

PM OPENS ROBERTS BANK PORT

The Prime Minister officially opened the Roberts Bank⁽¹⁾ development of the port of Vancouver on June 15. The four Western premiers participated in the ceremony which had an international flavour because of United States and Japanese representation.

Roberts Bank, some 50 acres of reclaimed land, is linked to the mainland of British Columbia by a three-mile road-and-rail causeway. It gives the greater Vancouver area the first "outerport" in the Americas. The Federal Government cost to date has been approximately \$5 million.

DESCRIPTION

The eventual development will embrace an area of some 5,000 acres, of which about 1,400 will be port terminal areas; the remaining industrial back-up land is being assembled by British Columbia. Two principal deepwater channels with a 65-foot minimum depth provide almost nine miles of potential berth space. Designed specifically for bulk-loading facilities, the present 50-acre Kaiser Resources West-shore Terminals site is expected to handle the export of some six million tons of coal annually by next year to feed Japan's steel furnaces.

The coal is brought to the site from the mine area in southeastern B.C. by Canadian Pacific rail unit trains, dumped into massive piles and loaded by a belt system into ore carriers.

During the ceremony, the Prime Minister presented to the captain of an ore carrier commemorative plaques for the people of Japan, the ship and the Japanese embassy in Ottawa.

(1) See *Canadian Weekly Bulletin*, Vol. 25, No. 16, dated April 22, 1970, P. 5.

AID TO VICTIMS OF PERU EARTHQUAKE

Landing at the 8,000-foot level of a crushed stone airstrip in the Peruvian Andes, is one of five Canadian Armed Forces Caribou aircraft of 424 Squadron, Canadian Forces Base Trenton. Practically the only airlift available into the stricken village of Anta is provided by the Canadian-built Caribou. During six days, last month these aircraft transported more than 70 tons of supplies and 800 passengers.



BOOST FOR INDIAN BUSINESS

Widjiitiwin Corporation of McIntosh, near Dryden, Ontario, has received a \$47,000-grant from the Ontario Department of Social and Family Services to buy heavy equipment for its pulpwood-cutting operation. Earlier this year, Widjiitiwin was granted \$15,000 to repair and renovate the housing in the community.

Widjiitiwin Corporation, founded in 1960, is a co-operative community of some 30 Indian households. About 25 of the men are employed in cutting pulpwood, Widjiitiwin's main economic activity. They hold contracts with the Dryden Paper Company and Boise Cascade Corporation for 6,500 cords of pulpwood.

During the summer, they are employed in forest protection, guiding and carpentry. Upgrading courses in lumbering and carpentry have been completed by many of the men, as well as a training course for woodworkers.

The grant of \$47,000 for the pulpwood-cutting operation will buy two new five-ton trucks, a used bulldozer and a used pulpwood loader.

Before obtaining this grant, Widjiitiwin was dependent on outside contractors for the creation of access roads and the loading and hauling of its pulpwood. With the growth of the Corporation's operations, this arrangement became more and more impractical. The contractors were engaged in their own extensive operations and tended to Widjiitiwin's needs only after their own had been looked after.

The new equipment means Widjiitiwin can deliver as it produces, thereby reducing operating capital requirements relative to its total assets and making certain the meeting of financial obligations to its members and to outside agencies.