

cost of it — the major share — all the people of Canada have had a part in its construction.

Through the co-operation of the three Prairie Provinces, the precious waters of the South Saskatchewan have already served many essential purposes and now their uses are going to be tremendously expanded. The 2,000 billion gallons of water annually borne by the river no longer flow unused to the sea but serve many basic needs of man on their way....

It is an accomplishment worthy of the pride not only of the people of Saskatchewan but of Canadians everywhere. It is one more enduring monument to the kind of creative Canadianism that we are celebrating during this centennial year; this year which is renewing and strengthening our pride and confidence in Canada.

It will bring changes to Saskatchewan, and change is always accompanied by some disruption and some difficulties. But I am confident that any difficulties will be overcome and that the changes will be of great benefit to this province and to Canada.

This is a great day in the development of our country.

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ADDICTION CENTRE IN HEALTH ACT

Toronto's Donwood Foundation, a hospital for the treatment of alcoholism and addiction, has been approved for inclusion in the Hospital Insurance and Diagnostic Services programme. It is the first institution providing such treatment to be included under the Hospital Insurance and Diagnostic Services Act.

NEW APPROACH

Mr. Allan J. MacEachen, National Health and Welfare Minister, said that approval of the Foundation Hospital to be included under the Act highlighted the new approaches to treatment in this sphere and showed that the hospital-insurance programme was dynamic and flexible. "The treatment provided by this institution is based upon the total needs of the patient, that is, physical, mental and social," he said. The Minister pointed out that patients had been treated for alcoholism and other addictions in general hospitals since the hospital insurance plan began. The inclusion of the Donwood Foundation Hospital in the Act emphasized that developments in the treatment of addiction had progressed to a point where carefully selected specialized hospitals could qualify for inclusion.

The inclusion of hospitals under the Hospital Insurance and Diagnostic Services Act is recommended initially by the province to the Federal Department of National Health and Welfare, and, if the hospital meets the requirements of the Act, inclusion is approved. The Act provides for the sharing of the costs of provincially-operated hospital insurance programmes, now established in all provinces and territories in Canada.

Health Minister MacEachen recently approved a \$176,124-contribution from the federal Health Resources Fund to assist in costs of building and equipping the Foundation, which was completed in March 1967.

MILITIA TRAINING OVERSEAS

Six officers and 298 men from militia units in Canada will fly to Germany late in August for a two-month tour of duty with the 4th Canadian Infantry Brigade Group.

This will be the first time members of the militia have been trained in Europe; it is part of a plan announced earlier this year to link Canadian reserve and regular forces closer together. Every summer, since the Brigade was stationed in Germany, regular forces have been sent from Canada to take part with it in NATO exercises.

This summer's training will give the militia an opportunity to exercise in a new environment and to increase their total military training. It also provides these men with an incentive to improve their military qualifications, and prepares them for their primary role as reinforcements for the regular force in an emergency.

A survey, conducted throughout various militia headquarters in Canada to determine if enough soldiers could be obtained for the 304 jobs available, showed that more than 900 wanted to take the training. In making the selection, district commanders considered only those 18 years of age and over who were fully qualified in trade and rank.

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ONTARIO HOUSING LOANS

Mr. John R. Nicholson, the Minister responsible to Parliament for Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, recently announced the approval of \$52 million in Federal Government loans for a variety of housing projects in Ontario.

Most of the loans (\$42 million) will assist in the construction or acquisition of housing projects for low-income families and elderly persons. The remaining \$10 million will go towards the construction of accommodation for married students at the University of Toronto. The total estimated cost of all projects is in excess of \$57 million.

In making the announcement, Mr. Nicholson indicated that the lending activities of the Federal Government under the National Housing Act had increased considerably in recent months and that this was particularly true in Ontario where some \$56.6 million in loans had been approved during the year for the construction or acquisition of about 4,100 public housing units; \$9 million for urban renewal in projects; \$13 million for the construction of student residences; and \$1.7 million for non-profit housing projects to accommodate low-income families and individuals.

The new federal loans will provide 3,025 public housing units in 19 projects throughout Ontario. They range from \$33,000 for four senior citizens' apartments in Tilbury to more than \$14 million for a 955-unit apartment building for low-income families in Toronto. Accommodation for 713 married students will also be built.

Provided under the National Housing Act, all loans are for periods of 50 years with interest at 5½ per cent.