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**Saint John** - The total index declined 0.1 per cent from 130.7 to 130.6 due to a decrease in the food index which more than balanced increases in the clothing and household-operation indexes. The shelter and "other-commodities-and-services" indexes were unchanged.

**Montreal** - The total index was unchanged at 130.1 as a decrease in foods balanced increases in the clothing and household-operation indexes. The shelter and "other-commodities-and-services" indexes were unchanged.

**Ottawa** - The total decrease 0.2 per cent from 131.0 to 130.7 as decreases for both food, and "other-commodities-and-services" more than balanced increases for shelter, clothing, and household-operation indexes.

**Toronto** - The total index was unchanged at 131.7 as a decrease in foods offset increases for clothing, household operation, and "other-commodities-and-services". The shelter index was unchanged.

**Winnipeg** - The total index increased 0.2 per cent from 128.1 to 128.3 as increases occurred in the food, clothing and household-operation indexes. The shelter index declined, while the "other-commodities-and-services" index was unchanged.

**Saskatoon-Regina** - The total index rose 0.1 per cent from 126.7 to 126.8 as an increase in the clothing index outweighed decreases in the food, shelter and household-operation indexes. The "other-commodities-and-services" index was unchanged.

**Edmonton-Calgary** - The total index declined 0.1 per cent from 125.1 to 125.0 as a result of decreases in the food and shelter indexes, which outweighed an increase in the clothing index. The household-operation and "other-commodities-and-services" indexes were unchanged.

**Vancouver** - The total index declined 0.4 per cent from 129.6 to 129.1 as decreases in the food and "other-commodities-and-services" indexes outweighed increases in the clothing and household-operation indexes. The shelter index was unchanged.

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### NATURE PHOTO COLLECTION

National Wildlife Week, April 9-15, was chosen by Resources Minister Walter Dinsdale as a fitting time to announce the sponsorship by the Canadian Wildlife Service and the National Museum of Canada of a National Collection of Nature Photographs. "I hope" he said, "that something of the thrill and pleasure that comes from close contact with nature and from unexpected glimpses of wildlife will be shared among Canadians through the National Collection".

The Collection will include outstanding photographs of Canadian wild flora and fauna. Professional and amateur photographer-naturalists are being invited to submit their work for consideration. Besides

current photographs, the Collection will include pictures that cannot be duplicated today of vanished or diminished species.

The first deadline for entries is September 30, 1962, at which time a selection committee of experts will select the photographs that meet the high standard that has been set. Scrolls will be presented to those whose work has been selected for the National Selection.

Although the Collection will be resident in the National Museum in Ottawa, plans are being made for extensive use of the photographs in travelling exhibitions and in publications devoted to science, conservation, and nature photography. It was emphasized by Mr. Dinsdale that the photographer's name would appear with his work whenever it was exhibited or published.

Mr. Dinsdale said that, in view of the important influence of wildlife on the exploration and settlement of Canada, he was hopeful that a book of high quality reproductions from the Collection would be published in time for the Centennial of Confederation in 1967.

An information brochure has been printed that has a cover photograph in colour of a group of cliff-nesting sea-birds and contains the full story of the Collection. The photograph is from the Canadian Wildlife Service monograph "The Murres", which has proved unusually popular with scientists and laymen and recently won the Wildlife Society Terrestrial Publication Award.

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### THE NATIONAL FITNESS PROGRAMME

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And while I am on the subject of information and publicity, I might add that we are hopeful that you will be able to come up with some definite recommendations in this regard at your current session...

"As far as a National Sports Festival is concerned, I am sure you have all been gratified at the very favourable reception your suggestions have met with on all sides. If you look at the agenda, you will see that there has been another proposal... concerning a National Fitness Festival. No doubt this will also be of interest to you and I hope that both projects will be given serious thought in the course of your discussions.

### ADMINISTRATIVE PROGRESS

"By way of footnote, I am happy to be able to report encouraging progress in the development of our administrative structure at the federal level. As I said, we hope for the appointment of a National Director in the near future. A number of other positions have been authorized and are in the process of being filled or advertised. In this connection, I might say that our departmental budget, as outlined in the Estimates for 1962-63, contains an item totalling \$102,000 to cover federal administrative costs including salaries, travel and other expenses. This, of course, is in addition to and above the statutory provision of \$5 million for the Programme as such..."