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Queen Elizabeth and President Ford flank Dean Francis B. Sayre as they leave Washington Cathedral on July 8. Prince Philip is behind the Queen.

housewives, industrialists, labourers, lawyers, physicians, senior citizens, students, teachers and tradesmen.

The huge Keystone bears the Royal Arms of Britain and the Arms of the United States.

Fifteen members of the Canadian Embassy staff in Washington were in attendance at the ceremony on July 8, as well as the Chairman of the National Cathedral Association in Canada, Rev. Earl W. Haase.

Housing for earthquake-stricken region

The Canadian Government will work with the National Congress of Italian Canadians to provide housing for the earthquake-stricken Friuli region in northeastern Italy, announced Allan MacEachen, Secretary of State for External Affairs and John Munro, Minister responsible for Multiculturalism, recently.

Mr. MacEachen said the Federal Government would join with the Canadian Italian community which has been conducting its own fund-raising campaign in a project to provide houses to the devastated region. The Government contribution, announced May 13, is \$1 million.

Technical details of the project are

to be worked out jointly between the National Congress of Italian Canadians and the Federal Government.

More than 900 people were killed and 80,000 were left homeless by the earthquake that struck the area, May 6.

Within hours of the disaster, some 300 members of the Canadian Armed Forces were dispatched from West Germany to provide medical and engineering assistance.

Early in June at the request of Prime Minister P.E. Trudeau, Mr. Munro toured the region.

Ma Bell on N.Y. big board

Bell Canada, claimed to be Canada's largest investor-owned corporation in terms of assets, has received approval from the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) for listing on the big board effective August 18.

Bell Canada is now listed on the Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver stock exchanges in Canada, as well as on the London, Brussels, Paris, Frankfurt am Main, Dusseldorf, Zurich, Basle, Geneva and Amsterdam stock exchanges. Bell Canada will become the first company to be listed on the NYSE under its recently-adopted standards that focus on international rather than the U.S. distribution of a foreign corporation's shares.

A.J. de Grandpré, Bell Canada's chairman, said the NYSE listing would provide Bell Canada with a further presence in the major international capital markets and provide United States shareholders with a more readily available marketplace.

With assets of over \$6.5 billion at the end of 1975, Bell Canada and its affiliated companies represent Canada's largest industrial entity and are the largest suppliers of telecommunication services and equipment in Canada. Its major subsidiary, Northern Telecom Limited, the second largest telecommunication-equipment manufacturer in North America, has five manufacturing plants in the United States. Bell-Northern Research, jointly owned by Bell Canada and Northern Telecom, is Canada's largest privately-owned research and development organization.

Bell Canada's consolidated income before extraordinary items for 1975 was \$266.8 million or \$6.20 a common share, compared to \$224.4 million or \$5.57 a common share for the previous

year. For the six months ended June 30, 1976, consolidated income before extraordinary items was \$148.0 million or \$3.36 a common share, compared to \$116.9 million or \$2.78 a common share for the same period in 1974.

New highways for Newfoundland

Marcel Lessard, federal Minister of Regional Economic Expansion (DREE), and John C. Crosbie, Newfoundland's Minister for Intergovernmental Affairs, have announced the signing of the two-year agreement on highways construction in Newfoundland. The total value of the agreement is \$38 million, the DREE share amounting to slightly more than \$34 million.

A contract valued at \$743,840 has been awarded to McNamara Corporation of Newfoundland Limited for paving 18 miles of road along the Bay D'Espoir Highway, and Lundrigans Limited received a contract valued at \$522,400 for paving 13 miles of road between La Scie and Baie Verte. With the completion of these two projects, the upgrading and paving of the Baie D'Espoir Highway and the Baie Verte Peninsula Highway initiated under earlier DREE/Newfoundland agreements will have been completed.

McNamara Corporation of Newfoundland Limited has also been awarded a contract valued at \$1,067,172 for upgrading 7.3 miles of road from Lockyers Bay toward Wesleyville. A contract for upgrading an additional 8.7 miles of road along the same route has been awarded to Len Singleton Limited at a value of \$898,331. Nova Construction Limited has been awarded a contract valued at \$626,658 for upgrading 9.5 miles of road from Gander Bay toward Wesleyville. Also along the same route, Western Construction Limited has been awarded a contract valued at \$877,670 for upgrading 8.4 miles of road.

Len Singleton Limited has been awarded a contract valued at \$1,443,126 for the construction of 10 miles of new highway from Southwest Brook on the Trans-Canada Highway toward the community of Burgeo.

A number of additional contracts will be awarded under the agreement in the near future, including several major construction projects to be carried out in the current year on the Great Northern Peninsula Highway.