

As director of the service from January 1964, until September 1968, he made significant contributions to the conservation of natural resources. Among the programmes are the leasing and buying of wetlands, a national hunting permit and harvest survey of migratory birds, the education of hunters in wildlife identification, and the development of wildlife interpretation centres across Canada.

Dr. Munro conceived and prepared the national wildlife policy and programme which was tabled in the House of Commons in April 1966.

### AUTO PACT AID EXTENDED

The authority of the Adjustment Assistance Board, which administers the federal Automotive Assistance Programme, has been extended to the end of June 1970.

In announcing the extension, Mr. Jean-Luc Pepin, Minister of Industry and Trade and Commerce, explained that the Automotive Manufacturing Assistance Regulations, made in 1965, established the Government's programme to help manufacturers and workers adjust to the new market conditions resulting from the Canada-United States automobile pact. The programme provides:

- (1) loans to manufacturers of auto parts and manufacturers of specified commercial vehicles and buses, who have been affected by the agreement and who are unable to obtain financing on reasonable terms to restructure their operations;
- (2) transitional assistance benefits to workers laid off by eligible manufacturers owing to restructuring of their operations resulting from the pact;
- (3) remission of customs duties paid by eligible manufacturers on machinery and equipment which they are unable to obtain from Canadian production in time to meet their commitments under the pact.

The AAB's extended authority will co-exist with the second phase of the automotive industry's restructuring under the automobile agreement. During the first phase, from the 1966 car model-year to the end of the 1968 model-year, the industry underwent reorganization and expansion resulting in rationalization of operations and substantial improvements in productivity. The second phase of restructuring is a continuation of the same process.

Since 1965, the Adjustment Assistance Board has authorized 70 loans, totalling \$56 million, which are expected to result in increased annual production of \$100 million and 3,000 new jobs. It has certified that almost 8,000 workers were eligible for transitional assistance benefits, and it has recommended remission of customs duties and sales taxes of \$3.2 million.

### WORKING MOTHERS

Mothers of pre-school children are 30 percent less likely to work than wives without children. Married women with university education are about 20 percent more likely to be working than wives with only elementary schooling. These facts are contained in a special study of the labour force released by the Special Manpower Studies Divisions of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

In 1961, 22.5 per cent of married women in Canada were working and, by 1967, the proportion had increased substantially to 30.5 per cent. With the younger age groups of married women, children are a major factor bearing on whether a married woman works. After age 44 her education exerts the greatest influence with the husband's education (and therefore probably his income) the second most important factor. Area of residence is another strong influence. Very young wives (up to 24 years) are 15 percent more likely to work if they live in cities — and for all married women cities claim 6.5 percent more in the labour force than do rural areas.

### BEAUTY IN BOULDERS

If you happen to be in British Columbia's hinterland, don't be surprised if the ring of a hammer violates the silence. The chances are that, while you have been captivated by the scene, another human being was equally engrossed in an entirely different way.

Members of a hardy breed called lapidaries are probing farther and farther into the rich earth of British Columbia. Their finds of rocks, minerals, and semi-precious materials make an impressive list.

Jade, the semi-precious mineral that has evoked man's reverence since earliest times, is abundant in B.C. Some years ago a 5,000-pound boulder was discovered some 150 miles northwest of Fort St. James. Another chunk, reported to weigh about 20 tons, was found in the Lillooet area. Elsewhere in the province, more than 100 tons of jade have been taken from the lower Fraser River and its tributaries, and another estimated 50 tons have been sold to dealers throughout North America. Bulk shipments of still larger amounts have gone to merchants in Canada, Europe, and China. Depending on the quality, jade sells for 10 cents to more than \$10 a pound.

Unique in Canada, British Columbia's equitable climate allows lapidaries to pursue their hobby all year. Hence, they see the changing seasons, derive plenty of exercise and, as well, experience the suspense of never quite knowing what sort of trophy the next hammer blow will bring.