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## NEW FITNESS COUNCIL MEMBERS

Prime Minister Pearson and Miss Judy LaMarsh, the Minister of National Health and Welfare, recently announced 15 appointments to the National Advisory Council on Fitness and Amateur Sport, to replace members whose terms had expired.

The new Council members are leaders in fitness and amateur-sport activities in all parts of Canada. Well-known names in international and national amateur sports circles are included, as well as those of prominent people in the fields of sports medicine, physical education and fitness research. Among the wide variety of activities represented are amateur hockey, camping, curling and community recreation.

### STEPPED-UP PROGRAMME

The new members will assist the Council in its task of bringing balanced and informed views to an enlarged Fitness and Amateur Sport Programme. This year the sum available under the Fitness and Amateur Sport Act is being increased by \$1 million to \$3 million. The increase is in line with the Government's policy of progressively enlarging the funds available each year as the Programme develops, toward the \$5-million maximum provided by the Act.

The first task of the reconstituted Council will be to make recommendations to the Minister on requests for grants for the new fiscal year from national fitness and amateur-sports agencies. Council committees on student aid and research will present their recommendations, concerning post-graduate scholarships and fellowships in physical education, and a number of important research studies to be carried out in universities across Canada.

At the same time, the Council will study proposals for a national sports centre and examine

ways in which the Fitness and Amateur Sport Programme may be integrated with the centennial programme.

Outstanding projects aided by the Programme in the past, such as the Royal Canadian Legion Track and Field Clinic, the Canadian Amateur Hockey Clinics, and the Canadian Fitness Festival, will be reviewed. Many projects initiated with federal aid will be expanded in the coming year.

### INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTION

The Council will also consider plans for new informational and instructional materials, similar to those on figure skating released last autumn. The skating "How To" kit, which includes a spectacular colour film and instructional aids, has been enthusiastically received in Canada and abroad. Kits on other sports and recreational activities are now being prepared, as well as a broad variety of booklets and training manuals.

### AN OLYMPIC NAME

One of the new appointees is Father David Bauer, head coach of the hockey team that represented Canada at the 1964 Olympic Winter Games in Innsbruck, Austria, and a long-time leader in the furtherance of amateur hockey in Canada. Others bring to the Council many years of experience gained with national sports governing bodies, the university schools of physical education, and agencies in the fields of medicine, fitness research, and community recreation.

The new appointments include two women, Miss Mary Barker of Ingonish, Nova Scotia, and Mrs. May Erown of Vancouver. Both are well known in fitness and amateur-sport circles.

## PROVINCIAL EMPLOYMENT

Employees of eight provincial governments (excluding Quebec and British Columbia) and the governments of the Yukon and Northwest Territories numbered 182,657 at December 31, 1963, down 6.5 per cent from the September 30, 1963, total of 195,448, according to advance figures that will be contained in the issue of the report "Provincial Government Employment", published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, for the fourth quarter of 1963.

Earnings of these employees in the 1963 October-December period amounted to \$193,842,000, a decrease of 1.3 per cent from the July-September 1963 figure of \$196,362,000. This brought staff earnings in the calendar year 1963 to \$746,938,000, a gain of 7.8 per cent from the 1962 total of \$692,787,000.

### DISTRIBUTION OF EARNINGS

Earnings of these employees in 1963 were distributed as follows: departmental services, \$434,781,000 (58.2 per cent of total earnings); institutions of higher education, \$88,605,000 (11.9 per cent); enterprises, \$214,267,000 (28.7 per cent); and workmen's compensation boards, \$9,285,000 (1.2 per cent).

Data for Quebec, which were available but not included in the preceding totals, show 42,008 employees at December 31, 1963, with earnings of \$49,891,000 in the fourth quarter of 1963. There were 28,926 employees in departmental services, 12,285 in enterprises, and 797 in the Workmen's Compensation Commission. Earnings were: departmental services, \$30,061,000; enterprises, \$19,100,000; and Workmen's Compensation Commission, \$730,000.

