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## WINTER WORKS PROGRAMME

It was announced in the House of Commons on July 23 that the Government had decided not only to renew once again the Municipal Winter Works Incentive Programme, but also to expand it substantially this coming winter.

This decision was reached in view of the excellent results achieved during the past two years and in response to requests from provinces, municipalities and other bodies. The programme is to include winter-works projects approved by the provincial governments and accepted by the Federal Government. It applies to projects carried out during the period from December 1, 1960, to April 30, 1961.

### PROGRAMME GREATLY EXPANDED

In addition to classes of projects already included in the incentive payment of 50 per cent of labour costs, the programme will be enlarged during the coming winter to include the construction, major reconstruction, major alteration or renovation of municipal buildings, excluding schools and hospitals, up to a federal incentive payment not to exceed \$50,000 on each new structure. The programme will also be broadened by the inclusion of certain projects not hitherto applicable, including street lighting, traffic-signals, municipal parking-lots, water and sewage treatment plants, pumping-stations and water-towers.

It is hoped that the expansion of the programme will allow more scope to municipalities having a backlog of projects that can be carried out during the months between December 1,

1960, and April 30, 1961. As a result of the broadening of the programme to include these projects, it should mean a substantial amount of extra work for building tradesmen, who have always constituted a large percentage of the seasonally-unemployed workers. It will also provide a good deal of work for others engaged in sub-trades and service industries supplying materials to the construction trade.

### LAST YEAR'S RESULTS

During the past winter 860 municipalities participated in the programme, compared to 700 during the previous winter. It has been estimated that more than 51,000 men received "on-site" employment on some 2,600 projects involving approximately 2 million man-days of work. It is assumed that at least an equal number of man-days was provided indirectly in manufacturing and servicing material that went into these projects. The estimated federal share of the costs--50 per cent of the direct payroll costs for the work undertaken in these projects--amounted to \$12,565,000.

### ACCEPTABLE PROJECTS

The Municipal Winter Works Incentive Programme will be applicable this winter to the following projects when they have been approved by the provincial governments and accepted by the Federal Government:

1. Construction and major improvement of municipal roads, streets, sidewalks, bridges and underpasses, including street lighting, traffic-signals and municipal parking-lots.

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