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## HELPING CANADA'S MUNICIPALITIES EXPAND

Speaking to the annual meeting of the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities in Toronto on May 29, Prime Minister L.B. Pearson declared that the "first domestic need" of the country was "to infuse new vigour into the Canadian economy". That was why, he said, "many of the major items in the Government's urgent programme" were designed "to encourage economic expansion". And, Mr. Pearson went on, "one of the areas of public investment calling for expansion is the capital investment of municipalities in needed community facilities and services".

His address continued as follows in part:

### MUNICIPAL INVESTMENT

You are more aware than anyone of the very substantial capital programme undertaken by municipalities in recent years. Municipal expenditures have risen greatly and have provided an important sustaining force in the years when the country's economic growth has tended to be slow....

In addition to the present backlog of needed works, the municipalities face growing problems of replacement and renewal in the older areas of our cities and towns. In some cases complete re-planning and re-building are called for. And, at the same time, our urban areas have to grow....

There is no doubt, I believe, that increased municipal investment will add directly to employment. It will contribute materially to economic growth. In other words, it is good for the country at large as well as for the municipalities individually. It is, therefore, of vital concern to the Federal Government.

An increase in municipal capital programmes is one of the principal ways of achieving the full employment and economic growth for which the Federal Government is responsible to the people of Canada.

### CONSTITUTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SIDES

That is the economic side of the picture. There is also, of course, a constitutional side and, linked with that, an administrative side. I am making plain tonight ... my belief that the Federal Government should assist municipal investment. I want to make equally plain, now as in the past, my concern that this assistance be given in ways that fully observe both the spirit and the letter of our federal constitution, and in ways that are sound from an administrative viewpoint.

My Government proposes to do nothing which impinges on the basic fact that the municipalities are the creations of the provinces. It is, therefore, the provinces, not the Federal Government, which must provide the sanction as to what the municipalities do or do not do. The aid we are prepared to extend to municipalities for specific projects will be given only if the provincial government has approved the project and approved of the municipalities selling debentures to the Federal Government to assist in financing the project.

### GOVERNMENT INTENTIONS

That, and only that, is what we intend to do. We will enlarge the financial resources available to the municipalities by becoming purchasers of municipal debentures. Our purpose in doing so is not to compete

with or to replace existing sources of finance. Our purpose is to provide an additional source so that municipalities can undertake more capital works on terms they can afford. That will be the purpose, the extent and the limit of our involvement.

The purpose is clear and specific. It is also, I would repeat, urgent. You will have noticed that it was on the very first day of general business for the new Parliament that we placed on the order paper the Government's resolution to introduce the bill which will establish a Municipal Development and Loan Fund. This will be among the early measures to be considered and, I hope, approved by Parliament.

There are... some general points that I can properly make. First, I want to emphasize again that an important part of our objective is to encourage immediate increases in employment. Indeed, we hope that municipalities will begin to take advantage of the programme in the next few months, so that there will be as many new jobs as possible this winter. I hope you are getting your additional projects ready. We will be as anxious as you that they should move off smartly, if Parliament gives the green light.

**DEBENTURE PURCHASE**

For this reason, the intention of our legislation is that the fund of \$400 million will be used for the purchase of municipal debentures at a pretty rapid rate. We shall be willing buyers on terms that I think you will find not only favourable but generous. In particular, provided that the projects are completed within a specified period, the Federal Government will forgive a significant portion of the capital amount of the loan.

As I have already said, it is in no way our objective to replace financing which the municipalities can obtain from existing sources. We are offering to finance additional municipal investment in projects that are important and useful but which would not otherwise be undertaken in the next two or three years, because of their financial burden.

The effect of the 'forgiveness' feature in our loans is, of course, that it will help to hold down the burden of long-term municipal debt; the carrying charges on the net balance of the loans will be correspondingly lower. For these reasons, we trust, you will be able to afford projects which you would otherwise have felt compelled to go on postponing. You will be able to augment and accelerate your capital works programmes.

