

JOB-CREATION PROGRAMS

Manpower and Immigration Minister Bryce Mackasey has announced that the Federal Government will contribute \$85 million to the 1972-73 Local Initiatives Program (LIP) to provide jobs and improve community services. This is in addition to the \$40-million Training-on-the-Job Program which Mr. Mackasey announced earlier this month.

The Local Initiatives Program will be in effect from December 1, 1972 to May 31, 1973; the deadline for applications is December 31, 1972.

To allow more money for smaller and more diversified projects the maximum federal contribution allowable for each project will not exceed \$200,000, compared to \$500,000 last year.

ELIGIBILITY

Project sponsors will be required to use the services of the Canada Manpower Centres in hiring unemployed persons and to demonstrate plans to hire persons who are receiving unemployment insurance or social assistance and who are seeking work.

In addition to a maximum wage of \$100 a week for each person, projects, which must be of a non-profit nature, can spend up to \$17 weekly for an employee on operating expenses such as rent, materials, supplies, etc.

Large construction projects, the total cost of which is in excess of \$500,000, will not be eligible for a LIP grant.

The minimum size project eligible for support will again be one that provides at least 15 man-months of employment.

The Department of Manpower and Immigration will consult closely with the provincial governments and will insist that any project affecting the social objectives and spending priorities of other levels of government will be subject to consultation between the Federal Government and the province.

Projects should create employment for unemployed people over and above that which would normally take place during December to May. Sponsors of projects, who will be required to provide periodic reports, must demonstrate that their programs will be efficiently managed.

It is hoped that the program will encourage community "store front" services, work specially organized to create employment by providing new services to communities, services for children and the elderly or handicapped, improvement of the environment, improvement of native community facilities and services, cultural and social programs, non-profit co-operatives and projects providing minor repairs to substandard housing.

TRAINING-ON-THE-JOB

The 1972-73 Canada Manpower Training-on-the-Job program funded with \$40 million, is designed to provide, in co-operation with Canadian employers, a large variety of on-the-job training opportunities for

more people to learn skills of continuing and transferable value. Last year, it helped more than 42,000 workers.

This year, the employers will be reimbursed for 75 per cent of trainee wage costs during the first half of their training programs, and for 50 per cent during the latter half. The wage reimbursements are designed to encourage employers to hire trainees now, in preparation for projected expansions. Other elements of the program, applying to skill-development, disadvantaged and skill shortages, call for slightly different reimbursement formulae and training periods.

Payments to employers for trainee salaries will be limited to \$118 a week for each trainee. Programs may extend for a minimum of six weeks, and in certain cases, for a maximum period of 40 weeks.

A MOVING EXPERIENCE

Anyone can move from house to house. Moving houses from place to place is not so easy. Consider the recent relocation of seven houses - five duplexes and two single-family dwellings - from Twin Falls to Churchill Falls, Newfoundland.

The houses from Twin Falls will augment the existing 59 permanent homes in Churchill Falls, the 48 apartment units and the additional 45 houses now under construction.

RECIPE

Ingredients for making the move: gently lift the homes from one foundation; transport them 32 miles and set them softly onto another foundation; include blocks, rollers, 'I' beams, multi-ton jacks, patience and - most important - know-how.



Crossing the Unknown River is one of seven homes moved recently from Twin Falls to Churchill Falls, Newfoundland.