

Details of the programme are being worked out by officials of the Canadian and the United States Governments.

Following the opening ceremonies, the Royal yacht will proceed through the Locks giving access to the Great Lakes.

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SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY

Gross selling value of products shipped by Canada's 68 shipyards in 1957 (67 in 1956) increased 13.6 per cent to \$167,159,000 from \$147,199,000 in 1956, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' annual industry report. Employees advanced to 18,417 from 17,782 in the previous year, salaries and wages to \$71,166,000 from \$64,686,000, material costs to \$63,942,000 from \$54,131,000 and value added by manufacture to \$101,094,000 from \$91,189,000.

Value of naval vessels delivered in 1957 increased to \$76,447,000 from \$51,183,000 in 1956 and commercial vessels delivered to \$31,713,000 from \$16,462,000. Value of commercial vessels by types in 1957: cargo and cargo-passenger, \$4,576,000 (\$2,732,000 in 1956); dredges, \$1,072,000 (\$287,000); ferries, \$719,000 (\$234,000); fishing boats, \$1,909,000 (\$1,691,000); scows and barges, \$4,714,000 (\$3,464,000); tankers, \$2,663,000 (nil); tugs, \$6,674,000 (\$4,251,000); and small craft, \$354,000 (\$1,059,000).

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NEW TOWN AT FROBISHER BAY

The Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Mr. Alvin Hamilton and the Minister of Public Works, Mr. Howard Green, have announced jointly that a team of consultants have been appointed to plan the development of a modern townsite at Frobisher Bay in the Northwest Territories.

Everything needed for a normal town of 1500 people - housing, schools, recreational facilities, hospital facilities, stores, administrative offices, churches, and hotel accommodation - will be included.

An important factor in the development of Frobisher Bay is the matter of providing adequate facilities for the shipping, handling and storage of necessary supplies. When the tide is out, there is a long, mud beach which adds considerably to the shipping difficulties encountered.

In order to provide the best possible conditions for a community life in the Northern townsite, it is expected that a town planning architect will be added later to the present team of consultants. Also as the studies progress, it may be necessary to obtain the services of specialists in related fields.

Frobisher Bay is the main administrative centre for the Federal Government in the

Eastern Arctic. It has an airport which is extensively used by aircraft travelling between Europe and the Western United States. The runway is now being extended by the Department of Transport to a length of 9,000 feet and a width of 200 feet. Frobisher is also used as a rehabilitation centre for Eskimos who have received hospital treatment in the South, before returning to northern life.

The Northern Canada Power Commission will be responsible for the design and operation of the plant and facilities necessary for the production of electric power and steam. Although this problem has not yet been considered in detail, atomic energy has been suggested as the source of power for the community. Oil is the most common fuel in use at present in the modern communities in Canada's North.

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DWELLING UNITS IN 1958

Both starts and completions of new residential units set new records in 1958, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports in an advance statement. Starts increased nearly 35 per cent to 164,632 units from 122,340 in 1957 and bettered by 19 per cent the previous peak of 138,276 reached in 1955. Completions climbed 25 per cent in the year to 146,686 units from 117,283 in the preceding year and exceeded by 8 per cent the previous high of 135,700 units set in 1956.

In December, the number of starts rose to 9,596 units from 8,241 in the same month of 1957 and the number of completions to 13,469 units from 10,472. At December 31 there were 88,162 units in various stages of construction, up sharply (21 per cent) from the year-earlier total of 72,573 units.

More units were started in 1958 than in 1957 in all provinces and more were completed in all, except Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. Units under construction at the year's end were more numerous than a year earlier in all provinces except New Brunswick. More units were started in December compared to a year earlier in all provinces except Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta, while more were completed in all except Alberta.

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CENTRE MUSICAL CANADIEN

Last spring the Canada Council donated a sum up to \$60,000, over a period of three years to the Canadian Music Council for the establishment of a Canadian Composers' Centre. This centre, with the official title of Centre Musical Canadien, is now established and is located at 599 Avenue Road, Toronto 7, Ontario. It will be under the direction of Mr. Jean Marie Beaudet, as Executive Secretary.