

cial Affairs, responsible for the Quebec Housing Corporation Act.

The agreement also provides for additional funds to be made available to the Quebec Housing Corporation if supplementary housing programs are required before the end of 1971.

Moreover, in keeping with decisions reached by the Prime Minister of Canada and the Premier of Quebec, the agreement provides for the establishment of a committee to study techniques and procedures of housing and related programs.

Mr. Andras and Mr. Tessier both mentioned the agreement was the result of the closest co-operation between the two governments. The objectives, they said, were intended not only to improve the housing conditions of individuals and families faced with severe housing problems, but also, in the short term, to provide major investments to help combat unemployment.

The ministers acknowledged that housing was a priority item for both governments and that, within available financial resources, every effort would be made to deal with existing problems not only at the governmental level but also in co-operation with the various private institutions that traditionally invest in housing. Both ministers appealed to private enterprise stressing that the role of government was residual and that the dominant role was usually played by industry and the lending institutions.

The federal funds will be made available by the Quebec Housing Corporation directly to municipalities, non-profit organizations, universities and other authorized institutions.

### FIRST ESKIMO WEATHER STATION

Four young Eskimos, members of the West Baffin Eskimo Co-operative, started operation last September of the Ministry of Transport's first all-Eskimo meteorological station at Cape Dorset, Baffin Island. The men are Kardik Samuellié, Isaaci Osowetok, Sailar Osoochiak and Mathewsie Igiu, all of Cape Dorset.

The men began a-one-and-a-half-month training program at Frobisher Bay in July, which included three weeks of classroom training, two weeks on-the-job instruction at the Frobisher Bay station, and a final two weeks of classroom work. They are now stationed at Cape Dorset in a new and well-equipped meteorological station.

### WORK OF THE STATION

The new station is designed to handle the meteorological tasks that in the past have been performed at the Transport Ministry's marine radio station on Nottingham Island, in the entrance to Hudson Bay. Since 1928, and until last year, this station provided both communications and meteorological services for shipping.

Last year, as a result of the development of new and more efficient communications facilities in the Far North, the station's services were reduced to the operation of an automatic radio beacon and the provision of weather reports to the Transport Ministry's meteorological network.

The new Cape Dorset weather station will provide reports to shipping but its program will be of special importance to the rapidly growing air traffic over the Arctic and sub-Arctic regions. It will be an important new component of the nation-wide meteorological observing network.

The Eskimo staff will make 14-hourly surface weather observations each day, including such things as wind direction and speed, temperature, humidity, barometric readings, cloud ceiling and quantity, precipitation and visibility. At six-hour intervals a synoptic weather report will be made, thus rounding out a broad recording and reporting program for use by forecasters throughout the Ministry's meteorological network.

### CANADIAN FISH CLEAN

Fish caught in Canadian coastal waters have been given a clean bill of health in the inspection program to test their mercury content.

Fisheries Minister Jack Davis has stated that canned salmon is well below the permissible level of .5 parts in a million and that all fresh and frozen marine species from both coasts show no mercury problem to date. Samples of fresh salmon, groundfish and shellfish were taken from commercial fishermen's catches for tests.

There is a mercury problem in canned imported tuna and all lots are detained and checked for contamination.

"Saltwater fish, both canned and fresh, are absolutely safe," the Minister said. "Our intensive inspection program is a guarantee to all consumers."

### RIGHT DOWN OUR ALLEY

Pedestrians in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, are now liable to a maximum fine of \$100 or 30 days in jail if they don't walk on the righthand side of the sidewalk and crosswalks. A recent amendment to the city's traffic bylaws, submitted by Alderman Raynell Andreychuk and passed by the Moose Jaw City Council earlier this month, is intended to prevent walkers from colliding. The minimum fine for an offence is \$10.

"I just can't see any sense keeping to the right at the corner of 16th Avenue and Grandview Street," said Mr. Gordon Pritchard, one of four aldermen who opposed the motion. "You would," retorted Miss Andreychuk, "if I was coming from the other direction."