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CENTENNIAL PLANS OF CANADA'S PROVINCES

Addressing the Canadian Tourist Association recently, Mr. Peter Aykroyd, Director of Special Projects at the Centennial Commission in Ottawa, presented a "telescopic" view of the centennial landscape as it would probably appear during the 20-month period from August 1966 to April 1968.

B.C. AND THE PRAIRIES

British Columbia expects to see local centennial committees in 350 centres staging centennial celebrations in their own way, developing local projects such as parks, recreation areas, youth facilities and community halls. Included in these plans is a new provincial museum and archives building in Victoria.

Alberta foresees 100 projects of an educational, cultural, historical or recreational nature, with 100 communities staging centennial festivities. Edmonton is to have a new provincial museum and archives building and Calgary a civic planetarium.

Saskatchewan, with 100 projects in view, similar in essence to those in Alberta, will also have its particular 100 "centennial days". Certain celebrations will be going on concurrently in different parts of the province, some taking place during 1965 because the province marks 60 years of provincial life in that year. The Saskatchewan centennial programme includes a new centre for the performing arts in Regina and a similar centre and an enlarged Museum of Western Development in Saskatoon.

Manitoba also envisages 100 centennial projects with some 100 centres contemplating centennial

celebrations. In the centennial year, the province should have a new cultural centre in Winnipeg, and a new auditorium in Brandon, a new pavilion at the International Peace Garden at Boissevain, and a new provincial park. From July 15 to August 15, 1967, Winnipeg and district will be engrossed in the Pan-American Games, in which 2,500 athletes from 25 countries will be competing before 30,000 spectators, representing the largest athletic event ever staged in North America. Though the actual contests are scheduled only for the period July 22 to August 7, a Festival of the Americas is being held in conjunction with the Games, combining the artistic and athletic events in a broad, flamboyant spectacle.

ONTARIO AND QUEBEC

Ontario sets its sights on 600 centennial projects and 600 local centennial celebrations. Among the most spectacular achievements to be realized are a new museum of science and technology in Toronto and a restored Dundurn Castle in Hamilton. Another striking project is the restoration of Fort Ste. Marie, headquarters of the Jesuit mission to the Hurons, the burial place of the martyrs Brébeuf and Lalemant.

In Ottawa, extraordinary, once-a-century, celebrations befitting the nation's capital will take place. The Canadian Centre for the Performing Arts will open, preceded by the opening of the new National Library and Public Archives in 1966. A significant unit of the new National Museum of Natural History will already be opened in 1967, though completion will be some time later.

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