Another matter of importance in the expanding economy of the Indians is the development of forest resources on Indian reserves. Provision is made in the estimates for forestry investigations and for the continuing costs of reforestation.

SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT PROBLEM

Various measures by which the Government seeks to alleviate distress caused by seasonal declines in employment are being applied on Indian reserves throughout the country. Indian bands are participating in the Municipal Winter Works Incentive Programme and, up to the end of November, 43 applications from Indian bands, totalling $143,000, had been approved. In addition, 70 projects, amounting to $383,000, will be carried out on Indian reserves located within designated development areas. A further 650 projects, totalling $1,200,000, have been provided for under a special Indian Community Employment Programme for bands which lack the funds to enable their participation in the Winter Works Incentive Programme.

In all economic programmes an effort is being made to involve Indians in planning and management by recruiting as much as possible from the ranks of the bands concerned the help required to carry on day-to-day supervision, and by submitting proposals to band councils before programmes are undertaken. It is hoped that, through experience gained by these means, Indians will qualify for permanent positions in the activities of the Economic Development Division and gradually take over management of their own affairs.

ROADS AND UTILITIES

The need for more and better roads to facilitate access from Indian reserves to neighbouring non-Indian communities is recognized in the estimates. Such access is becoming increasingly important as the integrated school-programme proceeds. Similarly, the adjustment of Indians to the general economy requires free movement between the reserves and centres of employment and marketing.

Also recognized is the need for adequate water and sewage facilities in Indian communities. Substantial amounts will be expended for improving these services. Concurrently, emphasis will be placed on education campaigns designed to enlist the co-operation of Indian bands in improving sanitation facilities on the reserves.

...The programmes which I have outlined have one main purpose in mind – to assure the greatest possible measure of opportunity, equality and well-being for the Indian people. To be successful, we need not only the assistance of all levels of government but also of voluntary organizations, private individuals and the general public and, above all, the active support, co-operation and assistance of the Indian people themselves.

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CANADA CITIZENSHIP PLANS

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introducing within the next few days a system for assessing settlement arrangements for sponsored immigrants according to standard criteria. This should do much to clarify the requirements and obligations of sponsors and thus eliminate most of the uncertainty which has existed with respect to the matter in the past.

Finally, plans for integrating customs – immigration primary inspection at border ports of entry have been put into effect, with total savings to date of almost $300,000. In carrying out our integration plans, we have taken care to ensure that no immigration or customs officer at present employed will be deprived of his job.

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