## PARK EXPERT TO ADVISE TURKS

Canadian experience in national-park planning will guide Turkish government officials in establishing such a park in the Uluday mountains of central Turkey. Lloyd Brooks, Chief of the Planning Division, National Parks Branch, Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, will visit Turkey for two months to advise on the establishment of a national park.

His assignment is the first sponsored by the International Commission on National Parks, which has established an advisory committee on the planning of park systems to assist countries wishing to develop national parks. This body will choose park planners and others with the necessary knowledge and experience to undertake special advisory projects in various countries.

J.R.B. Coleman, Director of the National Parks Branch, Ottawa, is Canadian representative on the International Commission and also a member of the advisory committee that selects park experts to advise foreign countries.

Mr. Brooks has been Chief of the National Parks Planning Division since 1959 and previously was Chief Park Planner of the British Columbia Provincial Parks Branch.

## RCAF CREDIT UNIONS PROSPER

The assets of the Defence Headquarters Credit Union, which consists of 1,700 members of the Royal Canadian Air Force in Ottawa, recently passed the million-dollar mark. This figure, which is claimed as a new record for credit unions, was reached in just 21 months. The previous record had been set in 1961 by a similar credit union at the RCAF Station, Cold Lake, Alberta.

### HOLDER OF PREVIOUS RECORD

The assets of the Cold Lake credit union grew to \$1 million in 23 months; they now total more than twice that amount. Since its inception. This organization has made personal loans of more than \$5 million to its 3,000 members.

### NETWORK OF CREDIT

Both the Ottawa and Cold Lake agencies are parts of a network of 24 military credit unions, located at RCAF units throughout Canada, possessing total assets of more than \$10 million. "These self-help, semi-banking institutions encourage personnel throughout the RCAF to save money while borrowing at the lowest possible interest rate", observes Wing Commander V.C. Stevens, a member of the Board of Directors of the Defence Headquarters Credit Union, "with the result that there has been a general lifting of the standard of living wherever they have been formed."

## DUTCH HONOUR CANADIAN UNITS

In appreciation of the liberation of their city by the Canadian Army during the Second World War, the citizens of Woensdrecht in the Netherlands, about 15 miles west of Antwerp, Belgium, have decided to name four of their streets after Canadian regiments. The units to be so honoured are the Fort Garry Horse, the Toronto Scottish Regiment, the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada, and the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry.

In addition, the Burgomaster of Woensdrecht has presented each unit with the Medal of Woensdrecht on behalf of the citizens of the city. These units have the city's name emblazoned on their colors as a battle honour.

### BATTLE OF THE SCHELDT

The regiments honoured by Woensdrecht figured prominently in the victory won by Allied forces in the Battle of the Scheldt in south-western Holland during the autumn of 1944. Some of the bitterest fighting of the Second World War occurred on the flooded fields surrounding the isthmus west of Woensdrecht and in the city itself before its capture by soldiers of the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry on October 16, 1944.

Of the four units concerned, only the Fort Garry Horse is now serving with the Canadian Army Regular. It is the armoured component of Canada's NATO Brigade in Germany.

## NEW TELEPRINTER AVIATION AID

Installation of an automatic teleprinter-message switching system at Vancouver International Airport, an important advance in the efficiency and speed of Canada's aviation communications network, is now under way.

The Vancouver installation is the first of seven to be established at major Canadian airports within the next two years by the Transport Department to form a trans-Canada system. The others will be at Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, Goose Bay and Gander. The equipment will be provided by Canadian National Telecommunications on a rental contract basis. The design of the system is by CNT, in co-operation with the producers, Philips Electronic Equipment Limited of Toronto.

## PART OF WORLD NET

This high-speed switching system will form part of a world-wide integrated communication network operated in accordance with standards established by the International Civil Aviation Organization. Message procedures recently adopted by ICAO permit the automation of this network, and Canada will be among the first countries to introduce such modern equipment.

