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As one of the major elements in this plan, my Government's area-development programme, which has already been of substantial assistance to industrial expansion in areas of high unemployment, will be expanded, in consultation with the provinces, to other areas where incomes are low. You will be asked to approve measures to aid industrial expansion in these areas and to help people to take full advantage of such improved employment opportunities...

YOUTH CORPS PROJECT

You will be asked to approve the establishment of a Company of Young Canadians, through which the energies and talents of youth can be enlisted in projects for economic and social development both in Canada and abroad...

My Government believes that public policy should be directed to improving the quality of health services and to ensuring that all Canadians can obtain needed health care, irrespective of their ability to pay. Accordingly, my Government will at an early date meet with the governments of the provinces in order to discuss with them the way in which federal and provincial action can most effectively contribute to programmes that will provide health services to Canadians on a comprehensive basis...

My Government is developing new policies to enable farmers generally to achieve larger and more reliable incomes so that their living and working standards will be comparable to those enjoyed in other sectors of our economy. You will be asked to consider measures of special assistance to the family farm in both Eastern and Western Canada....

A measure will be placed before you to amend the Canadian Citizenship Act, particularly in order to ensure full equality of rights for all Canadian citizens wherever they were born.

You will be asked to approve a revision of the Immigration Act in the light of a White Paper which will be placed before you, reviewing immigration policy and procedures....

A measure to establish an age of retirement from the Senate will be placed before you....

SCIENCE COUNCIL PLAN

In order to encourage the progress of scientific research in Canada you will be asked to enact legislation to establish a Science Council of Canada. You will also be asked to authorize a programme for the advancement of industrial technology, designed to make our industry more competitive and efficient.

Arrangements will be made for you to decide the issue of capital punishment. My Government will appoint a special committee to study and make recommendations on a comprehensive policy for the correction and rehabilitation of prisoners.

My Government will appoint a Royal Commission to study the status, form and procedures of adjudicative and regulatory bodies and to investigate the desirability of instituting a parliamentary commissioner, or ombudsman, for Canada....

HISTORIC SHIP TO BE RESTORED

The RCMP schooner "St. Roch", the first vessel to navigate the Northwest Passage from west to east, will be preserved as a national historic monument. National Resources Minister Arthur Laing and Mayor William Rathie of Vancouver recently signed an agreement for its restoration.

Vancouver, which acquired the "St. Roch" in 1954, will erect a closed shelter for her near the Maritime Museum. The Department of National Resources, through its Historic Sites Division, will be responsible for restoring the ship at an estimated cost of \$70,000.

Built in 1928, the 80-ton vessel served for 26 years as an Arctic patrol and supply ship. Her master was RCMP Superintendent (then Staff Sergeant) Henry A. Larsen, who died last year in Vancouver.

FIRST TRIUMPH

The "St. Roch" conquered the Northwest Passage twice - from west to east in 1940-42, and from east to west in 1944. The first of these voyages, from Vancouver to Halifax, took 27½ months; the second, in the opposite direction, only 86 days. Earlier, the sturdy little vessel had been frozen in for seven winters in Arctic waters. In 1943 it patrolled the eastern Arctic.

The two-masted "St. Roch", which usually carried a crew of nine, is 134 feet long, with a beam of 25 feet and a draft of 13 feet when fully laden. She is powered by a diesel engine. Her hull, built of extra-thick timbers of Douglas fir, is protected by a sheath of Australian gunwood from the grinding of icefloes.

FINAL HAVEN

In 1954, the City of Vancouver bought the "St. Roch" from the Federal Government for the cost of sailing it from Halifax - \$5,000. She was displayed that year during the British Empire Games in Vancouver. In 1957, she was transferred to Vancouver's new Maritime Museum, where she was placed in dry-dock as a permanent exhibit. In May 1962, the "St. Roch" was declared a national historic site.

BIRD-SANCTUARY GRANT DOUBLED

The Federal Government will double its \$5,000 annual grant to the Jack Miner Migratory Bird Foundation, National Resources Minister Arthur Laing has announced.

April 10 was the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Jack Miner, who in 1904 established a private bird sanctuary near Kingsville on Lake Erie. Tourists visit this spot each spring and autumn to witness the annual migration of thousands of Canadian geese.

Since 1929 the Federal Government has given an annual grant to help maintain the sanctuary, which is also supported by the Ontario government and private contributions.

The sanctuary is now operated by the son of its founder, Manly Miner, who was a part-time migratory-bird warden with the Canadian Wildlife Service until he retired last month.