

end of 1957 compared to a year earlier. Mileage in the Yukon and Northwest Territories was smaller owing to the deletion of duplication of mileage of the Alaska highway in 1957.

Total surfaced mileage for the provinces and territories at the end of 1957 in order of magnitude was (1956 figures in brackets): Ontario, 66,288 miles (65,723); Alberta, 40,128 (35,715); Quebec, 38,678 (32,088); Saskatchewan, 35,540 (27,065); British Columbia, 14,654 (13,874); New Brunswick, 13,128 (13,063); Nova Scotia, 9,592 (9,441); Newfoundland, 3,319 (2,826); Prince Edward Island, 2,176 (2,020); and the Yukon and Northwest Territories, 2,148 (2,699).

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WORKS PROGRAMME

The Minister, Mr. Alvin Hamilton, has announced a programme of special works totalling over \$12,000,000 that will be undertaken by the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources. It is expected to provide more than 32,000 man-months of employment during the coming winter and spring.

The Department will be conducting a programme of major works in the National Parks and in Northern Canada and, in addition, will be administering for the Federal Government the co-operative programmes with the provinces for forest access roads, for campgrounds and picnic areas throughout the provinces and for the special campground-picnic area projects along the Trans-Canada Highway.

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PRINCE ALBERT BRIDGE

Mr. J.T. Douglas, Minister of Highways and Transportation for the Province of Saskatchewan, and Mr. Alvin Hamilton, Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources for Canada, have announced the signing of an agreement for the construction of a four-lane traffic bridge over the North Saskatchewan

River at the City of Prince Albert. This structure will replace existing traffic lanes on a railway bridge, and will fulfill a long-felt need and increasingly urgent requirement in Northern Saskatchewan.

The Saskatchewan Department of Highways will be responsible for design and supervision of construction, and the estimated \$2.5 million cost will be shared, 50 per cent by the Government of Canada, 37.5 per cent by the Government of Saskatchewan and 12.5 per cent by the City of Prince Albert. The City of Prince Albert and the Government of Saskatchewan will share equally in necessary improvements to approach roads to this new bridge.

Contingent on river conditions, it should be possible to make a modest start on the structure before the spring break-up in 1959, and it is expected that the structure will be open to traffic in the fall of 1960.

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NEW AMBASSADORS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs has announced the appointment of Mr. R.P. Bower, who until recently has been Ambassador to Venezuela, as Ambassador to Argentina, to succeed Mr. L.P. Picard.

On November 5, His Excellency, Commodore Marcelo Aubone presented to the Governor General his letters of credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Argentina to Canada.

His Excellency, Brigadier General Luis Ernesto Ordonez presented to the Governor General his letter of credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Colombia to Canada on November 3.

The ceremonies took place at Government House. The Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. N.A. Robertson, was in attendance on the Governor General on both occasions. The chief of Protocol, Mr. H.F. Feaver, presented the Ambassadors to the Governor General.

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