

agreed types of projects. In particular, a large expansion in the construction and equipment of our system of airports and airways will be proposed and an increase in our work on harbours and rivers and public buildings.

In order to promote our national development on the frontier in the north you will be asked to authorize the construction of a railway to Great Slave Lake. My Ministers regard this as a major step in the establishment of productive industry on an economic basis in the Northwest Territories. You will also be asked to provide for the construction of important roads needed for development in the Yukon and Northwest Territories and in the provinces, with the cooperation of their Governments. You will be asked to provide for the initiation of a programme of research to assist in opening up the mineral resources of our Arctic Islands.

My Ministers have made progress in arrangements for the construction of the South Saskatchewan project. Proposals will be placed before you to make possible the commencement, this year, of the construction of the main dam intended to create a great reservoir in the heart of the prairie in order to further the productive development of this part of Canada.

The easing of the stringency in the capital markets of Canada during the past eight months encourages confidence in the expectation that large programmes of public investment can be successfully financed not only by my Government and its agencies but also by Provincial Governments and municipalities. My Ministers remain mindful of the importance of financing their large programme of expenditures in such manner as will best safeguard against a recurrence of inflationary dangers in future. They wish to urge upon all groups in our society a recognition of the dangers and inequities of inflation and the need to restrain demands which will give rise to increases in prices and the costs of production.

The improvements in our financial relations with the Provinces made by the last Parliament are having a beneficial effect upon our economy by making it possible for Provincial Governments and their municipalities to proceed with greater confidence upon expanded programmes of necessary services and works.

There will be placed before you a proposal to establish a new agency to regulate broadcasting in Canada and to ensure that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and the privately owned broadcasting stations work effectively together to constitute a national system to provide satisfactory television and radio services to all Canadians within reach. Related amendments to the Radio Act will also be proposed.

To promote and guide the proper long-term development of our National Capital region upon lines worthy of our nation, my Government will request you to enact a new National Capital Act to replace the present Federal District Commission Act.

Changes will be proposed in the Hospital Insurance and Diagnostic Services Act to make certain that payments may be made to participating Provinces qualifying under the Act in respect of any periods commencing after June this year.