Telecommunications

The vast CN-CP Telecommunications network is one of the world's largest, linking every corner of the country with more than 3,000,000 circuit miles of communications facilities.

In addition, CN-CP Telecommunications microwave system, a super high-frequency radio-beam network, continuously flashes complex business data, pictures, messages and voice calls back and forth across the country at the speed of light.

Business communications services include Telex, Data Telex, broadband exchange service, private wire services, Tel-Tex, telemetering for supervisory control of remote operations, a facsimile service, computer message and data-switching service, telegram and cablegram services and local and long-distance telephone services in Newfoundland, the Yukon, the Northwest Territories and northern British Columbia.

Hotels CN Hotels owns or operates hotels in eight Canadian cities and owns a resort in Rockies. The company is actively considering expansion in other cities across Canada in co-operation with private enterprise.

Revenues of CN-operated hotels were \$23.9 million in 1972, an increase of \$1.7 million, or 7.4 per cent, over 1971.

Real estate CN has valuable real-estate holdings in many Canadian cities, which it develops in co-operation with private enterprise. The most spectacular has been the Place Ville Marie development in Montreal. There are now eight large office buildings, including the 42-storey Royal Bank of Canada building, the 1,200 room Queen Elizabeth Hotel and Place Bonaventure, a trade and exhibition centre with the largest facilities of its kind in Canada and a 400-room penthouse hotel built around an enclosed roof-garden.

> Planning is continuing for a joint CN-CP 190-acre Metro Centre project in Toronto. The first stage of that development will include a new rail-corridor, an integrated transportation centre, 1,000,000 square feet of commercial-office space and approximately 2,000 residential units.

A wholly-owned subsidiary, CN Tower Limited, has been incorporated to build, own and operate a tower as an element of the Metro Centre project. In addition to various communications transmission facilities, the tower will include, in a skypod between the 1,100-foot and 1,200-foot levels, a 360-seat revolving dining-room, a lounge, indoor and outdoor observation decks, a snack bar and display areas. The 1,805-foot tower will be the tallest self-supporting structure in the world.

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