

Centre next summer hopes to include something designed especially for youngsters.

Children living in the national capital region however, will, not have to wait until the Centre's resident companies have been created, nor until the finishing touches have been applied to the Centre. This summer, for about ten weeks starting in July, live theatre will be brought to them by a mobile theatre now under construction. It will be the most versatile theatre of its type ever built, according to David Haber, the Centre's theatre administrator, who describes it as follows:

TRUCK TRANSFORMATION

"While travelling, the theatre will look like any ordinary trailer-truck on the highway, but when it reaches its destination the sides of the van will lower to the ground, staircases will suddenly emerge from either end, and an upper stage will appear on top. We will have a full theatre in a matter of minutes - a theatre with a stage approximately the size of that in the Capitol Theatre, where most professional theatre has been presented in Ottawa for many years. (The depth of the stage (24 feet) is only slightly less than that of the Capitol's stage, and the 58-foot proscenium is actually wider than the Capitol's.) The theatre will be equipped with full theatrical sound and lighting systems, control room, dressing rooms, and storage areas for costumes, scenery and props - in short, everything a theatre should have."

Jacques Zouvi of Montreal will direct the production to be presented this summer - a musical "mime" involving both singers and dancers and demanding the active participation of the young spectators. It will be given in parks in both the Ontario and Quebec parts of the national capital region, in co-operation with the various parks boards involved.

SEED EXPERTS VISIT

A delegation of seed experts from India visited Canada recently to study the Canadian seed industry. The delegation included six members of the Indian Crop Improvement and Certified Seed Production Association, which represents the private seed industry: S.B. Pandya, president of the association; Colonel Lal Singh, first vice-president; Major Shamsher Singh, second vice-president; D.R. Misra, honorary secretary and treasurer; S.M. Palaniswamy, and S.M. Dudhediya, members of the executive committee. The Government of India was represented by Hit Prakash, deputy commissioner of the seeds development division, Ministry of Food and Agriculture.

Two days were spent in Ottawa making calls on the Canada Department of Agriculture and the Canadian Seed Growers Association. The delegation next flew to Windsor, and toured seed-growing areas visiting growers, seed-trade establishments and international

seed-trade companies as well as provincial and federal agencies in the Toronto area.

The task force recommended that selected personnel be brought to Canada to study the centralized certification programme used by the Canadian Seed Growers Association and the seed-control programme of the Canada Department of Agriculture. In conjunction with this programme, it suggested Canada assist with the training in India of competent seed-control officials.

Both India and Canada are now studying the task force report, and the visit of the Indian seed experts will provide an opportunity for further discussions.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

There were 33,503 births registered in April in Canadian provincial offices, somewhat higher than the 31,217 in April of 1967. The cumulative total, however, for the four-month period was 1.7 percent lower than that of the corresponding period last year, with decreases reported in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Manitoba.

Marriages recorded in April increased to 10,068 from 9,315 in April last year. This brought the total for the first four months to 36,889, 12.0 percent above the 32,929 in the same period of 1967. Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick were the only provinces that reported decreases.

There were 13,061 deaths reported in April compared to 11,968 in April 1967. The four-month total was 55,170, 10.9 percent above the 49,769 reported during the 1967 period, with only Newfoundland and Nova Scotia reporting decreases.

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At the same time that we are dropping the barriers which obstruct the young, we must learn new ways of dealing with the problems of the older people in the community. Bearing in mind that, even with special training and with all the facilities we can muster, many of these families will not find gainful employment within commuting distance of their present homes, we face a major problem, which is that of relocation....

Our job is to reinforce the young Indian and Eskimo as they strive to achieve. It is to reinforce the older Indian and Eskimo in their struggle. It is to reinforce these people so that they will have the satisfaction of achieving for themselves goals which they have set for themselves within the Canadian society of which they are an integral part.