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Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau (centre) and Canada's ten provincial premiers.

research and development. The Ministers agreed to collaborate in accelerating major energy developments, wherever possible.

Agriculture, tourism

Included in the agricultural policies agreed upon at the three-day meeting were: upgrading and processing of agricultural products; a "buy Canadian" food campaign; a grain-marketing strategy; agricultural research; expansion of export markets and an improved transportation system.

A federal-provincial campaign will be undertaken to boost the domestic tourist industry, by increased travel promotion, expansion and improvement of facilities and by reducing costs to the travelling public.

Fisheries and forestry

The First Ministers agreed that all governments must move quickly to maximize Canada's economic potential arising from the implementation of the 200-mile fishing limit. Provinces should be more involved in policy, for example, in fleet development, onshore production facilities, harbour improvements and marketing.

In forestry, co-operation was agreed upon in the area of research and development, elimination of harmful pest infestations such as the spruce budworm, and forest management.

Housing

A proposal by the provinces for "global

funding of housing programs" will be examined by the federal and provincial housing ministers. The rate of housing production will be increased for those in greatest need. The best possible use will be made of private capital to finance construction. Rules governing federal and provincial housing programs will be simplified.

Major capital projects

The Federal Government and the provinces agreed upon an investment and jobcreation program to include the establishment of the lower Churchill Power Development Corporation in Newfoundland, which will involve engineering, marketing financing and construction of the Gull Island Hydro project.

Also, the Federal Government and the province of Saskatchewan, in conjunction with private industry, will participate in the development of a heavy oil upgrading facility in northwestern Saskatchewan.

Priority projects

The communiqué specified that urgent attention should be given to:

· Maximization of benefits from the



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new 200-mile fisheries limit.

• Expansion of grain-storage facilities at Port of Prince Rupert, British Columbia.

• Increased investment in the automotive industry.

 Opening of a new coal mine in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, which will cost an estimated \$100 million and employ up to 1,000 workers.

• A natural gas pipeline for eastern Canada, extending from Cornwall, Ontario to the Maritimes, with initial construction in 1979.

 Harnessing of tidal power in the Bay of Fundy (a study is under way by the Federal Government, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick).

• Demster Pipeline extension to the Mackenzie Delta.

 A polar gas project (first stage now being considered by the National Energy Board).

• Tenneco project (Tenneco would import Algerian natural gas to New Brunswick for delivery by a 66-mile pipeline to the U.S.).

 Arctic pilot project (Melville Island natural gas would be shipped to U.S. or east coast of Canada).

• Demonstration at Summerside, Prince Edward Island, of atmospheric pressure combustion for heating plant, using either coal or waste.

• Ontario government's continued support of Ontario Hydro's construction program at the Bruce, Pickering, Darlington, Wesleyville and Atikokan plants.