Provided that there is this acceleration of programmes, the loans will be available for a wide range of municipal purposes, with emphasis on major facilities and trunk services.

**CMHC ROLE**

The administration of the new programme will be carried on in conjunction with Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, whose activities already place it in close touch with municipalities and their problems. This is perhaps the point... at which I should affirm to you that our new programme is designed as an addition to the various ways in which the Federal Government is already of assistance to municipalities. We are not removing those programmes. Quite the contrary.

I should refer first to winter works. The need for that incentive to employment certainly remains. Then there are the existing loans for trunk collector sewers and sewage treatment plants. That programme has proved its value beyond question and it will be carried through.

Another important measure is, of course, the Technical and Vocational Assistance Act, under which the Federal Government has contributed substantially to the construction and equipment of technical schools. It is a programme of proven value to the country and to the municipalities.

I do not have to tell you how important has been the role of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, for many years now, in encouraging new housing construction. You are very conscious of it because the new homes add to your assessment rolls and because the costs of service installations, which many municipalities now require the builder or developer to meet, are reflected in the appraised values of the homes and therefore in the money that CMHC lends....

The fundamental objectives of all levels of government are the same. There is only one purpose - our constituents are the same people and we exist to serve them. We are all seeking for our country the highest possible rate of sound economic growth. We want increased employment. We all want our cities and towns and villages to be better places for people to live and work in, to provide the best possible environment for our children to grow up....

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**NAVY MAN HEADS BISLEY TEAM**

For the first time in its history, the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association's Bisley team will have a naval officer as its commandant. He is Captain A. Graham Bridgman, Principal Naval Overseer, Montreal Area.

Captain Bridgman will take over the 21-man 1963 Bisley team when they assemble in Ottawa on June 23 to decide committees and duties during the overseas shoot.

The team, composed of qualified DCRA shots, will leave Canada on June 24 and arrive at Bisley, England, next day after a brief stopover at Marville, France. Practice will continue until the matches start on July 13, though some members will shoot individually before the team shoot.

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**DESTROYERS ON EXERCISE**

Six destroyer escorts of the Royal Canadian Navy will leave Halifax June 10 for exercises in the Atlantic, followed by a six-week training cruise to Britain and Europe. They are HMCS "Gatineau," "St. Croix," "Chaudière," "Kootenay," "Columbia" and "Terra Nova", all units of the Fifth Canadian Escort Squadron.

After fuelling at Plymouth, England, on June 23, the ships will visit Kiel, Germany, from June 26 to July 1, Copenhagen, Denmark, from July 2 to 9, and Londonderry, Northern Ireland, from July 13 to 28. The squadron will return to Halifax on August 5.

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## U.K. TIMBER HOUSING MISSION

A high-level group of British housing experts arrived in Canada on June 1 for an on-the-spot exam- of the latest methods and materials used in Canadian housing. During their tour, which will end on June 22, the 16 members of the group will meet Canadian housing authorities, builders, architects and timber interests for an exchange of ideas on British and Canadian building practices and housing productivity. Discussions will centre on the Canadian system of timber-frame construction and the advantages of this technique from the standpoint of efficiency, economy, speed of construction and variety in design.

### MEMBERSHIP

The British group will represent national and local housing authorities, builders' associations and the timber trade. A distinguished member is Sir Donald Gibson, who was responsible for rebuilding Coventry after the Second World War and who is now Director-General of Research and Development for the Ministry of Public Building and Works. Prominent also among the group is Mr. Bruce Kennedy, President of the British Timber Trades Federation. The visitors include important representatives from the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, the Scottish Housing Development Department, Manchester and Yorkshire housing authorities, the British Building Societies Associations, the Federation of Registered House Builders, the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, the Federation of Building Trades Employers, the Timber Building Manufacturers' Association, and the British Timber Research and Development Association.

