

of achieving practical and mutually advantageous solutions to existing problems. This mutual desire on the part of our respective Governments has borne fruit in the agreement we have signed today, and I am sure that today's agreement will be only the first of many steps in the further development of closer relations between our two countries.

"I should also hope that the spirit of goodwill which has brought about today's agreement could be duplicated more often in the international sphere where so many problems remain unresolved. In this respect, I firmly believe that countries such as ours have a positive contribution to make in the achievement of world peace and it behoves us to take up the challenge and exert every possible effort to achieve that goal."

WAGES OF NORTHERN TEACHERS

Indian Affairs and Northern Development Minister Arthur Laing recently announced salary increases for teachers employed by his Department. The increases are based on regional rates, a separate schedule being provided for each of seven regions in the provinces and a separate one for the North. The salaries were formerly based on a uniform national rate, with additional salary and allowances for teachers in the North. The regional-rate method was adopted to pay teachers employed by the Department salaries that were competitive with those paid to teachers in the area where they are employed. The regional plan will also be consistent with the long-term objective of educating Indian children under provincial authority.

The new schedules for Indian Affairs teachers provide for varying amounts of increase retroactive to September 1, 1966, the minimum being four per cent.

WATER RESEARCH CENTRE

Work will begin this spring on a national inland-water research centre at Burlington, Ontario. Mr. Jean-Luc Pépin, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources said that during the next two years, his Department would spend an estimated \$5,727,500 on the new establishment where studies of the Great Lakes and other inland waters would be carried out with emphasis on water pollution and methods of controlling it.

Mr. Pépin said that population forecasts for the Great Lakes international drainage basin indicated an increase from the present 30 to 35 million to perhaps 80 million by the end of the century, including some 17 million in Ontario. "So far as existing and scheduled water pollution abatement works fall short of coping with pollution resulting from the present population," Mr. Pépin said, "it is clear that forecast growth will impose even greater problems in the near future."

As well as government scientists, engineers and economists, universities may also use the new facilities. In conjunction with the universities, the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources is planning further development of the research centre aimed at serving the interests of both groups.

There are nine universities and independent colleges within a 50-mile radius of the Burlington site. This, said Mr. Pépin, was one of the reasons for choosing this location.

SOCIAL ROLE OF FOREIGN FIRMS

Trade Minister Winters recently announced up-dated figures on the response from foreign-owned subsidiaries in Canada to the issuance of "some guiding principles of good corporate behaviour" set forth in a letter written a year ago to heads of foreign-owned subsidiaries. Mr. Winters explained that the basic purpose of the programme had been to clarify the nature of the responsibilities of foreign-owned companies to the national community in which they operated and to help develop a clearer understanding of the contribution and role of these subsidiaries within the Canadian economy.

In subsequent follow-up letters, the companies had been asked for their reaction to the principles and to indicate the extent to which they conformed.

From the 3,500 subsidiary companies circularized, nearly 1,900 replies have been received, representing some 2,300 companies in all, and more are expected from a number of companies that have indicated they are preparing their replies.

Mr. Winters said that a report on the results of the survey would be available soon.

CENTENNIAL THEATRICAL EXHIBIT

Highlights of the first century of Canadian theatre will be illustrated this summer at Stratford, Ontario. It is hoped that the collection on display, which is to be augmented from year to year, will eventually be housed in the Centre for the Performing Arts in Ottawa.

The exhibit will feature costume designs and costumes, three-dimensional set models, properties and posters, as well as many curios and mementoes. It will also comprise a small cinema for the showing of theatrical films, recordings of Canadian productions and a huge electronic map showing routes taken by touring companies of yesterday and today and locations of theatre and opera houses.

This showing will not replace the regular Festival Exhibition, which will include during the 1967 season, the Sidney Fisher collection of Shakespearean books, a display of costumes, properties and designs, and special exhibits of books and music.
