

STANDARDS COUNCIL ESTABLISHED

Federal and provincial government officials endorsed a proposal recently to create a Standards Council of Canada. The purpose of the Council will be to promote and co-ordinate standardization activities in Canada and Canadian participation in the establishment of international standards.

It will co-ordinate and strengthen Canadian standardization activities to meet the needs of all sectors of the economy in both domestic commerce and international trade. [See *Canadian Weekly Bulletin, No. 11, P. 1.*]

Membership of the new body will be composed of representatives of federal and provincial governments, industry, labour unions, trade associations, professional societies and consumer organizations.

Consultations with trade, industry, consumer and other interested groups are planned during the next few months.

The Standards Council of Canada will work in close co-operation with existing standards-setting organizations.

NEW FLAG-FLYING RULES

Instructions for flying the new Canadian Forces ensign were issued recently to all units.

The ensign, which incorporates Canada's national flag in the upper quarter next to the hoist, with the Forces emblem in the fly, all on a white background, will not eclipse the national flag, which continues to be flown at the "main or superior" flag pole by all military establishments inside and outside Canada.

Only those establishments in Canada with a second flag pole are permitted to fly the ensign. The ensign will not be flown at military establishments outside Canada or on Canadian territory jointly occupied by Canadian and foreign forces.

When the national flag is half-mast, the ensign will also be flown at half-mast. At military funerals, caskets will be draped with the national flag unless the next of kin specifically requests the ensign.

ARCHAEOLOGISTS MEET

The first meeting was held recently in Winnipeg of the Canadian Archaeological Association, which will open the field of archaeology for the first time on a national basis to interested individuals and permit professionals and non-professionals to publish papers on their work.

There are almost 50 Canadian archaeologists working full-time in Canada, said Dr. J.V. Wright, Chief Archaeologist of the National Museum of Canada. It was difficult to estimate the number of non-professionals, he said, but some had contributed a great deal to Canadian archaeology.

Dr. Wright believes farmers who plow up arrowheads or other artifacts may wish to join the Association. This would also apply to other individuals

who, for one reason or another, are interested in archaeology.

"There are cases where a non-professional is familiar with a particular area and has collected from it for years," Dr. Wright said. "He is able to pass on information in a short time that would require the professional much longer to acquire on his own."

ALASKA FERRY EXEMPTION

Northern Development Minister Arthur Laing has announced Government approval for the Alaska State Ferry System to carry Canadian commercial traffic to and from the Yukon between Prince Rupert, British Columbia and Haines, Alaska. Such traffic movements were prohibited previously by the Canada Shipping Act, which required that freight moving between two points in Canada by water must be carried in Canadian ships. The exemption just granted, which is for one year, will be reviewed annually.

This action, Mr. Laing explained, had been taken in response to many representations received from the Yukon and would provide an alternate means of moving freight into the region. Advantage must be taken of all available access routes, Mr. Laing explained. Since there was no Canadian shipping organization currently providing a ferry service for large commercial vehicles, nor does it appear one will develop in the near future, it seemed only reasonable to take this positive step towards improving transportation service for the Yukon.

BRIDGE IN CAMEROUN

An agreement under which Canada will help design and construct a bridge in Cameroun was signed in Yaoundé this month by Mr. Lionel Chevrier, who is heading a Canadian external-aid mission to the French-speaking nations of Africa. The 280-foot bridge at Akonolinga, east of Yaoundé, will link an important agricultural area with the major markets and ports. Canadian consultants will design and supervise construction at a cost to Canada of \$390,000.

In announcing the signing of the agreement, Mr. Paul Martin, Secretary of State for External Affairs, said that the bridge would be the first major capital-aid project undertaken by Canada in this area of Africa. Beauchemin, Beaton and Lapointe, consultant engineers, will face an engineering challenge a bridging the Nyong River, which frequently floods and has washed away two previous structures. The steel components will be assembled on the spot under the supervision of Mr. Roger Beauchemin and a team of Canadian experts. Cameroun has undertaken to build the abutment piers and to provide local employees and materials at an estimated cost of \$210,000.

High priority has been given by Cameroun to the replacement of the present inadequate ferry service over the Nyong, in order to develop the agricultural