### INTEREST IN CANADIAN SOLUTIONS

The rigours of the Canadian climate have led to the development of housing providing warmth and comfort in extreme cold. Canadian housing is well known also for its modern and distinctive design. These features of Canada's housing are expected to be studied closely by the touring group of British experts. The principle of Canadian timber-frame construction as an aid to speeding up building has been under study by British authorities for some time. British architects and builders, for their part, are becoming increasingly conscious of the adaptability of Canadian timber and building methods to suit British conditions. Already there are notable instances where British housing authorities are turning to Canadian timber as the prime material in industrialized building projects involving slum clearance and redevelopment.

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### NEW ART PERIODICAL

The National Gallery is about to introduce a new periodical to the Canadian public. Though the principal aim of the *National Gallery Bulletin*, as this publication will be called, is to publicize scholarly research, with emphasis on Canadian art history, it will also contain articles of more general appeal.

The *Bulletin* will be bilingual in content, and will be published twice in 1963 and, it is hoped, on a more frequent basis in the future.

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The inaugural number, edited by Willem A. Blom, National Gallery research curator, features three articles by members of the Gallery staff: *European and American Painting and Sculpture*, a review of accessions since the Gallery's catalogues of 1957 and 1959, by Robert H. Hubbard, chief curator; *Un critère pour juger l'oeuvre de Borduas*, by Jean-René Ostiguy, director, Exhibition Extension Services; and *Ontario Painters 1846-1867: A Study of Art at the Upper Canada Provincial Exhibitions*, by J. Russell Harper, curator of Canadian art. Mr. Harper's article includes a list of amateur and professional artists and art judges of that time.

Subsequent issues of the *Bulletin* will include contributions from art historians and scholars both in Canada and abroad.

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### ITALY HONOURS COMFORT

The director of the National Gallery of Canada, Charles F. Comfort, has been awarded the Italian "Medaglio al Merito Culturale" for his efforts to strengthen the cultural ties between Italy and Canada and for his outstanding contributions to the understanding of the arts of Italy in Canada. This is the first time a director of the Gallery has been so honored.

The honour was conferred on Dr. Comfort by His Excellency Carlo de Ferrariis Salzano, Ambassador of Italy to Canada, on behalf of the Italian Government, on June 2, the Italian national day.

Dr. Comfort's associations with the arts of Italy began 25 years ago, when he studied the frescoes of Pompeii. As professor of art and archaeology at the University of Toronto for some years, he taught the history of painting techniques, a specialty that took him to Italy many times to study that country's monuments. In 1952 he made a special study of the methods of restoration applied to Raphael's large fresco in the Vatican, *The School of Athens*.

During the Second World War, Dr. Comfort spent 14 months in Italy. His book "Artist at War" describes the great monuments of Western European art in Italy as they appeared to him then.

As director of the National Gallery, Dr. Comfort has co-operated with the Italian Government in several important cultural exchanges - for example, Canada's participation in the Venice *Biennale* (1962), the Italian Book Exhibition (1962) in Canada, which opened at the National Gallery, and a lecture in connection with the observance of the Centennial of Italian Unification (1961).

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### FISHERIES SCHOLARSHIPS

The winners have been announced of scholarships totalling more than \$25,000, awarded each year by the Fisheries Research Board of Canada to students doing research pertinent to fisheries at Canadian universities. The scholarships, valued at \$2400 each, are awarded for scholastic ability and are administered through the Awards Office of the National Research Council.

## FOREST-FIRE PREVENTION AWARDS

Winners of the third Canadian Forest Fire Prevention Poster Contest for schools were recently announced by the National Gallery of Canada. They were chosen from the ten provincial or territorial winners who earlier in the year competed in contests arranged by forestry associations from coast to coast, or the forest-service organizations of the Yukon and Northwest Territories. Contests were open to students in grades 7, 8 and 9 in Canadian schools.

The Canadian Forestry Association organized the national contest, and members of the professional staff of the National Gallery, including Director Charles F. Comfort, judged the final entries.

### FIRST PRIZE

Ellen MacDonnell, Grade 8, of Mahou, Nova Scotia, was awarded the first prize of \$50.00. As additional recognition, Ellen was presented with a gift, and the National Gallery gave her a framed reproduction of a Canadian painting.

