

from July 3 to August 15, is the 1st Battalion, Green Howards (Princess Alexandra of Wales Own Yorkshire Regiment), a unit of Britain's Strategic Reserve stationed at Colchester, Essex. The Howards are allied to two Canadian militia units, the Rocky Mountain Rangers, of Kamloops, British Columbia, and the Queen's York Rangers (1st American Regiment), of Toronto.

The 32nd Field Engineer Squadron, Royal Engineers, from Richmond, Yorkshire, will carry out engineering works at CFB Gagetown from July 3 to August 15 in "Exercise Water Leap".

PENSION PLAN FUNDS

Mr. Mitchell Sharp, the Minister of Finance, recently released details of the amounts that had become available to the provinces and Canada as a whole during the first quarter of 1967 from the operations of the Canada Pension Plan.

All funds received but not required by the Plan to meet expenses and the payment of benefits during the following three months are transferred to the Canada Pension Plan Investment Fund for the purchase of provincial or federal securities. These are special non-marketable securities, with terms of up to 20 years, bearing interest based on the yields of comparable Government of Canada marketable bonds.

PROVINCIAL ALLOTMENTS

The allotment of funds to each of the provinces is proportional to the cumulative total of contributions paid in each province. The amounts available to Quebec, which has its own pension plan, relate only to the contributions of some federal employees in that province, such as armed services personnel, who are not included in the Quebec plan but were brought into the Canada Pension Plan by special legislation during 1966. Any balance not borrowed by the provinces, together with funds collected in the Yukon and Northwest Territories, must be taken up by the Government of Canada.

The provinces took up the whole of their allotment in the first quarter of 1967 and they, or their Crown agencies, issued their special securities to the Canada Pension Plan Investment Fund in exchange for the funds made available to them. The Government of Canada issued identical securities in exchange for the net amounts generated in the Yukon and the Northwest Territories.

FIRST QUARTER FUNDS

The funds that were made available to the provinces and Canada by the Canada Pension Plan Investment Fund during the first quarter of 1967 were (*in thousands of dollars*): British Columbia \$22,442; Alberta \$13,623; Saskatchewan \$6,660; Manitoba \$9,352; Ontario \$88,102; Quebec \$380; New Brunswick \$4,522; Nova Scotia \$5,809; Prince Edward Island \$514; Newfoundland \$2,977; Canada \$499; for a total of \$154,880.

PRESERVING CANADA'S WILD CREATURES

Prime Minister Pearson, in a statement to mark National Wildlife Week, April 9 to 15, urged Canadians to become more alert to abuses of wilderness and wildlife. "Our use of natural resources during the past 100 years has sometimes been wasteful or ignorant," said Mr. Pearson. "Our early unthinking attempts to *conquer* nature have created problems for wildlife which we are today attempting to solve through provincial wildlife programmes and our National Wildlife Policy and Programme and the Agricultural Rehabilitation and Development Act." Measures that we were advancing, he said, included preservation of key habitat, managed harvest of some species, and total protection for others.

POLLUTION AND CONGESTION

"Two of our current problems," continued the Prime Minister, were "pollution of our air and water and the overcrowding and stress of unplanned cities, highways, and industries." "We have come to realize that our natural resources are not inexhaustible or impervious to abuse, and that the quality of our environment can and must be improved." "To manage our resources successfully," he said, "we must understand that man is only one factor in the complex interactions of communities of plants and animals." "When we disrupt those natural interactions, through pollution, for example, we do so at our peril."

NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. Pearson said that regarding natural resources, Canadians were among the most fortunate people in the world. "Each Canadian is part-owner of prairie, forest, mountains - open space, solitude, and natural beauty," he declared. "The pollution of so many of our rivers and lakes, and urban environments made inhospitable by air pollution," said Mr. Pearson, "are examples of what can happen when we do not make wise use of our resources". "Unfortunately our attempts to cure those situations will be far more expensive than wise use would have been in the first instance."

MILITARY SIGNALS HOOK-UP

It was announced recently by Mr. Paul Hellyer, the Minister of National Defence, and Mr. C.M. Drury, the Minister of Industry, that a major co-operative development programme in military communications called "Project Mallard", had been agreed to by the Governments of Canada, the United States and Australia.

The programme is aimed at the development after 1975, of a tactical trunk-communication system for the forces of the three countries. The system will provide for communications by voice, written message, computer information and facsimile reproduction, from battalion level to top field formation.

Since it will employ common electronic and operational characteristics, the system will serve the