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## EXTENSIVE MUSEUM RESEARCH PROGRAMME

National Museum scientists are packing their note-books and pick-axes in preparation for this summer's research programme. Archaeologists, palaeontologists, zoologists, botanists, ethnologists, linguists and folklorists will be north, south, east and west probing into past cultures and searching for artifacts to shed more light on Canada's past. "More than 50 parties of museum scientists and scientists undertaking work by contract for the museum will be out this summer," stated Resources Minister Walter Dinsdale. "This is one of the largest research programmes that the museum has ever put in the field". Research will range from work on prehistoric sites in the Maritimes to an investigation of marine fish in the Canadian Arctic and a study of the birds of the northern interior of British Columbia.

### PROVINCIAL PROJECTS

Ten parties will be in the Maritime provinces. Dr. T.F.S. McFeat is continuing his studies of the New Brunswick Malecite Indian community and A.D. DeBlois will initiate a study of the Malecite language. One of the world's foremost folklore specialists, Dr. M. Andral, Assistant Director of the Department of Ethnomusicology, Musée des Arts et Traditions Populaires, Paris, has been engaged to survey and analyze the folk music of the Eastern provinces. Zoological studies are to be carried out in western Nova Scotia, as well as archaeological and palaeontological research.

Quebec will be covered by ten parties that will study the botany of the northern boreal forest and do extensive research on Indian cultures, folk-lore, and mammals of the province. A continuing study of mammals in the Eastern Townships and Gaspé will be carried out by Dr. A.W.F. Banfield, Chief Zoologist. Miss Carmen Roy and R.L. Séguin will extend the range of their previous studies of folklore. M.A. Tremblay of Laval University will investigate the family system of Canadians of Acadian descent.

In Ontario, scientists will look into many matters, from field studies of birds, mosses, and fresh water molluscs, to the folk music of "New Canadians". Father Jean Trudeau, of the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., will study the changing culture of the Attawapiskat Indians on the west coast of James Bay. J.N. Emerson of the University of Toronto will investigate prehistoric sites in the central part of the province.

In the Prairie Provinces, scientists will be carrying out a wide range of studies that includes reptiles, amphibians, and botany. Dr. Wann Langston, Jr., Chief Palaeontologist, will continue his work on the dinosaurs in southwestern Saskatchewan and southern Alberta. Dr. W. Dunning of the University of British Columbia will carry out research into the nature of the Ojibwa family organization in the Winnipeg area.

Prehistoric sites in the Fraser Valley Canyon in British Columbia will be studied, as well as the birds

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