### HONOURABLE MENTION

First honourable mention went to André Gauthier, Charlesbourg, Quebec, and second to Connie Abrahamson, Grade 8, Regina, Saskatchewan, who received \$25.00 and \$15.00 respectively. The winning posters were displayed at the National Gallery during the presentations. In attendance were officials of governments, of the National Gallery, the Canadian Lumbermen's Association, and the Canadian Forestry Association.

### USE OF WINNING DESIGNS

Posters winning the top award are considered suitable for use by departments of forestry, said Dr. L.Z. Rousseau, Deputy Minister, Canadian Department of Forestry, who added that the winning entries for 1961 and 1962 had been used by his Department.

It was estimated that at least 80,000 students had participated in the preliminary contests and that, in the three years the contest had been conducted, nearly a quarter of a million pupils had thus been taught the importance of the forest and the need for care in its use.

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## NEW STAMP HAS TRADE THEME

The Postmaster-General has released details of a new \$1.00 regular-issue postage stamp, which will go on sale to the public on June 14. Export trade will be the theme of its design.

The Postmaster-General said that export trade had been chosen as the subject of the stamp for two main reasons - to focus attention abroad on the fact that Canada was one of the great trading nations of the world and to make Canadians themselves aware of the need for continued diligence in the promotion of trade.

The design of the stamp depicts a wooden crate being lifted in a sling by a large hook. The crate

and hook are pictured in the left foreground against a map of the world, symbolizing Canada's extensive exports to all countries. Across the upper portion of the crate appears the word "Canada". The colour chosen for the stamp is red.

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## TROOP-MOVEMENT PRACTICE

A joint Canadian Army-Royal Canadian Air Force training exercise designed to practice Canada's United Nations standby battalion group is under way and will continue until June 17. It involves the movement of nearly 900 troops by aircraft of the RCAF from Camp Valcartier, Quebec, to Camp Wainwright, Alberta.

The exercise, called "Qui Vive Three", supposes a request by the United Nations for the standby 1st Battalion Royal 22nd Regiment, with its weapons and vehicles, to be flown by the RCAF's Air Transport Command in two stages covering approximately 1800 miles. The first will be by long-range "Yukon" aircraft from Quebec City's Ancienne Lorette airport to the Canadian Joint Air Training Centre at Rivers, Manitoba. The second stage takes the soldiers from Rivers by "Hercules" aircraft to Camp Wainwright, landing in the camp itself on a short grass-topped airstrip.

Camp Wainwright is the ultimate United Nations destination in the exercise "picture".

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## NORMANDY BEACHES REVISITED

On June 16, members of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada were once again on the D-Day beach of Bémère-sur-Mer, 19 years after the regiment stormed the same shore in the liberation of Europe.

A ten-man guard of honour from the 1st Battalion, serving with Canada's NATO Brigade in Germany, the battalion's bugles, and a group of D-Day veterans of the Queen's Own Regimental Association from Canada took part in the ceremonies.

In the afternoon, the unit's wartime commander, Brigadier J.G. Spragge (retired), unveiled a bronze plaque dedicated to the memory of the officers and men of the QOR who died on the beaches and battlefields of Normandy. The plaque is mounted on a large red-granite stone placed in a German pillbox dominating the beach where the battalion landed. The invocation was delivered by the Reverend J. Clough of Toronto, wartime "padre" of the battalion and himself a D-Day veteran.

Colonel J.G.K. Strathy, Colonel of the regiment, and Lieutenant-Colonel H.F.C. Elliott, commanding officer of the 1st Battalion and only serving member who landed on D-Day, laid wreaths.

Earlier in the day a ceremony was held at the community church, where a wreath to allied war dead was laid by the mayor of the town. Then Lieutenant-Colonel E.D. Price, commanding officer of the 2nd Battalion, stationed in Calgary, Alberta, laid a wreath to the French dead on behalf of Princess Alexandra, Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment.