

apparent that constructive measures are required to improve the year-round viability of the ports. As announced by the Honourable J.W. Pickersgill in the House of Commons, the Atlantic Development Board is undertaking special studies of the ports of Halifax and Saint John with a view to analyzing these problems and recommending steps that might be taken by the Government of Canada to assure their economic future.

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### FITNESS RESEARCH GRANTS

Grants to ten research agencies for studies of many aspects of physical fitness were recently announced by Miss Judy LaMarsh, the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Assisted by some \$180,000 under the Fitness and Amateur Sport Programme, university centres across Canada will investigate factors affecting physical health and performance among groups ranging from children to adult athletes.

Aid was approved on the recommendation of the National Advisory Council on Fitness and Amateur Sport and its review committee of experts in physical education and related medical fields.

Through the 12 short-term projects to be assisted, further basic knowledge will be gained concerning Canadian needs in the development of fitness and how these needs can best be met. Also, as part of a continuing programme, the University of Ottawa will receive \$30,600 to expand the resources of its national bilingual Documentation Centre, which was established last year to provide information on fitness research.

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### CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Canada's consumer price index rose 0.3 per cent, to 135.0 in April from 134.6 in March, and thus was 2.0 per cent above the April 1963 index of 132.3. In April, higher prices in five of the seven main component groups exceeded declines that occurred in the transportation and recreation-and-reading components.

The *food index* advanced 0.4 per cent, to 131.8 from 131.3 in March. Higher prices were reported for a variety of items, including fruits, beef, poultry, coffee, milk, ice cream, flour, soda crackers, macaroni, shortening, and some vegetables. Prices were lower for sugar, bread, cookies, eggs, a few vegetables, and some cuts of meat.

The *housing index* increased 0.2 per cent, to 137.8 from 137.5. The shelter index was up 0.2 per cent owing to higher prices for repairs. The household-operation component rose 0.3 per cent because of higher prices for furniture, appliances, utensils and equipment. Prices were down slightly for floor coverings and household supplies.

The *clothing index* advanced 0.4 per cent, to 119.1 from 118.6, higher prices being reported for men's and women's wear, piece goods, footwear, and jewellery. Prices for children's wear were lower.

The *transportation index* eased down 0.1 per cent, to 142.8 from 143.0. Prices were higher for motor oil in some cities, but were outweighed by lower prices for new cars.

The *health-and-personal-care index* rose 0.7 per cent, to 166.5 from 165.4. The health-care component advanced 0.9 per cent with higher prices in general for doctors' and dentists' fees and optical care.

The *recreation-and-reading index* decreased 0.9 per cent, to 151.0 from 152.3. Higher prices for newspapers in some cities were outweighed by lower subscription rates for certain magazines.

The *tobacco-and-alcohol index* edged up 0.1 per cent, to 119.5 from 119.4, as a result of higher liquor prices in Western Canada and New Brunswick.

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### OFFICER-TRAINING PROGRAMME

Applications are now being accepted for the Canadian Army's officer-candidate programme. The training, designed to prepare suitable young men for short-service commissions in the Regular Army, begins in mid-September.

Candidates must be single, not over 23 years old, and must possess junior matriculation or equivalent standing in mathematics, science, English or French and history or "social studies". They must meet the Army's physical-fitness standards, and must enroll for a period of five years.

Unmarried men already serving in the ranks may also apply, provided they are not over 33 years of age when promoted to officer cadet.

On completion of the training programme, successful candidates are commissioned as second lieutenants and posted to units of the Regular Army. They may request to serve in the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery, Royal Canadian Corps of Signals, Royal Canadian Infantry Corps, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps, Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps, Royal Canadian Army Pay Corps or Canadian Provost Corps.

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### SCULPTURE WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Seventeen pieces of sculpture have been accepted for the Second Exhibition of Canadian Sculpture, sponsored by the National Gallery of Canada, and will be displayed at the Gallery from June 5 to September 13.

Sculptors in all parts of Canada were invited to submit photographs of their works, and a jury of three experts chose the exhibition from 267 submissions by 115 artists. The jury, under the chairmanship of Mr. Herbert Ferber, internationally-known New York sculptor, included Mr. Ronald Bloore, director of the Norman Mackenzie Art Gallery in Regina, and Mr. John A. MacAulay, Q.C., of Winnipeg, a prominent Canadian collector.

The seventeen winning entries range dramatically in size (from two feet to twelve feet high), in style and in technique. The diverse media include wood, welded steel, wood and nails, stone and wood and canvas.