

## BOYS TODAY, SOLDIERS TOMORROW

The soldier-apprentice training plan of the Canadian Army, which celebrates its twelfth anniversary this year, has, in that relatively short time, provided the Army with a good supply of skilled tradesmen. Many former apprentices are now non-commissioned officers, and some have been commissioned.

Officers responsible for the plan say that the boys who joined the Army as apprentices at the age of 16 and took special academic and technical training have lived up to expectations. Not only have they proved to be resourceful and ambitious, but they have also acquired a sound foundation on which to build a successful Army career.

Continuing with the plan, the Army hopes to enrol 500 French-speaking and English-speaking apprentices under the 1964 programme. Enrolment began on April 1 and will continue until August 7 for French-speaking applicants and September 4 for those who speak English.

### STANDARDS FOR ENROLMENT

In order to qualify for enrolment, applicants must be 16 years old and meet the physical and academic standards for trades training in Army training establishments. The minimum educational standard is Grade 9, except for Quebec applicants, who may enrol if they have Grade 8. Applicants undergo rigorous enrolment examinations, and only those who have suitable aptitudes, intelligence, character, industry and motivation are accepted.

Each youth enrolls for seven years, with an option of release at the end of five. During the first two years he becomes a trained soldier, qualifies in an Army trade, and advances two school grades. Some apprentices advance further academically through private study and Army-sponsored correspondence courses.

While he is under the age of 17, an apprentice soldier receives \$60.00 a month; this is increased to the full pay for a private of \$112.00 a month when he reaches 17.

In their apprenticeship years, the young soldiers are taught the skills and trades training special to the corps or service in which they have enrolled.

Apprentices receive free board, lodgings and clothing, plus medical and dental care. They also receive 30 days paid leave each year.

### ARMY CORPS SCHOOLS

This year apprentice training will be carried out at six Army schools: the Royal Canadian School of Artillery, Camp Shilo, Manitoba; the Royal Canadian School of Military Engineering, Chilliwack, British Columbia; the Royal Canadian School of Signals, Barriefield, Ontario; the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps School, Camp Borden, Ontario; the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps School at Longue Pointe, near Montreal, Quebec; and the Royal Canadian School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, Barriefield, Ontario.

All French-speaking apprentices will go to the RCOE School at Longue Pointe in Montreal for their first year's training.

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND FERRY

The Department of Transport is calling tenders for the construction of a ferry to be operated by Canadian National Railways between Cape Tormentine, New Brunswick, and Borden, Prince Edward Island.

The vessel will be able to carry railway cars, trucks and automobiles, and will be built to the full ice-breaking requirements of the Department of Transport, Lloyds Register of Shipping, and the Canadian Board of Steamship Inspection. It will be capable of carrying 24 fully-loaded rail cars and 90 automobiles, and will have accommodation for 1,000 day passengers and 82 crew members.

### DIMENSIONS AND PROPULSION

The vessel will be 400 feet in length overall with a beam of 67 feet, a maximum load draft of 20 feet and an approximate displacement of 8,700 tons. It will be quadruple screw, two propellers forward and two aft, powered by diesel-electric machinery developing 13,600 shaft horse-power. It will have a service speed of 17 knots.

The ship will be arranged with stern and side loading facilities to suit the loading of rail cars by the stern and automobiles and trucks by the stern and side openings, as required by the terminals. There will be a wheelhouse, chartroom and radio room on the navigating bridge, with all the officer and crew accommodation arranged at the boat-deck level. The passenger accommodation, consisting of lounges, cafeteria and cabins, will be situated on the promenade deck above the enclosed automobile deck. Automobiles and rail cars will be carried in enclosed spaces suitably ventilated and arranged for this purpose.

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## FOLK CULTURE ON DISPLAY

Artists from all 10 provinces of Canada will present a programme of folk songs and dances, which will follow the chronological order in which each province entered Confederation, as a feature of Dominion Day ceremonies on Parliament Hill, Ottawa, July 1. The Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Mr. René Tremblay, will preside.

### PARTICIPANTS

Among the artists taking part will be a group of Japanese dancers from British Columbia, a Ukrainian dance group from Saskatchewan, an Italian singing group representing Ontario, Les Feux Follets from Quebec, the Acadian Folk Singers of New Brunswick, the Fraser Sisters of Prince Edward Island, and the Newfoundland Male Octette.

Special ceremonies have been held on Parliament Hill since 1958 in observance of Canada's national birthday. For the first three years, the performances consisted of military displays, which were presented in the presence of Canadian and foreign dignitaries. A programme of folk dancing and music was introduced in 1961.