

FITNESS GRANTS

Fitness and Amateur Sport grants amounting to \$500,000 were announced recently by Health and Welfare Minister A.J. MacEachen.

Almost half this money - \$233,412 - is for training and development programmes operated by national sports-governing bodies and recreational organizations. Administrative grants total \$125,186, while \$82,307 has been earmarked for national championships. Another \$63,939 will support international competition, which includes sending Canadian teams to the Pan-American Games in Winnipeg in July.

LARGEST GRANT TO HOCKEY

The largest single grant, \$40,000, awarded to the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, will assist in the staging of five regional leadership institutes ("coaches' clinics"), to be held in August at Vancouver, Fort William, Kingston, nine locations in Quebec and one centre in the Atlantic Provinces to be named later.

The Royal Canadian Legion was awarded \$38,935 to support its annual national track and field clinic in Guelph. More than 100 track coaches will attend this year's clinic from August 22 to September 1.

The Canadian Olympic Association receives grants totalling \$86,953. An amount of \$30,000 goes toward the maintenance of the COA's national office, and the remainder will assist in sending 468 athletes and 20 staff members to the Pan-American Games.

The Canadian Amateur Swimming Association receives \$50,712, part of which will assist in the staging of the National Swimming and Diving championships and Pan-Am trials, the National Outdoor Water Polo Championships and coaching clinics in water polo and synchronized swimming.

PAKISTAN'S NEW POWER PLANT

Mr. Charles M. Drury, Minister of Industry, represented Canada at the commissioning ceremony of the Sukkur Steam Generating Station, Sukkur, West Pakistan, on April 12.

Mr. Drury was accompanied by Mr. Maurice F. Strong, Director-General, External Aid Office, and by Mr. C.E. McGaughey, Canada's High Commissioner to Pakistan. General Mohammad Musa, Governor of West Pakistan, was the chief representative for Pakistan.

The Sukkur plant was designed by Canadian engineers and constructed and equipped with \$13-million worth of assistance from Canada's external aid programme. Pakistan met local costs of \$6,800,000 with the help of funds resulting from earlier gifts of Canadian food and industrial commodities.

During his visit to Pakistan, Mr. Drury also inspected the site of the \$60-million nuclear power

station, now under construction by Pakistan and Canada, 15 miles from Karachi. The project is being jointly financed under the aid programme and credit extended by the Export Credits Insurance Corporation.

The two projects are among the most important Canadian contributions to Pakistan's power needs since the completion of the Warsak hydro-electric power dam in 1961.

The 50,000-kw. Sukkur plant, built between 1961 and 1967, near the Sukkur irrigation barrage across the Indus River, was the largest scheme of its kind in the world. The barrage is the starting point of seven canals, together longer than the Suez and Panama canals, with irrigation channels of a total length of more than 16,000 miles.

As well as supplying engineering design and equipment, a transmission system and distribution lines, Canada is to provide continuing technical assistance for the Sukkur system for the next two years.

CANADA'S HISTORY ON WHEELS

Canada's Confederation Train, now rolling slowly eastward on an 11-month tour of 65 Canadian cities, towns and hamlets from Victoria, British Columbia, to Halifax, Nova Scotia, is winning plaudits for the graphic display of a million years of history in its six exhibition cars.

Its 15 cars contain sleeping, dining and living quarters for the permanent staff, as well as electrical and maintenance equipment, and special effects settings.

The two diesel engines are appropriately numbered 1867 and 1967.

EXHIBITION CARS

The first car has displays of the primeval forest; an animated map of geological upheavals, including moving glaciers and ice sheets; primitive cave drawings; an Indian longhouse, a totem pole and other native exhibits.

Car Two shows the deck of a Viking ship; maps of explorers' routes; a model of Jacques Cartier's ship; a tribute to Champlain; and Indian and Eskimo artifacts.

Car Three carries early tools, furniture and paintings; displays closely related to Confederation; and scenes and subjects of modern transportation.

Car Four has historic scenes, military displays and photographs showing development from 1867 to this century.

Car Five spans the two world wars, the roaring Twenties, depression and expansion; wheat and immigration.

The displays in Car Six start with the Second World War and end with a tribute to children, the Canadian citizens of tomorrow.

The train makes its final exhibition appearance in Windsor Station, Montreal, from November 30 to December 5.