

steps in a long-range programme that will eventually extend to other stations such as CFHR, Hay River and CHAK, Aklavik. Meanwhile, tapes of recorded C.B.C. programmes are being provided on a regular basis to Resolute and Alert. I understand that the C.B.C. is also considering the possibility of establishing a station at Frobisher Bay.

"Work on the Enterprise-Yellowknife Road is proceeding satisfactorily and the target date for completion is the fall of 1960. Although some delays were experienced as the result of rainy weather towards the end of the summer, the road has been completed and gravelled to a point 32 miles north of Fort Providence. From the Yellowknife end, approximately 21 miles have been completed and the balance of the clearing to Fort Rae will be done this year as part of the winter work programme. On the Marian Lake Road, 18 miles of clearing will be carried out this winter by Indian labour. The balance of the clearing on the Peace Point-Wood Buffalo Park Road will also be completed in the coming months as part of the winter work programme.

"The programme of the Federal Government for 'Roads to Resources' in the provinces will be of benefit in the future to certain parts of the Northwest Territories. Of the projects under that programme, the re-construction of the Alberta portion of the Mackenzie Highway and the Uranium City road in Saskatchewan will be of particular interest.

"In the fields of air and water transportation, a number of developments of interest to the Northwest Territories are also occurring. Operation of the air field at Cambridge Bay will be assumed by the Department of Transport next summer. The system of air strips in northern Canada is being steadily expanded by financial contributions for strips needed for individual developments such as mines. In addition, aids to navigation, docks and transshipment facilities on the water system are being improved; for example, at the port of Tuktoyaktuk docks have now been completed for the improved supply of the Western Arctic - including the DEW line stations - by the Mackenzie River water system.

"In my previous address, I spoke of the plans of the Northern Canada Power Commission to produce at a new site on the Snare River to be developed approximately ten miles downstream from the Commission's existing plant. I can now report that orders have been placed for major equipment and that the general construction contract has been let. It is hoped that the plant will be in operation by the fall of 1960.

"At Inuvik, work is progressing very satisfactorily. 1958 was an exceptionally good construction season with no time lost because of bad weather. A good airport capable of handling multi-engined aircraft is now in operation. A large school and two hostels will

be ready by next fall. The power, heat, water and sewage plant commenced supplying electricity in November and work is proceeding to ensure that it will be in full operation by next summer.

"To the east, at Frobisher Bay, a new town-site about a mile from the airport has been selected and approved by the federal Cabinet. Frobisher Bay continues to develop as an important civilian airport serving military air requirements as well.

"Mineral exploration and development in the Northwest Territories are continuing at a good level. Once again I can report that the major emphasis is on oil and gas. During 1958, oil and gas exploration permits issued covered a record 32,000,000 acres of northern Canada - of which area about two-thirds is in the Northwest Territories. This is the highest total for a single year since active interest in oil began in 1952. There has also been considerable activity in exploration for gold in the Yellowknife Mining District and for iron on Baffin Island and some of the islands of Hudson Bay.

"As requested at the last Council session, the question of public hospital insurance for the people of the Territories has been investigated. A paper dealing with the implications of such a programme will be presented for your consideration. If, after that consideration, it is the view of the Council that the administration should proceed with detailed arrangements and discussions with the Federal Government looking toward a definite agreement, I would hope that it might be possible to have specific proposals for action at the next session of the Council...."

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LONDON APPOINTMENT

The appointment has been announced of Mr. B.C. Butler as Minister (Commercial) at the Office of the High Commissioner for Canada to the United Kingdom, in London, England. Mr. Butler succeeds Mr. H. Leslie Brown who was appointed Assistant Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce, (Trade Commissioner Service) late in June.

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SKI CHAMPION

Miss Anne Heggtveit, of Ottawa, has brought skiing honours to Canada for the second year by winning the two-stage International White Ribbon Tournament at St. Moritz, Switzerland, on January 23 and 24. She came first in the slalom race and fourth in the downhill run.

Although the White Ribbon tournament is not among the top ski events, it is often a preliminary for them and it puts the winner among the world's best skiers.