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AT THE REQUEST OF THE WEST INDIES GOVERNMENT AND UNDER ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY THE ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BRANCH OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND COMMERCE, A CANADIAN DEVELOPMENT SURVEY TEAM IS TO MAKE A STUDY OF WEST INDIES HARBOURS AS A PRELIMINARY TO AN ENGINEERING SURVEY. THE LEADER OF THE TEAM, MR. H. J. DARLING, M.A., B.COM., AND MR. R. YUILL, M.B.E., LL.D., B.SC., M.E.I.C., P.ENG., LEAVE FOR THE WEST INDIES ON JULY 11.

THE TEAM WILL ASSIST IN ESTABLISHING WHICH PORTS SHOULD BE DEVELOPED AND WILL GIVE AN ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPROVEMENT REQUIRED IN EACH UNIT TERRITORY WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON PRESENT AND POTENTIAL TRADE PATTERNS AND TRAFFIC OF GOODS BETWEEN THE ISLANDS. IT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A LARGER TEAM THAT WILL MAKE A STUDY AND REPORT ON THE TECHNICAL AND ENGINEERING ASPECTS OF HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF SPECIFIC FACILITIES IN THE TERRITORIES. MR. DARLING AND MR. YUILL WILL MAKE A PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THESE SUBJECTS, WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION BEING GIVEN TO (A) THE OVERALL TRAFFIC PATTERN AND STATISTICS WHICH EXIST ON THE VARIOUS TERRITORIES AND THE GAPS WHERE NO INFORMATION EXISTS AND (B) WHICH PORTS MIGHT PROBABLY BE

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DEVELOPED IN THE FUTURE IN VIEW OF THE FINDINGS ABOVE.

MR. HOWARD JACKSON DARLING, BORN IN 1915, IS CHIEF OF THE ECONOMICS DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT, OTTAWA. HE STUDIED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, TAKING THE DEGREES OF BACHELOR OF COMMERCE AND M.A. (ECONOMICS). FROM 1947-1950 HE WAS RETAINED BY THE ALBERTA GOVERNMENT TO MAKE INVESTIGATIONS OF FREIGHT RATE PROBLEMS, AND ASSISTED THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL IN RATE CASES BEFORE THE BOARD OF TRANSPORT COMMISSIONERS, APPEARING ALSO BEFORE THE TURGEON ROYAL COMMISSION ON TRANSPORT. FROM 1950-1959 HE HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN ECONOMIC INVESTIGATIONS IN THE FIELDS OF AIR, RAIL, MARINE AND GENERAL ECONOMICS. THESE ASSIGNMENTS HAVE INCLUDED TRAFFIC STUDIES AND FORECASTS FOR THE ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY AND A RECOMMENDED TOLL SYSTEM TO BE ADOPTED, A STUDY OF NEWFOUNDLAND FERRY SERVICES AND A REGIONAL STUDY OF TRANSPORT NEEDS OF THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES. IN 1958 HE WAS HEAD OF THE CANADIAN DELEGATION TO THE STATISTICS CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION.

MR. RUSSELL YUILL, BORN IN 1892, STUDIED AT MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY AND MCGILL UNIVERSITY, WITH THE DEGREES OF B.SC.E. (CIVIL ENGINEERING AND HYDRAULICS). FROM 1917-1918 HE SERVED OVERSEAS WITH THE CANADIAN ARMY ENGINEERS AND SUBSEQUENTLY WAS ENGAGED IN ENGINEERING AND INVESTIGATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL HARBOURS BOARD, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS. THIS INCLUDED THE SUPERVISION OF THE BUILDING OF CHURCHILL HARBOUR AND SERVICE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MUNITIONS AND SUPPLIES AS DIRECTOR OF SHIPBUILDING FROM 1940-1945. FROM 1946-1957 HE WAS PORT MANAGER, ST. JOHN, N.B. SINCE HIS RETIREMENT FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE IN 1958 HE HAS BEEN ACTIVE AS A CONSULTING ENGINEER.

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