

## ESTIMATES OF FAMILIES

According to a recent report from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the number of families in Canada, excluding the Yukon and Northwest Territories, was estimated at 4,400,000 at June 1, 1964, an increase of 86,000, or 2.0 per cent, since June 1, 1963 and of 260,000, or 6.3 per cent, since the 1961 census. The average number of persons per family in Canada on June 1, 1964, was 4.0, the same as the previous year and a slight increase from the 1961 census figure. The average family size was greatest in Quebec and the Atlantic Provinces, at 4.3 persons per family, followed by the Prairie Provinces, at 3.9 persons, while Ontario and British Columbia had the smallest average size, at 3.7 persons per family.

## CHILDREN

The average number of children per family (unmarried, under 25, and living at home) in Canada on June 1, 1964, was 2.0, unchanged since June 1, 1963, but up from the 1.9 recorded in 1962 and at the 1961 census. The 1964 estimates show marked differences between regions in the number of children per family. Families with no children, for example, were only 23.5 per cent of all families in Quebec and 24.0 per cent in the Atlantic Provinces, but constituted 30.6 per cent of the total in British Columbia, 29.0 per cent in the Prairie Provinces and 28.3 per cent in Ontario. On the other hand, families comprising five or more children accounted for 14.9 per cent of all families in the Atlantic Provinces and Quebec, 8.4 per cent in the Prairie Provinces and 6.7 per cent and 5.5 per cent, respectively, in Ontario and British Columbia.

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## NEWFOUNDLAND FOREST STUDY

The Prime Minister announced recently that a special programme of forest inventory and land-capability studies has been instituted in Newfoundland as a joint federal-provincial undertaking. The project will require eight years to complete at an estimated cost of \$5,750,000.

The entire province, consisting of about 152,000 square miles, is involved in this programme, though the northern portion of Labrador, consisting of about 40,000 square miles, will be studied in less detail on a reconnaissance basis. The inventory will be carried out by means of aerial photography, mapping and intensive ground sampling to determine timber volumes, stand composition and other relevant facts.

## STUDY OF FLORA AND FAUNA

There will be detailed studies on the island of Newfoundland itself and in southern Labrador, aimed at determining forest-growth capability to indicate the feasibility of reforestation and afforestation projects. Detailed studies of wildlife potential and opportunities for recreational amenities will be made, with a view to stimulating out-of-province tourist and resident recreation as an important source of income to the province.

The survey of the northern part of Labrador will consist of small-scale aerial photography to locate productive forest areas and preliminary evaluations of the wildlife and recreational potentials of the area. This forest inventory, the first in Newfoundland's history, will provide a basis for the expansion of forest-based industries; the land-capability study is expected to facilitate the development and use of the forest, wildlife and recreational resources of the province.

The programme will be carried out under terms and conditions to be approved jointly by the federal-provincial ministers involved. A joint federal-provincial review board is to be established for consultative and review purposes.

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## PAINTING DONATED

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Paul Martin, has announced the donation by Canada of a painting by the Montreal artist Jean McEwen to the Pan-American Health Organization. The picture, which has been hung in the Organization's new headquarters building in Washington, D.C., was handed over by the Minister of National Health and Welfare, Miss Judy LaMarsh, who attended the inauguration ceremonies.

Canada maintains its association with the PAHO as a member of the World Health Organization.

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## CANADIAN LOAN TO TAIWAN

Mr. Mitchell Sharp, the Minister of Trade and Commerce, recently announced a \$5-million loan to cover the sale of Canadian equipment and services for the construction of a lumber, plywood and furniture-component manufacturing complex in Taiwan. The Export Credits Insurance Corporation signed an agreement, under Section 21A of the Export Credits Insurance Act, to provide the financing for the sale to the Vocational Assistance Commission for Retired Servicemen in Taipei.

This is the first sale to a buyer in Taiwan under the Canadian Government's long-term export-financing programme. The terms of the loan call for repayment in eight years, including a 30-month grace period. The interest rate is 6 per cent *per annum*.

## PROCURING OF EQUIPMENT

The sale was made by the Canadian Transoceanic Technical Services Limited, Vancouver, whose responsibilities will include procurement of equipment in Canada, engineering, erection and installation, as well as the training of personnel to operate the project. The purchase of equipment, including a saw mill, a planer mill, a dry kiln, a plywood plant, and furniture-manufacturing machinery, will benefit Canadian primary and secondary industries alike.

The Vocational Assistance Commission is a self-supporting agency established by the Republic of China to train retired servicemen for civilian employment and to create jobs for them. There are similarly financed and supported operations in fishing, mining, canning, and marble production.