

The whole programme is being co-ordinated through an interdepartmental committee under the chairmanship of the Director of the Marine Hydraulic Branch, Department of Transport.

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### AID TO UGANDA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Paul Martin, announced recently that Uganda would receive \$50,000-worth of geological drilling equipment under Canada's external aid programme to help search for minerals.

This gift marks the latest stage in a co-operative Canadian-Ugandan effort to discover mineral resources for potential exploitation. Following a visit to Uganda by Dr. C.S. Lord, Chief Geologist of the Geological Survey of Canada, six Canadian geologists explored the region for almost four years. Their reports indicated the strong possibility of valuable deposits of copper, with smaller quantities of cobalt, gold, tungsten and tin.

Clarence Berkhold, of Kirkland Lake, Ontario, was sent to give on-the-spot training in diamond drilling to Ugandans, and two students, K. Basajjabake and A. Jeena, came from Uganda for a year's practical experience with Mr. Berkhold's employers, Heath and Sherwood (Eastern) Drilling, Limited. At a cost of \$26,000, Canada also supplied eight trucks to Uganda's Department of Geological Survey and Mines.

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### LIFE EXPECTANCY TRENDS

According to a report published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics entitled *Life Expectancy Trends, 1930-1932 to 1960-1962*, life expectancy at birth for Canadian males rose from 60.00 years in 1930-1932 to 68.35 in 1960-1962, a gain of 8.35 years. The corresponding female gain was 12.07 years, from 62.10 in 1930-1932 to 74.17 in 1960-1962.

The changing pattern of mortality by the main causes of death, and its effect on life expectancy are summarized in the report. During the period under study, reductions in death rates and, hence, improvement in life expectancy have been greatest at the younger ages and have tended to diminish with advancing age. Many diseases have been eliminated as leading causes of death in all or some age groups, and the death toll of most other major diseases has been reduced.

### REGIONAL TABLES

Both males and females in Quebec have consistently had the lowest life expectancy at birth during the period under review. Males in the Prairie Provinces showed the highest life expectancy at birth, while the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia showed the highest life expectancy at birth for the females. Generally, all the regional life tables exhibited the same trends as the national tables. Life years lost

by cause of death is dealt with in the DBS report. Life years lost means the total number of years of life lost through the failure of individuals to live an allotted, normal life span. From this point of view, diseases of infancy become the leading cause of death, followed by accidents, poisonings, and violence; diseases of the circulatory system; and cancer, in that order.

Canadian life expectancies, for both sexes and at all ages, compared quite favourably with the other countries represented. Only Sweden, Norway, Iceland, and the Netherlands had consistently higher life expectancies than Canada for both of the sexes.

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### EXPORT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Canada's first Export Advisory Council will hold its inaugural meeting in Ottawa on February 6.

Mr. Robert H. Winters, Minister of Trade and Commerce, recently tabled in the House of Commons a list of 32 prominent Canadian executives who have agreed to serve on the Council. The membership, which reflects the various sectors of Canada's trading interests, includes senior members of business associations and a university professor.

The Council has been established, Mr. Winters said, "to assist me and the Department of Trade and Commerce in the high priority task of export trade promotion". He said he expected "to draw on the experience of the Council members in a review of programmes of the Department in relation to our export objectives". "I am sure the Council will come forward with new ideas which will be valuable in our work as well as examining what is now being done," Mr. Winters went on. "I expect also the members will give leadership in the national export effort within their respective spheres of business activity."

In announcing the membership of the new Council, Mr. Winters again drew attention to the importance of achieving the Government's previously announced centennial export target of \$11.25 billion for centennial year.

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Nevertheless, the immediate effect which aid has on our economic well-being is but a marginal, if important, aspect of the question. As the Minister responsible for external aid, I am proud of the fact - verified every day from the large number of verbal and written testimonies I receive - that it is humanitarian motives and an ingrained sense of social justice which are at the root of the widespread support which Canadians in all walks of life give to the national aid effort.