

Mr. Drew cited Russia as an example of a country which holds great interest in the development of its northland and support of population in that area.

"We will hope that those developments will be for peace rather than for war - peace that will provide opportunities for us and for other people."

Earlier, Mr. Lesage announced the Government has accepted a suggestion by the Opposition Leader that the elected representation on the council be increased to five. However, the fifth seat would not be filled until population of the Territories warranted additional representation.

The Territories now have a population of about 16,000 most of them living in the Mackenzie River Valley. About 6,000 are white, the others Indians and Eskimos.

Dr. Trueman On Work Of Film Board: Ottawa, Jan. 19 (CP) -- National Film Board documentaries are helping to extend and enrich the national sense of unity, Dr. A.W. Trueman, Film Board head, said today.

He told the Canadian Club that documentaries also are helping to interpret Canada to Canadians and provide the people with at least some of the necessary materials of thought.

More than 13,000,000 persons had seen Film Board documentaries last year outside commercial theatres.

The Film Board might not attain its aim by "talking in a grandiose manner about Canada as a whole" and there was little point in trying to sell anything. Canada should be presented "as honestly and objectively as possible".

The Film Board, he said, "seeks to inform the Canadian people about their own country, to give them in honest and attractive form some, at least, of the materials of thought, not to propagandize, not to disseminate messages, but to show them through the eye-gate and the ear-gate the rich variety of Canadian life, confident that in this way our citizens may be helped to better citizenship and Canada a stronger and more united country".

\$100,000,000 For Housing: Toronto, Jan. 19 (CP) -- The Minister of Public Works, Mr. Winters, said today the federal Government will invest \$100,000,000 in Canada's housing in 1954.

Addressing a meeting of the Toronto Liberal Businessmen's Club, the federal Minister estimated the number of new houses started last year at 105,000 and declared that that level of construction will be at least maintained this year.

Answering criticisms of proposed changes in the housing and bank acts to permit banks to invest in housing mortgages, the Minister said Canada is expanding and the level of bank deposits will increase.

Passamaquoddy Bay Project: Ottawa, Jan. 19 (CP) -- The United States Government has made no recent proposals for a survey on the feasibility of the Passamaquoddy tidal power project, Mr. Pearson said today. "If and when the U.S. Government makes a specific proposal, it will be given careful consideration," he told Mr. A.J. Brooks (PC - Royal) in the House of Commons.

Across Canada: The Legislative Assembly of Quebec yesterday unanimously approved a Government bill to curb distribution of literature "abusive and insulting" to any religious group. The final vote was 81 to 0.... Canadian retailers did a peak \$10,921,000,000 business in the first 11 months of 1953, but there was a slight decline during November.... Membership of the Income Tax Appeal Board has been boosted to four from three due to a major increase in income tax appeal cases.