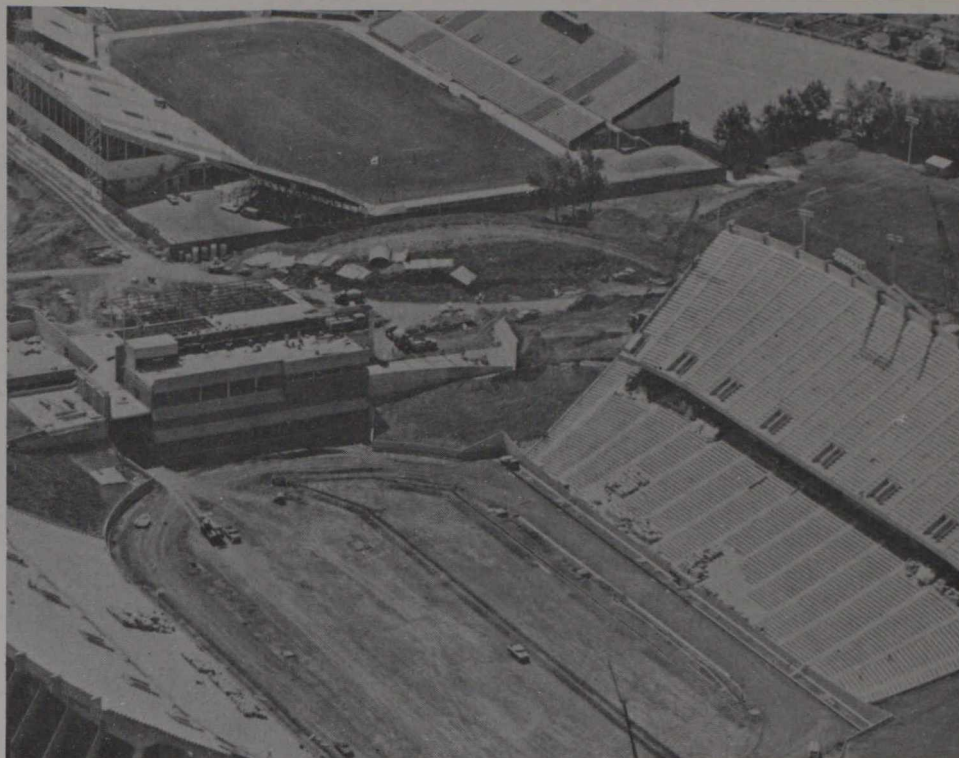


XI Commonwealth Games



of Alberta and the city of Edmonton, as well as from the Games Foundation and private sources, will cost a modest (by international sports standards) \$36 million (approximately Rs. 28 crores). Care has been taken in designing the newly constructed facilities to ensure that they will serve to the maximum the sporting needs of the people of Edmonton once the Games are over. Thus the Commonwealth Stadium which will normally seat 42,000 will be used by the city's professional football team in addition to providing track facilities for amateur athletes. The same applies to the aquatic centre which has been described as the least expensive public "country club" in Canada. As part of a sport complex which already boasts a soccer pitch, tennis, hand ball and squash courts, nature trails, picnic areas and children's playgrounds, the aquatic centre with its two olympic size pools, diving tank and hydrotherapeutic pool will be just one more facility to attract the people of Edmonton to this outstanding complex. Even the needs of handicapped people have been taken into consideration in



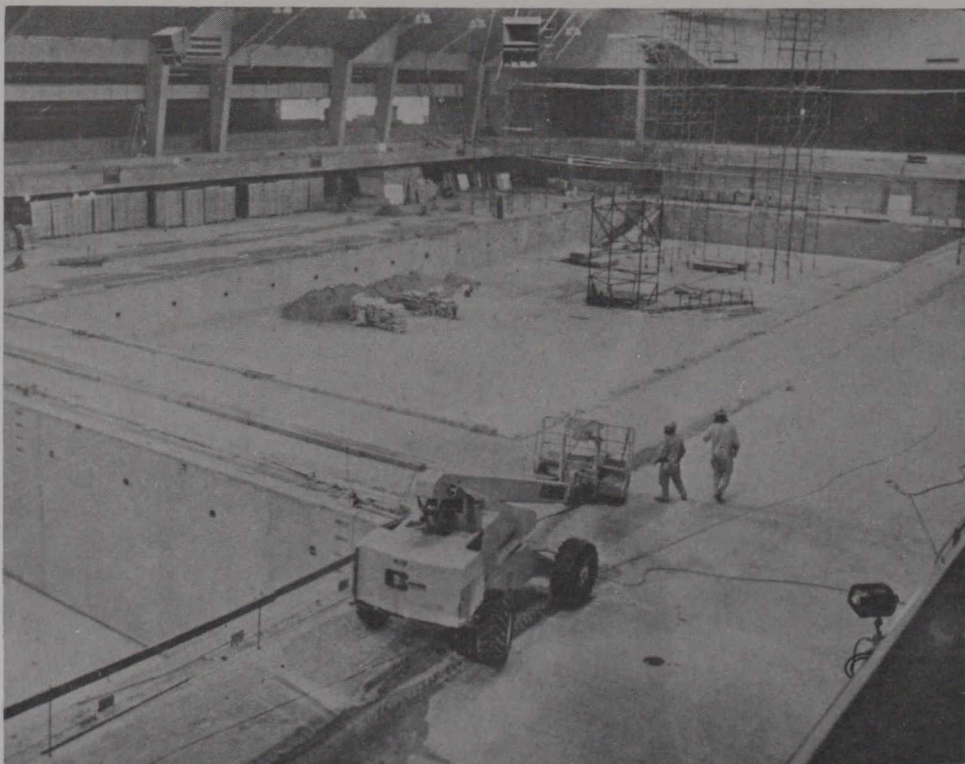
Construction on the Commonwealth Stadium with its sports centre is expected to be completed by the end of 1977.

constructing these new facilities with ramps and elevators being provided which can allow persons confined to wheel-chairs access to the health and fitness centre available to them.

Another unique feature of the games will be the utilization of a computerized

network to handle communications. Whereas the 1970 Games in Edinburgh, Scotland were known as "The Electronic Games" because of the employment for the first time of an electronic photo finish system, the 1978 Games may well become known as "The Computerized Games". For these will be the first Games to compile, record and distribute the product of the electronic timing systems by computer simultaneously throughout the Commonwealth. As well, if asked, the computer will supply within seconds the historical data of the athletes or the participating nation to back up that result and a comparison of the result with national, Commonwealth and world records. Such is the wonder of the computer that it will make all of this available to audiences throughout the Commonwealth in the fastest possible time ever to be experienced in the history of the Games.

Judging from what is available at Edmonton, if facilities alone were to make the Games a success, then the XI Commonwealth Games will be the best yet. But even more important than good facilities is the presence of the athletes themselves. It is the hope of the Government of Canada that each Commonwealth country will send its best athletes to Edmonton to ensure the continued success of the Games idea. Although the deadline for entry into the Games is not until May 1978, already 24 countries



As seen in July 1977, the finishing touches are about to be put on the Kinsman Aquatic Centre. The facility is now completed and will be used shortly for the "Canada Cup of Diving" competition.