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### FOREST FIRE RECORD

For the second successive month, the number of forest fires in Canada has been the largest on record.

The federal Forestry Branch has reported that 2,174 forest fires destroyed 297,000 acres of forest in Canada during August. This is a greater number of fires than has previously been reported in August.

July also showed the worst forest-fire experience on record, when 2,867 fires ravaged more than 628,000 acres of forest.

Until this year, the largest number of August forest fires was 2,109, recorded in 1953, a total that did not include fires in the Yukon and Northwest Territories. This August, excluding the fires in the northern territories, there were 2,149.

Statistics issued by the Forestry Branch of the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources show that 7,170 fires had destroyed or damaged 1,089,000 acres of forested land this year by the end of August. With two dry months still to be reported on, 1960 may be one of the worst years for forest fires on record. Forestry officials note only one sign of improvement in the figures they have been compiling on fire losses: the average area burned this year is 137 acres, a decrease from 151 acres of last year.

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### CANADA COUNCIL LECTURES

In an effort to enable Canadian universities to bring outstanding scholars to their campuses for short periods, the Canada Council has inaugurated a programme of aid to visiting lecturers. Under this scheme the Council will help defray travel costs and contribute to the honorarium paid to the lecturer on the condition that other expenses be paid by the host university. The Council also stipulates that an attempt be made to arrange for a visit to one other Canadian college, in order that the maximum number of students may benefit from the presence of a senior scholar of international reputation in the country. In March the Council announced grants to the following universities: McGill, to bring professor A.K. S. Lambton of the University of London to lecture at the Institute of Islamic Studies; Carleton University, to bring Mr. Bryan Keith-Lucas of Oxford to conduct a graduate seminar in Municipal Administration; the University of British Columbia, to bring Dr. A. Richmond of the University of Edinburgh to hold seminars in the Department of Anthropology and Sociology; University of Montreal, to bring Professor

B. Inhelder of the University of Geneva to lecture at the Institute of Psychology for a short period in the course of his visit to the U.S.; and to the Royal Military College, to bring Professor Angus McIntosh of the Scottish Dialect Survey for a similar short term. A grant was also given to McMaster University to bring Professor C.J. Sisson, noted Shakespearean editor and scholar to the Shakespeare seminar held at the Stratford Festival this summer.

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### HIGHWAY TO YELLOWKNIFE

Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, is now on the highway map of Canada.

On October 6, Northern Affairs Minister Alvin Hamilton announced that the 281-mile "Great Slave Lake Highway" to the mining capital of the Territories was open after five years of sub-arctic road building and the expenditure of nearly \$12 million. While work remains to be done, the road can now be used for most of the year. Traffic will be interrupted during freeze-up and break-up periods.

Ferry service is to be provided this year, until freeze-up, where the road crosses the Mackenzie River at Fort Providence by the motor-vessel "Snare", which was used by the road builders to transport material across the river. Next spring, a new MV, of 65-tons capacity, will be put into service. Ferry service will continue until late October or early November. For the winter months, an ice bridge will be constructed to carry traffic across the Mackenzie.

"The completion of this new road will have a stimulating effect on the economic development of the area it serves" said Mr. Hamilton, "and there are already indications that it will be used to move substantial tonnages of heavy freight for the mining industry".

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### NEW BRIDGES IN YUKON

Two new bridges, spanning the Steward and Pelly Rivers, on the highway from Whitehorse to Keno, were opened on October 9 by Erik Nielsen, M.P. for the Yukon.

The bridges replace ferry services previously operating at the river crossings and provide year-round road communication from the capital of the Yukon Territory to Keno, 280 miles distant, and Dawson, 338 miles distant. When the ferries operated, traffic could move for only nine months of the year because of the interruptions caused by freeze-up and break-up. Even in summer there were delays and inconveniences caused by limited ferry capacity.

In Ottawa, the Minister of Northern Affairs said that the construction of the Stewart and Pelly bridges, together with the Carmacks Bridge opened last year, would fill a major