

endeavor concerned with providing a means of detecting concealed magnetic mineral deposits.

Grants of \$1150, \$950 and \$450 were made respectively to Carleton University, Ecole Polytechnique and Lakehead University. The grant to Carleton is for new work on a project that it is hoped will be of significance in prospecting for massive sulphide deposits; that to Ecole Polytechnique is for a continuing project concerned with obtaining a thorough understanding of the distribution and composition of the niobium-bearing minerals at Oka, Quebec. The grant to Lakehead University is for research on a new project concerning the preglacial lakeshore in the northern Lake Superior area.

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### AFRICAN TOUR BY CANADIAN ENVOY

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Howard Green, announces that M. Pierre Dupuy, Canadian Ambassador to France, has undertaken an official goodwill tour of a number of African states, mainly those that recently obtained their independence and membership in the United Nations.

M. Dupuy left Paris on November 5 and will return there on or about December 22. During the tour M. Dupuy is calling on members of the government and senior officials in each territory.

In M. Dupuy's itinerary the following countries will probably be included: Sudan, Ethiopia, French Somaliland, the Malagasy Republic, Kenya, Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Republic of Congo (Brazzaville), Central African Republic, Chad, Gabon, Cameroun, Dahomey, Niger, Upper Volta, Togo, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Guinea, Republic of Mali, Senegal, and Mauritania.

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### FINANCING PUBLIC CAMPGROUNDS

The Federal Government has once again offered to share with the provinces the cost of constructing campgrounds and picnic areas during the coming winter. The federal offer announced on November 2 by Mr. Walter Dinsdale, Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources, is part of the Government's plan to provide winter work projects across Canada.

Under this programme, the Federal Government will contribute up to 50 per cent of provincial expenditures on campgrounds and picnic areas between November 1 and April 30, 1961. In order to encourage the maximum amount of employment, labour costs must represent at least one-half of the total expenditure. If labour costs are less than half, the federal contribution is limited to the labour content itself.

This is the fourth year in which federal assistance has been made available to the provinces for the construction of these

facilities. During the past three winters, expenditures on the construction of campgrounds and picnic areas have totalled nearly \$10 million and have provided more than 20,000 man-months of employment.

In announcing that this winter work programme would be repeated, Mr. Dinsdale emphasized that it was quite separate and distinct from the continuing programme of federal assistance towards the construction of campgrounds and picnic areas along the route of the Trans-Canada Highway. The latter is a year-round programme designed to produce a chain of picnicking and camping facilities along the route of the national highway with the objective of providing a picnic area every 50 miles and a campground every 100 miles right across the country.

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### DR. AULT TO SAN FRANCISCO

The appointment of Dr. Orville E. Ault as Consul General in San Francisco, California, has been announced. Dr. Ault succeeds Mr. C.C. Eberts, recently appointed Canadian High Commissioner to Pakistan.

Dr. Ault, born in Iroquois, Ontario, in 1899, is a graduate of Queen's University, the University of Toronto, and the University of Edinburgh. He was Director of the Planning and Development Branch of the Civil Service Commission from 1952 to 1958, when he became Director of the Economic and Technical Assistance Branch of the Department of Trade and Commerce, an appointment he has held since that date. During 1957, he served in Ghana under the auspices of the United Nations as an expert in Public Administration.

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### SAFETY-AT-SEA CONFERENCE

Canada will have the right to insist that radio-telephone equipment be carried on foreign ships in the Canadian parts of the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River above Montreal.

That is one of the Canadian proposals adopted by the Fourth International Conference on the Safety of Life at Sea held in London, England, last May and June.

The proposals adopted by the conference will not come into effect until the convention has been ratified.

Other amendments adopted included:

-a Canadian proposal that Great Lakes ships, excepted from full compliance with the present convention on international voyages as far as Montreal, will be exempted as far as Anticosti Island under the new convention;

-a Canadian proposal that cargo ships measuring more than 5,000 gross tons must have an emergency source of electrical power (most other nations favored 500 tons as the lower