

DIAL-IN-HAND PHONE

The Northern Electric Company has announced a new telephone that is expected to make a major impact on markets in Canada and abroad. The instrument, which bears the trademark-name "Contempra", is designed for the hand, with the dial placed between the ear and mouth pieces. It features gently sloping, flat surfaces on a very low profile. The dial is hidden from view when the phone is not in use.

Another feature of the new set is a "recall" button for use between calls, which, when depressed, has the same effect as replacing the instrument on its rest. A longer cord, an adjustable bell, a wider range of colours, and simple lines (for ease in dusting), are other advantages of the "Contempra" phone, which will soon be available for market testing. Full production is expected to begin early in 1969.

LEATHER INDUSTRY VISITORS

Four trade missions, representing the state-trading organizations that import hides, skins and leather into Czechoslovakia, Romania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia are visiting Canada for five weeks to study the Canadian tanning and leather industry. The visits are sponsored by the Department of Trade and Commerce with the Co-operation of the Tanners' Association of Canada and its member companies, as part of a programme to increase the sale of Canadian hides, skins and leather to Eastern Europe.

Canada now exports about \$32-million worth of cattle hides and calf skins annually to all markets, of which \$2.7 million goes to the four Eastern European countries. The material is used mainly in the footwear and handbag industries.

The Canadian industry hopes, with the Department's help, to expand its sales of skins and hides to these countries and at the same time develop a market for finished leather.

SPORTS REPORT TABLED

A story of increased success by Canadian athletes in international competition is told in the 1966-67 annual report of the federal Fitness and Amateur Sport Programme.

The report, tabled in the House of Commons recently, details the programme's role in the 1966 Commonwealth Games in Jamaica, the Pan-American Games, the First Canadian Winter Games, centennial athletes events and other special projects relating to fitness and sport.

According to the report, Canada's 108-member team at the British Empire and Commonwealth Games earned 57 medals. This was 26 more than Canada won at the games in Perth, Australia, in 1962.

The First Canadian Winter Games, held in Quebec City in February, brought together more than 1,800 Canadian athletes and was "one of the most

exciting milestones in Canadian sports history". The Games were financed by grants totalling \$700,000 under the Fitness Programme.

Federal grants amounting to \$2,450,000 were made for the organization and staging of the Pan-American Games in Winnipeg, and further grants that totalled \$500,000 were made available for centennial sports events, including world championships and tournaments in badminton, water skiing, lacrosse, rowing, fencing and lawn bowling.

TRAINING RESERVE OFFICERS

A new programme for training university undergraduates for commission in the reserve components of the Canadian Armed Forces is planned for next September.

With the opening of the 1968-69 academic year, the systems by which the services now train officers for the reserves (the Navy's University Naval Training Divisions, the Army's Canadian Officers Training Corps and the Air Force's University Reserve Training Programme) will be discontinued. The Regular Officer Training Plan, the primary source of career officers, which operates through services colleges and universities, will not be changed.

Under the new programme, commission in the reserves will be gained by a limited number of students through "off-campus" training.

To foster the development of military studies at the university level, the Department of National Defence will propose the establishment of military studies at some Canadian universities, together with postgraduate fellowships and research grants. The project would be supported financially by the Defence Department.

COTC training began in 1912, the UNTD scheme originated in 1943, and the URTP started shortly after the Second World War.

About 1,000 officer cadets are now undergoing training under the current system in 59 university reserve units and 35 universities. Average annual enrolment is 500 officer candidates a year. These cadets will complete the programme for which they initially enrolled.

About 1,800 officer cadets are enrolled in the Regular Officer Training Plan. Of these, 1,200 attend Kingston's Royal Military College, the Collège Militaire de St. Jean and Royal Roads at Victoria. The remaining 600 attend universities.

THEATRE SCHOOL FULL

James de B. Domville, Executive Director of the National Theatre School, has announced that a record number of candidates (over 400) from all Canadian provinces, the United States and several other countries, applied this year for entry to the School.

Because of the number of candidates and the limited number of places available, entrance to the School has become more competitive than ever. The