The speedy handling of aviation messages will be of great safety value, and as regards the regularity and efficiency of air services. It will enable Canada to meet its international communication responsibilities and to continue to serve domestic aviation in a satisfactory manner.

## SAVINGS IN TIME AND MOTION

The high-speed automatic switching system will permit messages to be relayed within seconds and will eliminate delays previously encountered at points of retransmission. Existing operations require retransmission centres to receive messages in punched-paper tape. These have to be torn off by attendants who read the destinations printed and must walk to-and-fro between receiving and transmitting machines. Tape multiplication machines must also be employed because many destinations are involved for these messages and separate tapes are normally necessary for each circuit. Under the new system, a seated attendant merely reads message destinations and presses a routing button. Messages are transmitted automatically to all destinations. When a circuit is busy, an electro-magnetic "memory" will automatically store incoming messages in order of importance. When the traffic burden becomes light enough, it will automatically transmit the messages in their proper order to their destination.

The step to fully-automatic message relay is technically a small one, and Department of Transport planning already covers this conversion. The main change required is that a routing register, rather than an attendant, will now read the incoming-message destinations and decide on the required outgoing routes by consulting an electronic brain in the system.

When the complete system has been established, it will give the nation one of the most advanced aviation-communications systems of the world.

## CANADIAN PROJECTS IN WEST INDIES

The Secretary of State for External Affairs has announced the beginning of construction on four primary schools on the islands of Antigua, Dominica and Grenada and on two warehouses on St. Lucia and St. Kitts under the Canadian external-aid programme to assist Caribbean countries to reach the educational and industrial standards necessary for further economic progress.

The schools vary in size to meet the requirements of each community. However, St. Patrick's School at Sauteurs, Grenada, where 28,000 square feet of accommodation will be provided for classroom, home-craft, handicraft and library facilities, is fairly representative. St. John's school at Gouyave, Grenada, is designed to accommodate 800 pupils, as is Goodwill School at Roseau in Dominica. The Jennings school in Antigua is designed for an enrollment of 500 pupils, with a home economics room for girls, a handicrafts room for boys and a library.

## A SHARED PROJECT

These buildings will assist in meeting an urgent need for improved educational facilities in the Leeward and Windward Islands. In addition to responsibility for designing and constructing the schools, Canada will also supply all the furnishings. The schools will be constructed of prefabricated parts manufactured in Canada; the design specifications have taken into account such local factors as intense periodic rainfall, hurricanes, earthquake glare and heat. The local governments of the islands will also contribute to the projects through the provision of local transportation, and construction equipment, and the supply of aggregate for the foundations. Local labour will be used in carrying out the building programme.

Work has also begun on the construction of a warehouse at the port of Castries on St. Lucia and an airport freight-shed at Basseterre on St. Kitts. A contract worth approximately \$1 million for the construction of the schools and warehouses has been awarded to Sirotek Construction Limited of Ottawa, and the building programme is expected to be completed within 12 months.

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## STAMPS FOR 1964

A detailed schedule of Canada's 1964 postage stamp issues was recently made public by the new Postmaster General, Mr. John R. Nicholson.

As with the majority of stamps scheduled to appear between now and 1967, nearly all the 1964 issues will be related to the centennial year. The Charlottetown Conference will be the subject of a five-cent stamp to be issued on July 29, and on September 9 another of the same denomination, commemorating the Quebec Conference, will go on sale.

## PROVINCIAL FLORAL EMBLEMS

A five-cent stamp bearing a design of maple leaves will appear on May 14, the first of a series depicting the floral emblems of the provinces. Two other five-

cent stamps will be issued on June 30, the focus of the designs being the floral emblems of Quebec and Ontario respectively. The official flowers of the other eight provinces will be issued before 1966.

