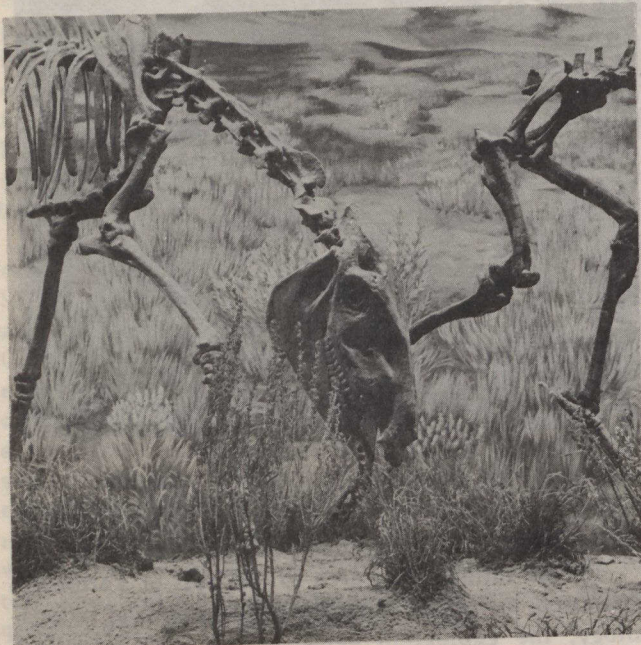


for his lack of physical specialties and thereby survive.

Seven specimens illustrate the evolution of the horse, beginning with the earliest-known horse about 60 million years ago. Other skeletons from the Age of Mammals include the early camel and rhinoceros, which originated in North America, a giant sloth, a huge wolf, and a sabre-toothed cat.



Specimen of one of the earliest known horses.

One of the highlights of the gallery is a display of underwater reptiles that lived in the sea about 60 million years ago. Cooling breezes and sound and lighting effects create the experience of visiting ancient life beneath the sea.

The construction of the Hall of Vertebrate Evolution involved much more than the making of sets. Many of the skeletons in the ROM's collections were still embedded in rock and each bone had to be cut free and reassembled to give the skeleton a rounded shape. Often the bones had to be drilled through the centre to allow the specimens to be reconstructed without revealing the wiring or means of support.

## HEALTH CARE EXPENSES

Ontario residents spent more money *per capita* on personal health care in 1969 than residents of any other province. Provincial figures for both Ontario and Alberta, \$204.50 and \$198.99 respectively, exceeded the national average *per capita* expenditure of \$184.34 for that year.

*Expenditures on Personal Health Care in Provinces of Canada, 1957-1969*, a report released recently by the Research and Statistics Directorate of the Department of National Health and Welfare, ex-

amines hospital physicians' and dental services and prescribed drugs.

In the 12-year period under study, personal health-care expenditures increased at an average annual rate of 11.7 per cent. From 1957 to 1961 the average annual rate of increase was 11 per cent; from 1961 to 1965 it was 10.5 per cent, and from 1965 to 1969, 13.2 per cent.

The smallest rates of increase were reported in British Columbia, which ranked third in 1969, compared to first in 1957, and in Saskatchewan, which dropped from second to seventh. Annual *per capita* spending in these provinces in 1969 was \$182 and \$162 respectively. Expenditures in other provinces in 1969 were: Manitoba, \$178; Quebec, \$173; Nova Scotia, \$167; New Brunswick, \$154; Newfoundland, \$123; and Prince Edward Island, \$118. The Yukon and Northwest Territories reported a *per capita* spending of \$133 in 1969.

*Per capita* expenditures for 1969 and 1957, by province, were: Ontario, \$204.50 (\$69.82); Alberta, \$198.99 (\$70.88); British Columbia, \$182.74 (\$82.32); Manitoba, \$178.18 (\$62.90); Quebec, \$172.79 (\$49.71); Nova Scotia, \$166.58 (\$49.27); Saskatchewan, \$162.41 (\$75.54); New Brunswick, \$154.15 (\$55.92); Newfoundland, \$122.58 (\$35.83); Prince Edward Island, \$117.68 (\$42.84); Yukon and Northwest Territories, \$133.21 (\$59.16); Canada \$184.34 (\$62.81).

## NOVEL POST OFFICE OPENED

A new type of post office, which opened in Toronto on March 15, is described by the Post Office Department as "Canada's new postal image of the Seventies".

The Fairview Postal Service Centre will remain open till 9 p.m. from Monday to Friday, keeping the same hours as the stores in Fairfield Mall, Willowdale, where it is situated. Besides the regular postal services, it sells Government publications, current and historical maps, prints of Canadian paintings, coin sets, Indian handicrafts and post cards. Wrapping paper, cartons, twine and tape are also sold for the customer to do his own packaging at the parcel-wrapping counter. A coin-operated photocopying machine is also available.

There are no wickets in the new post office; wall-to-wall carpeting is installed in the main lobby and display area, together with decorative lighting and "piped in" music. The specially-trained clerks for the additional services wear colourful uniforms designed to harmonize with the decor.

Mr. James C. Corkery, General Manager for the Ontario Postal Region, who opened the Fairview Postal Service Centre, said that it was "unique in a visual sense, but perhaps the stronger features are those of customer convenience and service to the commercial neighbourhood".