

Board of Canada, the scientific arm of the federal Department of Fisheries, and while the whitefish investigation is still one of its chief responsibilities, it has become concerned with all research problems of the area. One of the more important of these is a programme of studies to determine general principles regarding the best methods to manage lakes so that they will produce the maximum fish crop perpetually. Studies have been conducted on Lake Winnipeg, as well as on Great Slave Lake in the Northwest Territories, to collect data on catch per unit of effort and the size of fish caught. Efficiency of fishing gear is also tested.

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HARBOUR IMPROVEMENT: Transport Minister George C. Marler announced on May 1 that, on the recommendation of the National Harbours Board, a \$57,000,000 programme of capital works for Montreal Harbour, exclusive of expenditures on traffic bridges, had been approved by the Government. Some of the work has already been completed, and some is in course of execution or is being planned. Contracts amounting to \$17,600,000 have been awarded to date.

"The need for the new facilities arises to a considerable extent as a result of the changes, particularly as to the transportation of grain, which will occur as a result of the construction of the St. Lawrence Seaway," Mr. Marler said. "The new work was planned not only to accommodate the increase in transportation traffic which the Seaway is expected to engender but also to serve the needs of the rapidly expanding economy of the Montreal area."

The programme of capital works, with the value of contracts already awarded in brackets, is classified as follows: grain elevators \$27,000,000 (\$6,600,000); wharves and piers \$17,000,000 (\$6,400,000); transit sheds \$5,000,000 (\$1,100,000); dredging and navigation channels \$7,500,000 (\$3,500,000); and miscellaneous items \$500,000.

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BRITISH TEACHERS: Qualified British teachers interested in continuing in their profession in Saskatchewan are being interviewed in Great Britain and Ireland through the months of April and May, Education Minister W.S. Lloyd said recently. The programme, being conducted for the third time in four years, is a joint effort of the Saskatchewan School Trustees Association, the Saskatchewan Teachers Federation, and the Department of Education.

Interviews are being conducted by L.F. Titus, Saskatchewan's chief superintendent of schools, and John MacLeod, superintendent of high schools, at Bristol, London, Birmingham, Manchester, Leeds, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Belfast and Dublin. Previous programmes resulted in over 275 British teachers coming to the province.

NATO COUNCIL: The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. L.B. Pearson, headed the Canadian Delegation to the ministerial meeting of the North Atlantic Council which convened at Bonn from Thursday, May 2 to Saturday, May 4, Mr. Pearson was accompanied by Mr. L.D. Wilgress, Permanent Representative of Canada to the North Atlantic Council; Mr. R.M. Macdonnell, Deputy Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs; Mr. J.B.C. Watkins, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs; and other officials from his Department.

The spring NATO ministerial meeting is traditionally reserved for a review of the international situation as it affects the NATO Alliance, and this year NATO foreign ministers again had an opportunity for exchanging views on international political problems of common concern to the Alliance, thus maintaining and developing the processes of consultation and co-operation among all the NATO governments. This meeting marked the first time since the permanent establishment of NATO in Paris in 1952 that the ministerial meeting had been held away from Paris. It was also the last meeting presided over by NATO's first Secretary-General, Lord Ismay, who is retiring from that office after five years of distinguished service. Lord Ismay's successor will be the Foreign Minister of Belgium, Mr. Spaak.

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FIRST STAGE: First stage in the provision of a nine million dollar television micro-wave link between St. John's, Newfoundland, and Sydney, Nova Scotia, to achieve a trans-Canada coast-to-coast TV hook-up have been completed with the opening of a new Canadian National Telegraphs communications centre in the Newfoundland capital.

Built at a cost of one and a half million dollars, the new centre will provide telegraph, telephone and radio communication between Newfoundland and Canada's remaining provinces and the rest of the world.

The micro-wave link will be completed in 1958 when radar-like towers, up to 220 feet high, will bridge the gap between St. John's and Sydney to complete the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's hook-up from Victoria, British Columbia, to Newfoundland.

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OIL WELLS: By early April, Saskatchewan's total of oil wells capable of being operated had risen to 2,593, according to a report issued by the Provincial Department of Mineral Resources. The report noted that of this total, 517 were in the Coleville-Smiley field, 262 were at Lloydminster, 250 at Steelman, 198 at Midale, 159 at Lone Rock, 154 at Cantuar, 98 at Weyburn, and 90 at Nottingham.