

### COMMONWEALTH EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Mr. Paul Martin, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced recently that the Canadian Government would send a delegation of five to the Commonwealth Conference on the Education and Training of Technicians to be held in Huddersfield, England, in October.

Dr. C.R. Ford, former Director of the Technical and Vocational Training Branch of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration, will be chairman of the delegation. The other members will be: Dr. G. Hines, Chairman of the National Advisory Committee on Technological Education and Supervisor of the Quality Control Laboratory, Stelco of Canada Limited; Mr. E.L. Palin, Assistant Director of the Technological and Trades Training Branch, Ontario Department of Education; Mr. Paul E. Larose, Director of Vocational Training, Quebec Department of Education; and Mr. H.J. Hodder, Director of the Education Division, External Aid Office.

The meeting, which is being held under the auspices of the Commonwealth Education Liaison Committee, is the result of a recommendation of the Commonwealth Education Conference held in Ottawa in 1964, which invited the Committee to consider planning a conference of experts from all countries of the Commonwealth on a subject of mutual concern. The education and training of technicians was subsequently chosen as the subject of the conference, since it was regarded as a matter of primary importance to the developing countries within the Commonwealth as well as to the more developed countries.

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### CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLANS

Mr. Robert H. Winters, Minister of Trade and Commerce, recently released a report entitled *Private and Public Investment in Canada - Outlook 1966 - Mid-Year Review*, a joint publication of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and the Department of Trade and Commerce containing the results of a recent survey of capital-investment intentions.

The survey indicates that current plans for private and public investment in Canada in 1966 involve total outlays of \$15,024 million. Such a programme, if accomplished, would be 17 percent higher than the \$12,798 million spent for capital purposes in 1965, and a modest upward revision in plans stated in the previous survey made at the beginning of this year. The revised investment plans involve capital outlays for machinery of \$5,629 million and for construction of \$9,395 million. Such amounts would be 22 per cent and 15 per cent respectively, above those of last year.

### FACILITIES INVOLVED

The upward revisions in capital-spending plans have occurred almost entirely in the business sector of the economy. Plans in this sector now involve a 23 per cent increase over actual outlays for 1965 and six

percent above earlier intentions. Most of the increase in spending intentions since the previous survey appear in manufacturing, mining, electric power, telephones and transportation facilities. Planned outlays for social capital requirements, associated with institutions and governments, indicate little change from the earlier intentions. Reductions in the programmes of the Federal Government have been approximately offset by increases in other areas. In total, social capital-spending intentions are 16 percent above the 1965 accomplishment. Outlays for new housing are now expected to total \$2,116 million, slightly less than in 1965 and nearly five percent below the earlier estimates for the year.

Mr. Winters said that the realization of the investment programme outlined would add to the demands being placed upon the construction, materials and equipment-producing industries. He confirmed the view expressed in the report that, with these industries already operating at close to capacity limits, it seemed unlikely that all programmes planned for 1966 would be fully achieved.

Mr. Winters added that the information revealed in the report underlined the need for restraints, as previously urged by the Minister of Finance when he presented his budget.

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### VIMY RIDGE, 1917-1967

Mr. Roger Teillet, Minister of Veterans Affairs, announced recently that the fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge would be commemorated in ceremonies to be held simultaneously in Ottawa at the National War Memorial and at the Vimy Memorial in Vimy Park, Arras, France, on April 9, 1967.

Early on Easter Monday, April 9, 1917, the Canadian Corps, assisted by a British division and the Royal Artillery, took Vimy Ridge in one of the most carefully rehearsed operations of the First World War. By noon, the Germans had lost the Ridge, their counter-attacks were being broken up and the Canadians were beginning to exploit and consolidate their gains. For the rest of the war, Allied possession of this commanding feature was never in jeopardy.

The Vimy Memorial, Canada's best-known cenotaph abroad, was unveiled on July 26, 1936, in the presence of thousands of pilgrims by King Edward VIII, who described it as "a memorial to no man but to a nation". It bears the names of 11,285 Canadians killed in the First World War whose last resting places are unknown.

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### WATER POLLUTION SURVEY

In connection with a survey of pollution in Lake Ontario and the International Section of the St. Lawrence River, the Public Health Engineering Division of the Department of National Health and Welfare is to open water-pollution laboratories and