

Projects in which the provinces and the Federal Government shared the cost equally accounted for over \$13,700,000 of the total expenditures, with federal research, fully paid by the Federal Government, accounting for the balance.

#### PROVINCIAL FIGURES

Expenditures by provinces were: Newfoundland, \$578,122; Prince Edward Island, \$419,516; Nova Scotia, \$1,350,829; New Brunswick, \$596,647; Quebec, \$4,651,102; Ontario, \$1,851,878; Manitoba, \$1,236,312; Saskatchewan, \$2,604,594; Alberta, \$1,366,729 and British Columbia, \$1,660,948.

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#### PARKS CENTENNIAL BOOK

Mr. Arthur Laing, the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, recently announced the publication of a new collection of photographs depicting the wilderness aspect and natural beauty of Canada's national parks.

The full-colour, bilingual publication commemorates not only Canada's centennial but also the eightieth anniversary of the founding of the national park system.

Photographs for the book were chosen from a new series produced by the internationally-known William Gibbons of Vancouver during a trip across Canada last autumn.

#### PRESENTATION COPIES

Leather-bound copies of the book, which is entitled *Canada's National Parks*, were presented to Governor-General Michener and Prime Minister Pearson.

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#### CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

During May and June, consumer price indexes in Canada advanced in all cities except St. John's, Newfoundland, where there was no change. The increases ranged from 2.2 per cent in Winnipeg, largely as a result of the introduction of the Manitoba 5 per cent sales tax, to 0.2 per cent in Saskatoon-Regina.

Food index movements were mixed, with increases in six cities and declines in four. The price of food advanced most in Winnipeg, Toronto and Ottawa, where rises of 1.8 per cent, 1.6 per cent and 1.3 per cent respectively, were recorded. The largest decrease in food prices occurred in Montreal where this index declined by 0.4 per cent. Housing indexes rose in all cities except St. John's, which recorded a slight decline. There were also widespread increases in the clothing indexes with advances in all cities except Vancouver, while the indexes for the transportation and the recreation-and-reading components rose in all ten cities without exception. Health-and-personal-care index movements were mixed, with advances in two cities, declines in seven and no change in one. The only change recorded in the tobacco and alcohol indexes occurred in Winnipeg, where

the effect of the Manitoba sales tax caused a rise of 3.3 per cent.

#### REGIONAL CITIES

**St. John's:** The all-items index for June was unchanged at the preceding month's level of 129.2. Minor price advances in clothing, transportation and recreation and reading were offset by lower prices for food, housing and health and personal care.

**Halifax:** The all-items index rose 0.3 per cent to 140.7 in June from 140.3 in May. Increases were recorded in all components except food, which declined marginally, and tobacco and alcohol, which remained unchanged.

**Saint John:** The all-items index advanced 0.3 per cent to 144.4 in June from 143.9 in May as a result of increases in all components except health and personal care, which declined, and tobacco and alcohol, which remained unchanged.

**Montreal:** The all-items index moved up 0.3 per cent to 147.6 in June from 147.2 in May, with increases being recorded in the housing, clothing, transportation and recreation-and-reading components. Health and personal care and tobacco and alcohol were unchanged, while the food index registered a 0.4 per cent decrease.

**Ottawa:** An increase of 0.5 per cent brought the all-items index to 147.0 in June from 146.2 in May because of price rises in all components except health and personal care, which declined, and tobacco and alcohol, which remained constant.

**Toronto:** The all-items index for June rose 0.6 per cent to 150.7 from 149.8 in the preceding month as a result of a 1.6 per cent advance in food prices and lesser increases in all other components except health and personal care and tobacco and alcohol. The health and personal care component declined, while tobacco and alcohol remained unchanged.

**Winnipeg:** The introduction of a 5 per cent Manitoba retail sales tax, effective June 1, was the major factor contributing to the 2.2 per cent increase in the Winnipeg all-items index which rose to 145.0 in June from 141.9 in May. Increases were recorded in all components of the index, ranging from 3.8 per cent for clothing to 1.2 per cent for housing. Food prices, to which the sales tax was not applicable, rose by 1.8 per cent.

**Saskatoon-Regina:** The all-items index edged up 0.2 per cent to 139.4 in June from 139.1 in May. Increases in the housing, clothing, transportation and recreation-and-reading components outweighed declines in food and health and personal care. Tobacco and alcohol prices were unchanged.

**Edmonton-Calgary:** The all-items index for June rose 0.4 per cent to 139.5 from its May level of 138.9 as a result of increases in all components except health and personal care, which showed a slight decrease, and tobacco and alcohol, which did not change.

**Vancouver:** The all-items index moved upward by 0.3 per cent in June to 143.5 from 143.0 in the preceding month. Increases recorded in the food, housing, transportation and recreation-and-reading components outweighed declines in clothing and in health and personal care. The tobacco and alcohol index showed no change.