

project is to modernize Turkey's internal communications system.

Northern Electric has been engaged in a drive to establish itself in export markets in which competitors from other countries have long been entrenched. The company believes this order, which includes 202,400 lines of switching equipment, 190,000 telephone sets and network cables, will enhance Canada's position as a major world supplier of advanced communications equipment. It has already obtained important orders in Greece, Nigeria, Antigua, Kenya, Costa Rica and the United States. The Turkish contract, however, is by far the most significant export to date. This sale further demonstrates the increasing competitiveness of the Canadian telecommunications industry in world markets. The contribution envisaged for the Export Credits Insurance Corporation in the financing arrangements for this project will bring to nearly \$50 million the value of telecommunications exports financed under Section 21A of the Export Credits Insurance Act.

INDIAN HOUSING SCHEME

Mr. Arthur Laing, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, said recently that money had been advanced for the start of a new housing scheme on the Oneida-of-the-Thames Indian Reserve near London, Ontario. This is the first project under a new housing policy whereby the administration of the project will be handled entirely by the Indian people. The total contribution by the Government over the next five years will be in excess of \$340,000. The first cheque was presented to the Chief, Mrs. Virginia Summers, on November 22, by Mr. D.M. Hett, Superintendent of the Caradoc Indian Agency.

MORE INDIAN PARTICIPATION

In making the announcement, Mr. Laing explained that this was another step for the Indian people to participate to a greater extent in the social and economic life of the country, through the management of their own affairs. The new policy allows Indian band councils to administer housing schemes when certain conditions are met. When a band council approves a resolution to assume full responsibility for the administration of a programme, a grant is made to them by the Indian Affairs Branch. All houses must be constructed to meet specifications of the National Building Code. Once the conditions are met, money is advanced to put the programme into motion.

Mr. Laing said he was pleased to see that the Band Council of the Oneidas had taken important responsibilities in this programme. He believed that the Indian people themselves are in a better position to know their requirements and to recognize priorities. In addition, the new procedure will encourage them to assume most of the responsibility usually taken on by the Branch, and serve to instill a larger degree of self-determination.

The Minister pointed out that a number of other Indian bands had indicated an interest in taking over the administration of their own housing programmes.

TEACHER CERTIFICATION IN B.C.

To speed the entry of qualified teachers from other provinces and countries into the British Columbia school system, teaching certificates valid for one year may now be issued on the recommendation of district superintendents of schools.

Previously, a teacher from outside the province could not be issued with a certificate unless his credentials had been evaluated and approved by the registrar of the Department of Education. Under new regulations, the district superintendent in the field may make a preliminary evaluation and, if he is satisfied, issue a certificate valid in his own superintendency. During the year of its validity, the Department will complete the normal evaluation of the teacher's credentials.

The new procedures are designed to enable teachers from outside B.C. to obtain a teaching appointment with the minimum of delay.

British Columbia had 16,130 full-time teachers in the last school-year, of whom 26 per cent had experience in other Canadian provinces.

CHINESE REPRESENTATION AT THE UN

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then has been, and continues to be that we have two governments exercising control over two areas of territory, each claiming to be the government entitled to the Chinese seat in the UN.

One of these is the Government of the Republic of China, with which Canada has had long and close diplomatic relations. This government has been a member in good standing of this Assembly and its subsidiary bodies ever since the founding of the UN. It controls a territory whose economic development can serve as a blueprint for progress in other developing countries. Its representatives have played an important part in the economic and social organs of the UN and in programmes which are designed to raise the standards of living throughout the developing world.

The other government, the Government of the People's Republic of China, which controls a far greater area and a far greater population, is not represented here and never has been. This is a situation we deplore both because we firmly believe in the principle of universality and because we believe that lasting solutions to certain important problems facing the world community today cannot be found without the participation of the Government of Peking.