

The winter-works programme at present in progress in the national parks would ordinarily end March 31, 1963.

The work to be carried out under the programme extension calls for an expenditure of more than \$800,000. Over 100 projects are included in the programme, and will provide close to 1,700 man-months of employment.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Canada's school population increased by nearly 2,000,000 in the 1951-61 period, according to a 1961 Census report released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. In addition to showing the numbers attending and not attending school, this report shows the highest grade attended for each of these two groups. A later report will classify school attendance and schooling data by age groups.

POPULATION AT SCHOOL

In 1961, 4,366,416 persons 5 years of age and over attended school, compared to 2,468,881 in 1951, an increase of 1,897,535, or nearly 77 per cent, in the decade. Since the population from 5 to 24 years of age, accounting for almost all the school population, increased by only 40 per cent, it is evident that the proportion of this age group attending school rose appreciably between 1951 and 1961. More than three-quarters of the 1961 school population was enrolled in elementary schools, while 937,000, or 22 per cent, attended secondary schools and 115,000, or 3 per cent, went to university.

POPULATION NOT AT SCHOOL

In the 1961 Census, 11.6 million persons 5 years of age and over reported they had not attended school during the previous scholastic year. For the most part, this group represented those who had completed their formal education. Of this total, 5,067,764, or 44.6 per cent, had received one or more years of elementary education, 5,215,154, or 44.9 per cent, had attended at least one year of secondary school, 349,933, or 3.0 per cent, had received some university education before leaving school and 326,903, or 2.8 per cent, had obtained a degree. Also 661,676, or 5.7 per cent, were reported to have received no schooling. Most of this group are children five and six years of age who had not yet started to school.

WORLD ECONOMIC PROBLEMS DEMAND WORLD SOLUTIONS

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missions, designed to assist Canadian producers to visit purchasers in various countries of the world and learn at first hand the type of products they are interested in purchasing, and then apply our skills and technical know-how to produce those products. In the year ahead, Canada will, on the average every two weeks, have a trade mission composed of qualified Canadian producers visit consumers somewhere in the world where we feel we have a product competitive with any that can be purchased anywhere else.

TRADE FAIRS

"In a further step to show you the quality of Canadian production, we have enlarged our participation in trade fairs around the world. During the current year, Canada will participate in 33 trade fairs in different countries, and we hope through this medium to display in your various countries Canadian products of a quality, design and price comparable to those obtainable from other producers.

"The 'World Markets - Machinery' programme, which has been conducted across Canada during the past week, is the first part of the four-part 'Operation World Markets' programme. This overall programme, designed to assist Canadian producers to acquire a greater share of world markets, is, I am informed, the most extensively organized effort to expand trade made by any democratic country in the world to date....

"The fourth stage of 'Operation World Markets' has been planned in the form of a conference at Ottawa between our trade commissioners from round the world and individual Canadian businessmen. We are asking businessmen to come to Ottawa and sit down individually with our trade commissioners and discuss with them the possibility for sales of their products in those regions of the world where they represent Canada's trade interests. The caliber of these gentlemen in the foreign trade service of Canada, and their knowledge, not only of business practices and procedures, but of potential markets abroad, provides Canadian businessmen with an opportunity to discuss market potential for their products, which they cannot afford to miss...."