

the frills installed, costs were within that budgeted figure.

The sports

Although the Commonwealth Games have grown considerably in size and interest, they have remained basically the same. One change, however, has occurred this year. Canada was invited to name a tenth event and, because gymnastics is increasing rapidly in popularity and is a sport that can be continued by devotees for many years, Canada's choice of gymnastics is added to the events in the Edmonton Games.

The other nine competitive sports remain the same: athletics; badminton; boxing; cycling; lawn bowls; shooting; swimming and diving; weight-lifting; and wrestling.

Lacrosse will be added as a demonstration sport, also chosen by Canada, whose first inhabitants played the game.

New facilities

Edmonton, capital of Alberta, has five new facilities for the Games — a stadium,

First four-minute mile

It was a pleasant day in Vancouver — bright sunlight and comfortably warm. In the infield of the new Empire Stadium, two men jogged easily in preparation for the mile of the century.

The date was August 7, 1954. Everyone in Canada was waiting for the main event of the British Empire and Commonwealth Games, the battle of the miracle milers, when the lean and pale Dr. Roger Bannister of England would meet the stockier, dark, curly-headed John Landy of Australia.

The race began with Landy taking an early lead. When the time for the half was announced at 1:58, he was still in front and everybody knew it was going to be a sub-four-minute-mile.

Who can forget that final climactic lap? Landy was still in front, but Bannister was now close on his heels. Then, suddenly he was ahead, smashing the tape in 3:58.8 minutes, with Landy right behind him in 3:59.6. For the first time, two men had broken the four-minute barrier in the same race.

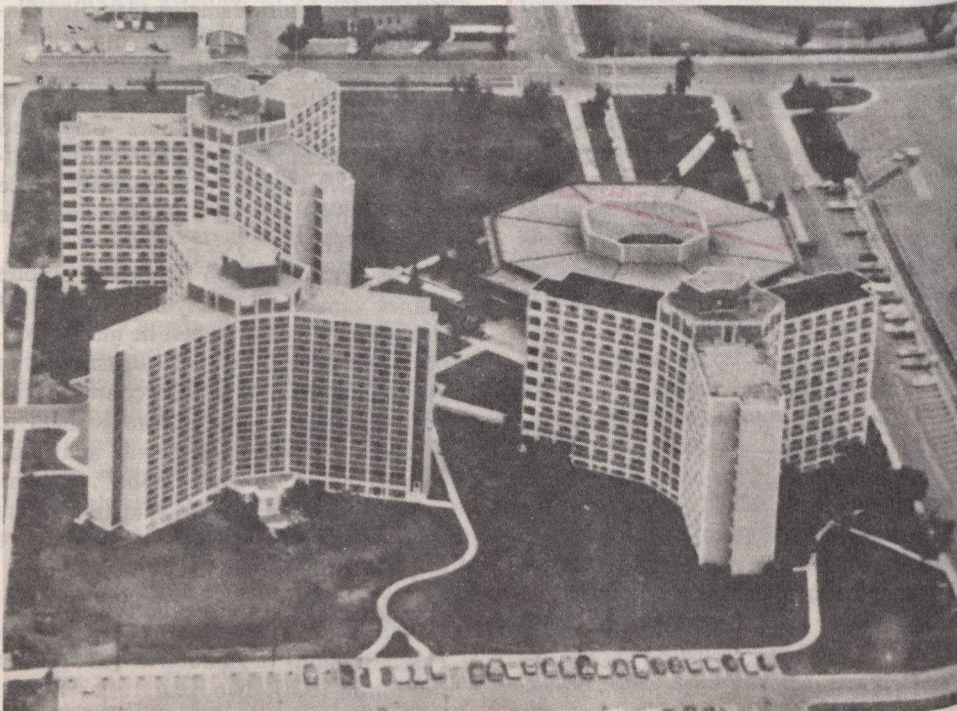


Commonwealth Stadium infield has a 400-metre artificial track with a 36.5-metre radius. All field events will be held on natural grass. The stadium can seat 42,400 with capacity to expand to 52,000.

an aquatic centre, a velodrome, bowling greens, and a shooting range — which will last for decades. The most spectacular is the \$21-million Commonwealth Stadium, which can seat 42,400 and can be expanded to accommodate 52,000. It houses a three-storey sports and recre-

ation centre. The Canadian Football League's Edmonton Eskimos will become its prime tenants after the Games.

With the completion of the Kinsmen Aquatic Centre, Edmonton has a pool with a water surface 25 percent larger than the Olympic pool in Munich and



The Lister Hall residential complex on the University of Alberta campus has been transformed into an Athletes' Village for the 1978 Commonwealth Games.