds directly or

obtain funds from private lenders for a further 150 units. I expect that 800 starts during 1967 will head off a housing shortage which may otherwise occur."

ONTARIO LAND USE STUDY

The Federal Government and the Province of Ontario have agreed to continue a basic fact-finding inventory that will show the relative productivity of land for forestry, wildlife and recreation purposes. Under the Canada Land Inventory Programme a sum of \$695,000 has been provided by the Federal Department of Forestry and Rural Development to enable the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests to proceed with this important work.

Data gathered by modern aerial and ground methods will be mapped and, using electronic scanners, will be stored in a "bank" ready for use when needed. Employment of such modern technological methods will permit the making of decisions on land use under the various programmes, ARDA (Agriculture and Rural Development Act) and FRED (Fund for Rural Economic Development).

NEW ATLANTIC FERRY

The *Frederick Carter*, a new railway-car and transport-truck ferry to be operated by the Canadian National Railways between North Sydney, Nova Scotia and Port aux Basques, Newfoundland, was launched recently at Lauzon, Quebec. The Minister of Transport, Mr. J.W. Pickersgill, was present, as well as senior representatives of his Department, of the Canadian National Railways and of the shipbuilding firm.

The vessel, named after a former Prime Minister and Chief Justice of Newfoundland, was built at a cost of \$10,750,000. The twin-screw vessel is expected to be ready for service by next autumn.

CENTENNIAL MILITARY HISTORY

As one of its centennial observances, the Department of National Defence will publish a 270-page history entitled *The Armed Forces of Canada, 1867-1967*.

For the first time, the story of Canada's Navy, Army, and Air Force from Confederation to the present day is told in a single book, designed to appeal to a wide readership. Edited by Lieutenant-Colonel D.J. Goodspeed, the senior historian of the Canadian Forces directorate of history, the centennial volume contains 250 photographs, 35 in colour, some of which are reproductions of paintings in the National Gallery of Canada.

An outline of the campaigns that constitute the military story of Canada, including encounters with the Iroquois, the Anglo-French struggle for North