The first stamp to appear in 1964 is a new regular seven-cent issue that goes on sale March 11, replacing the "Blue Goose" design in use since November 1952. Anticipating this change of a 12-year old design, and in order to continue the use of the image of the Canada Goose in the regular stamp issues, a new 15-cent stamp was issued last November showing four geese in flight.

A five-cent issue on the theme of peace among men and nations, the second stamp of the year, will go on sale on April 8. It will be one of the few issues not related to the centennial observations.

**YULE ISSUES**

For the first time in its history, Canada will this year have stamps with a Christmas theme. These special issues will be of the three-cent and five-cent denominations, and will be available to the public during thesecond week of October.

The visit of Queen Elizabeth to Canada early in October as part of the pre-centennial celebrations will be commemorated by a special stamp to be issued during the visit. Owing to necessary changes in the stamp programme for the year, it is not possible to proceed with the "Unity" stamp, as had been proposed.

This year, for the first time, three colours will be used on a number of Canadian stamps. This will add individuality and brightness, and is being achieved by a combination of the lithography and steel-engraving processes.

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**HOSPITAL EXPENDITURES**

Public general and allied special hospitals had expenditures totalling \$698,945,000 in 1961, larger by 14.5 per cent than in the preceding year. Salaries and wages represented 64.7 per cent of the 1961 total, medical and surgical supplies and drugs 7.5 per cent, and all other supplies and expenses 27.8 per cent. Patient-day costs for adults and children were \$23.07 in 1961, an increase of 8.2 per cent over 1960; the provincial range was from \$19.06 in Prince Edward Island to \$24.26 in Ontario.

Of the total expenditures in hospitals during 1961, 28.5 per cent went for general nursing services, 20.4 per cent for special services (operating room, delivery room, laboratory, radiology, etc.), 5.8 per cent for supplemental services (nursing and medical education, social services, medical records), 37.5 per cent for general services (administration, dietary, laundry, operation and maintenance), and 7.8 per cent for other non-departmental expenses.

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**TOY FAIR SUCCESS IN BRITAIN**

The first Canadian toy fair held in England was such a success that the firms which took part are already calling for a second fair in 1965.

The first fair was held in the Sir John A. Macdonald Building, London, by members of Canadian Playthings Manufacturers, Inc., in conjunction with the Department of Trade and Commerce, from February 10 to 14.

A survey conducted among the 22 Canadian exhibitors after the close of the fair revealed the following encouraging facts:

Sales during the week exceeded \$250,000.

Twelve exhibitors either appointed or entered into serious negotiations with British selling representatives.

Three other firms were already adequately represented.

More than 250 prospective customers visited the show, including buyers from Sweden, France, West Germany, Israel, South Africa and Australia who were in England to attend the British Toy Fair at Brighton.

Canadian Playthings Manufacturers, Inc., represents some 140 toy and plaything makers in Canada. Plans for the display were begun when a fact-finding mission from the industry reported last year that there was a good potential market for Canadian toys in Britain.

Officials of the CPMI acknowledged the support given the venture by the Department of Trade and Commerce, which provided the display space and, through its London office, conducted many of the preliminary arrangements.

At the conclusion of the show, the exhibitors turned over their entire display stock, more than \$5,000 worth of toys and playthings, to Richard Heame, Britain's famous "Mr. Pastry", for distribution to handicapped children. Mr. Heame has been active for several years in promoting help for handicapped children in Britain.

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**MOTOR ACCIDENTS**

The number of people killed in motor-vehicle traffic accidents in the third quarter of 1963 was 1,406, an increase of 7.4 per cent over the preceding year's total of 1,309 for the same period. There were 83,519 accidents reported in the three-month period compared to 78,546, in which 37,593 persons were injured compared to 33,435. In the January-September period, the number of people killed in motor accidents was 2,987 compared to 2,664 a year ago, while 90,287 were injured compared to 78,319. There were 235,368 accidents reported, against 219,659 during the same period of 1962.