## WINTER WORKS PROGRAMME

Resources Minister Alvin Hamilton announced recently that the Government has decided to repeat the winter works programme for construction of campgrounds and picnic sites so successfully undertaken by federal-provincial agreement in the past two years.

Telegrams have been sent to the premiers of the provinces, said Mr. Hamilton, inviting their participation during the period November 1959 to May 1960 and letters are going forward outlining in detail the terms of

agreement....

This co-operative programme, Mr. Hamilton said, was first proposed to the provinces with two purposes in mind. One was to provide a source of additional employment during winter months, the second to aid the provinces in meeting the demand for campground and picnic facilities that has increased so rapidly in the past few years. The programme has already provided upwards of 13,000 man months of employment and made possible the construction or enlargement of tourist facilities at more than 500 campgrounds and picnic areas throughout Canada.

By the terms of the co-operative programme the Federal Government offers to pay half the cost of work undertaken by the provinces cost of work undertaken by and a \* \* \* \* \*

during the agreed period. The offer is made on the understanding that at least half of the money spent represent wages.

Work to the value of more than \$6 million has been carried out in nine of the ten prov-

inces.

This programme is in addition to the special co-operative programme between federal and provincial governments for the construction of campsites and picnic grounds along the route of the Trans-Canada Highway.

## CANADA'S SUPER ICEBREAKER

The "John A. Macdonald", Canada's largest and most powerful icebreaker, exceeded in size only by the Russian atomic icebreaker "Lening grad" and the U.S. icebreaker "Glacier", will join other vessels of the Department of Trans port's icebreaker fleet next summer to help in the servicing of Canadian Arctic outposts. The all-electric, welded vessel, with

diesel electric propulsion, will be an innovation in Arctic operations, and will have radius of action of 20,000 miles without refuelling. She will be able to carry fuel, fresh water, stores and provisions in her tanks, storerooms and refrigerators sufficient to permit a full Arctic season at sea without the replenishing of supplies.