

CONTRACT FOR NATIONAL LIBRARY

Mr. Jean-Paul Deschatelets, Minister of Public Works, has announced the award of a \$9,843,148 contract to Ellis-Don Limited of London, Ontario, for the construction of the building for the National Library and Archives on Wellington Street in downtown Ottawa. The contract includes the demolition of No. 1 Temporary Building on the north side of Wellington Street, where the new structure will be built.

Construction is scheduled for completion in 39 months, to allow sufficient time for the occupation of the building and the cataloguing of books and documents before Canada's centennial celebration in 1967.

DESCRIPTION

The building will have a 304-foot frontage on Wellington Street and will extend 210 feet towards the Ottawa River. It will contain an approximate gross floor area of 540,000 square feet. There will be nine floors above the ground level, plus four mezzanines, as well as three floors below ground. The height from street level will be 130 feet.

The structural frame of the building will be in reinforced concrete and the exterior walls will be faced with Canadian granite to conform with the material used in the walls of the nearby Supreme Court Building. There will be air conditioning to protect the Library's books.

The Library will be capable of accommodating about 2,000,000 volumes, as well as many manuscripts, on its 15 stack levels, three of which are to be below ground-level. The building will house a 400-seat theatre and assembly hall, which will form an annex on the west side. It will protrude about 85 feet, with an 80-foot front, and will be 40 feet high.

There will be exhibition halls and offices, reading rooms and rare-book displays. The Archives will occupy a considerable area. Offices are also to be provided for the Royal Society of Canada.

No. 1 Temporary Building, which will be demolished to make way for the Library, was the first war-time temporary building to be erected in Ottawa. Its first occupants consisted of branches of the Departments of Munitions and Supply, Transport and Finance. A long list of other government departments have occupied the building for various periods since that time.

FISHERIES POLICY SOUGHT

The Canadian Government has taken the initial step to bring about a national fisheries-development policy. Fisheries Minister H.J. Robichaud has written the ten provincial ministers concerned with

fisheries asking their co-operation in formulating a fisheries-development programme to satisfy the needs of all regions.

The provinces have been asked to suggest items for inclusion in such a programme. Their suggestions will be considered by senior officers of the federal Department of Fisheries and incorporated in a draft programme, which will be reviewed at a federal-provincial ministerial conference that Mr. Robichaud says he will call as soon as the necessary preparatory work is complete.

In his letter to the provinces, Mr. Robichaud said he believed that, to be effective, a national development programme should take into account needs for resource development, modernization of fishing methods and processing and the expansion of better domestic and export markets. "It will, of course" he added, "include provincial as well as federal responsibilities, making thorough discussion between our governments essential."

GREEK SCULPTURE FOR CANADA

On May 24, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Paul Martin, accepted for the Government and people of Canada, a copy of a famous ancient Greek sculpture presented at the National Art Gallery by the Foreign Minister of Greece, His Excellency Evangelos Averoff-Tassizza. The gift was a token of the friendship and gratitude of the Greek people for the postwar aid given to them by the Canadian people.

The original relief was carved in the famous workshop of Eleusis in 430 B.C. by a sculptor of the school of Phidias. Unearthed in 1859, it constitutes one of the most valuable acquisitions of the National Archaeological Museum of Athens.

The exact copy presented to Canada was carved by Professor John A. Pappas, Director of the Athens School of Fine Arts. It is seven feet high, four wide, twenty-two inches thick, and weighs 5,700 pounds.

SEAT BELTS A MUST IN B.C.

Legislation has been introduced in the British Columbia legislature under which all 1964 cars must be equipped with seat belts for the driver after October 1. The proposed legislation puts the onus of installing the belts on the auto dealers.

Says B.C. Attorney General Robert W. Bonner: "It is not possible to force people to use seat belts, but only to make it obligatory to have seat belts installed on all new cars".

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