

ARMED FORCES ON DOMINION DAY

The celebration of Canada's ninety-sixth birthday was highlighted in Ottawa on July 1 by a two-hour military ceremonial on Parliament Hill of martial music and precision drill by the Armed Forces and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Included in the programme were a concert by the RCAF Central Band, a 100-man Army guard-of-honour for Governor-General Vanier, a fly-past of six "Voodoo" fighters, a display by massed service bands and the Sunset Ceremony of the Royal Canadian Navy.

The pageantry began on Parliament Hill at 10 a.m. with the daily ceremony of Changing the Guard by the 2nd Battalion, The Canadian Guards. At noon, a 21-gun salute was fired from Nepean Point, overlooking the Ottawa River, by a troop of four guns from the 30th Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery (Militia).

CANADA'S JET-AGE NEEDS

A report recently tabled in Parliament by Transport Minister George McIlraith predicts that frequent landings of supersonic airliners at Canadian airports are at least another 10 years away and that the annual net cost of providing the necessary services to aviation in Canada will drop slightly by 1972.

Entitled "Canada in The Jet Age", the 49-page booklet contains a comprehensive study of the DOT air-services programme up to April 1, 1972. It is part of a continuing series of studies and programme reviews.

The report emphasizes that the estimated requirements are based on expected growth of transportation and communications in Canada and the assumption that the public will require the Department of Transport to continue to provide and maintain the facilities and safety standards that will allow transportation to grow efficiently and effectively. The forecasts show a much larger overall growth in transportation and communications than in the Department itself.

Variants of today's short-to-medium and long-range jets will form the bulk of the world's turbine fleets for the period covered by the report and, though the turbo-prop engine appears to be losing ground to the pure jet, "significant numbers" of turbo-prop aircraft in the "Viscount" class will probably continue to operate until at least 1972.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES

Operating costs of providing airports and runways, air-traffic control, telecommunications, meteorological support and a host of other safety services are expected to rise to \$132,800,000 a year, nearly double their present annual level of \$75,800,000.

However, annual capital expenditures are likely to decrease to \$37,100,000 from \$73,500,000 and revenues to go up to \$43,500,000 from \$19,500,000. The result will be a drop in annual net cost to \$126,400,000 in 1972 from \$129,700,000 in 1962.

The extent of expenditure in any one year will, of course, depend on general governmental financial

and budgetary decisions and the totals shown therefore represent overall objectives and forecasts rather than fixed annual amounts for any given period.

The greatest increase in operating costs will be caused by the need for additional staff. Total staff for the Department's air services is expected to grow to 14,000 in 1972 - as much as today's DOT staff for air and marine services combined. Present air-services staff totals 9,450.

The most spectacular growth requirement will be in research and development, where cost and personnel are expected to quadruple in 10 years. The annual cost of research in operations, telecommunications and meteorology will probably rise to \$5,800,000 from \$1,300,000 and the number of Department of Transport employees engaged in these fields is likely to increase to 330 from 89.

BOOK ON ESKIMO FINE CRAFTS

Dolls in arctic parkas, miniature kayaks, sealskin polar bears, musk-oxen, hares and birds, sealskin wedge hats, muskrat, sealskin and duffle slippers, mitts and boots, duffle, sealskin and muskrat parkas - all these things are to be found in an increasing number of shops in Southern Canada, and all are depicted in a new edition of *Canadian Eskimo Fine Crafts*.

Produced by the Industrial Division of the Northern Affairs Department, this handsome booklet illustrates the range of products Eskimo men and women are producing for southern markets.

Bound in arctic blue, the text and illustrations combine to tell the story of the development of Eskimo hand crafts, an aspect of Eskimo creativeness distinct from sculpture in stone. This is reflected especially in the dolls and the arctic clothing. The former are dressed to the last detail in traditional Eskimo style. This attention to authenticity makes many of them collectors' pieces.

CREDIT STATISTICS

Balances outstanding at the end of April this year were higher than a year earlier on the books of sales-finance companies for both consumer and commercial goods, for small-loan companies for both cash loans and instalment credit, for department stores, for furniture and appliance stores, and for chartered banks for personal loans.

Balances outstanding at the end of April, in millions, were (percentage increases from a year earlier in brackets): sales-finance companies for consumer goods, \$790 (6.0 per cent); sales-finance companies for commercial goods, \$431 (9.7 per cent); small-loan companies for cash loans, \$670 (15.5 per cent); small-loan companies for instalment credit, \$44 (22.2 per cent); department stores, \$385 (5.2 per cent); furniture and appliance stores, \$184 (1.7 per cent); and chartered banks for personal loans, \$1,669 (8.1 per cent).