

WORKS PROGRAMME ANNOUNCED

Prime Minister, John G. Diefenbaker announced last week that Cabinet has given approval to the Department of Public Works to undertake the development of the Port of St. John's, Newfoundland, at an eventual total estimated cost of over \$12,000,000 and that the Government has ordered an immediate start on a full-scale engineering study of the proposed Prince Edward Island Causeway.

The proposed development at St. John's includes the construction of a large modern terminal wharf complete with extensive storage and handling facilities; a marginal wharf for coastal shipping; the provision of additional access roads to relieve traffic congestion and many other improvements.

In addition to the Department of Public Works' programme the Department of Transport will construct a completely new Marine Agency, including wharf and buildings which is expected to take between two and three years to finish.

The initial development is part of a master plan for future harbour expansion which will remove the major obstacles now hampering healthy development of this port.

It is estimated that at the present rate of shipping alone, these improvements will lead to an annual saving of approximately \$1,000,000 through a general speed-up of loading and unloading operations and a quicker turn-about of ocean-going vessels. This estimated saving will no doubt be reflected in lower costs to consumers and the savings should be increased by a continuation of the present economic

trend resulting in further expansion of the harbour's activity.

The rapid growth of the population of Newfoundland and the resulting increase in development of natural resources and industries have convinced the Federal Government of the necessity for improving the existing harbour of St. John's to meet the growing requirements of import and export trade. This programme is a further indication of the Government's desire to assure the development of all parts of Canada.

The study of the proposed P.E.I. causeway will be conducted into design to determine the feasibility of construction, as well as the effect of a causeway on tidal conditions and fisheries. An estimate of the cost of the entire project will be made based on a feasible design.

A preliminary investigation carried out during 1957 by the Federal Department of Public Works has established the fact that there is a sufficient quantity of suitable rock on Cape Tormentine, New Brunswick, within a short haul of the ferry terminal, to provide the necessary core fill material. The investigation also indicated that it may be possible to obtain from the same source, the armour stone which will be required for the causeway.

The engineering study now ordered will cost in the neighbourhood of \$200,000 and funds in that amount are being provided to proceed immediately.

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COMMONWEALTH CHAMPIONSHIP

For the seventh time in the last nine years a team of Canadian Army Cadets has won the Earl Roberts Imperial Cadet Trophy, emblematic of the Commonwealth championship for marksmanship with service rifles.

This year the five man team from Westdale Secondary School Cadet Corps, Hamilton, Ontario, captured the trophy for Canada. Three Canadian teams were among the first 10 finishers out of 47 entries from almost every country of the Commonwealth.

According to the results released by the National Rifle Association of Great Britain, the Hamilton squad won out by only the barest margin over the 1st Cadet Battalion, the York and Lancaster Regiment, Barnsley, England. Both teams finished the contest with scores of 310 out of a possible 320 but the Canadians took the championship by virtue of a single point win--a possible 80 against their opponents 79 -- at the 500 yard range.

In winning the 1957 championship the Hamilton team broke a stranglehold of the cadets from Ecole Superieure, St. Stanislas, Montreal who won the trophy for the first time in 1949

and have captured it five times since. Defending titleholders, this year they finished in third place with a score of 308.

Cadets from Kennedy Collegiate Institute, Windsor, Ontario, made a fine showing registering 286 points which was good for an 8th place finish.

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IGY STAMP

Mr. William Hamilton, Postmaster General, has announced details of a new design postage stamp to be issued on March 5, 1958.

The stamp will feature the significant role played by Canada in the International Geophysical Year activities.

The International Geophysical Year (IGY) began on the 1st July, 1957, and is one of the greatest scientific ventures ever undertaken in the sphere of international co-operation. Canada has a great interest in the IGY because of its favourable location for many phases of scientific inquiry. The North Magnetic Pole in the Canadian Arctic and the Maximum Auroral Belt which crosses Canada are being made the subjects of intensive study.