

# NES manpower mobility program assists workers

Employment opportunities for Canadian workers were greatly increased under the new Manpower Mobility Program, which came into effect on December 28, 1965.

This program, which provides financial assistance for unemployed workers who wish to move to other areas where employment is available, is a major step forward in removing existing inequalities in job opportunities.

As a major part of the Government's total manpower program, the Manpower Mobility Program is designed to help maintain full employment and ensure that Canada's available manpower resources are used to the fullest effectiveness.

Other government programs working toward these same objectives include the development and extension of vocational training, including the active program for upgrading the education and skills of the unemployed, vocational rehabilitation, incentives for area development, and the annual drive to create more winter employment.

"Now all Canadians, wherever they may live, will be better able to fulfill their individual working potential. This program should also be of assistance in reducing those localized labour shortages which can be a serious bottleneck to our economic growth."

Under the Manpower Mobility Program, loans or grants may be made to workers and their families for the cost of moving and resettling when it is clear that such a move is in both their own and the public interest.

### ELIGIBILITY

A worker will be eligible for a loan or grant under the program when: (1) there is little or no chance of his securing a suitable job in his home area or in an area closer to his home than the area to which he is moving; (2) there is suitable employment in the new area for which he will be hired and a shortage of workers qualified for such employment; and (3) there is a good chance of the new job resulting in his permanent re-establishment in the new location.

The program will move workers no further than is necessary to secure suitable employment. The movement of workers and their families under the program will be co-ordinated with federal and provincial industrial development programs.

A worker who is either unemployed or under notice that he will be laid off permanently within 30 days of his application is eligible for a loan.

Workers in each of the following categories will be eligible for grants:

(1) those who have been unemployed for at least four of the six months preceding their date of application.

(2) those who have completed a provincially approved training course or a program of vocational rehabilitation and re-establishment within three months of their date of application.

(3) former automobile or auto parts workers eligible for Transitional Assistance Benefit in respect of their layoff, whether or not they are in receipt of such benefits.

(4) key skilled workers who are needed by employers who have received development grants under the Area Development Incentive Act. (A "key skilled worker" is defined as one whose employment will result in creating job openings for additional workers or will prevent the layoff of workers.)

### PAYS FOR DEPENDANTS

For a worker with dependants, who is moving to employment, a loan or grant will pay for the actual cost of transportation for himself and his dependants, including meals and overnight accommodation. The actual cost of moving household and personal effects will be paid as well as the cost of moving a mobile home if the worker owns one. Not covered is the cost of moving automobiles by other forms of transport, trailers, boats, livestock or pets.

Workers with dependants will also receive resettlement allowances on the basis of \$200 each for the worker and his wife and \$100 for each other dependant, up to a maximum of \$1,000.

For workers without dependants, loans and grants will not cover the cost of moving household and personal effects. There

### PLANS

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It's one of those behind the scene factors which make young men old before their time in trying to work out a schedule that will allow basically the same costs to rehearse to shows and at the same time reserve enough energy to perform in the one currently on stage each evening.

The extension of the schedule is another calculated risk on the part of the Centre officials, but it is felt that the response to last year's productions warrants the extra two weeks. A factor as well has been the recognition of the festival as an important adjunct to the overall tourist season.

Officials explain that if the support of the people of the province is to be asked in staging the festival, everything possible should be done so that the same people can reap the greatest benefit in opportunities to see the productions and in the tourist revenue generated by the Festival.

is a resettlement allowance of not more than \$100 for workers in this category who qualify for loans. Those receiving grants will not receive a resettlement allowance, but may apply for a loan to cover resettlement costs.

Under normal circumstances a loan will be repaid in not more than 20 monthly instalments, commencing four months after the loan is made. These provisions are necessarily flexible to avoid creating hardship. Interest on loans will be at the rate of five and three-quarters per cent per annum.

### MEDICAL GRANT

If a worker who has obtained

a loan or grant has to take a medical examination as a condition of his new employment, an additional grant may be made to cover the cost of the examination.

There is a retroactive provision for workers who moved, on their own initiative, to assume employment before this program came into effect. They will be eligible for a loan or grant if it is found that, at the time they were unemployed, they met the provisions of the program, and if they make application within three months of the date of their arrival at the place to which they moved. This also applies to those who move

on their own initiative after the program came into effect. The Manpower Mobility Program is administered by the National Employment Service, and applications for loans and grants should be made to the Charlottetown, or Summerside offices of the NES.

George W. Cheverie, manager of the Charlottetown office at NES said that J. Allen Murphy has been appointed as Manpower Mobility Officer under this program, and that Francis B. Ashmole, Supervisor of Special Services, will be handling the details of the applications.

## N. Z. decision is regretted

WELLINGTON (CP)—An appeal for New Zealand to reconsider its decision against taking

part in the Expo 67 exhibition in Montreal was made by Selwyn Toogood, New Zealand radio and television personality, in an address here.

Toogood spent a month in Canada toward the end of last year recording programs for New Zealand radio. His shows command a large following on New Zealand networks. Toogood said he was disappointed to learn that New Zealand was not to be represented at Expo 67. It was a great pity the government had not seen fit to send 230,000 to show New Zealand to 40,000,000 people at the exhibition.

"We are throwing away a wonderful opportunity," he said. After his experiences in Canada, Toogood feels that New Zealand should have a closer relationship with that country. He hopes his programs will help in that direction.

## Port of Georgetown enjoys busy season

By J. W. LAVERS  
Georgetown experienced one of its busiest shipping seasons during the past year. Quite a number of German, Canadian and ocean going freighters of many countries made Georgetown a port of call and loaded pulp wood for overseas and Canadian ports. Government and company-owned dredges were working here during the greater part of the year.

In September the Norwegian Trawler the MV Pero, under command of Captain Odd Hans, with a crew of 13, made the voyage from Sissod in Norway to Georgetown in 10 days. She carried a cargo of 250 aluminium fish boxes, manufactured in Norway by Nora Aluminium,

for Gulf Garden Foods Ltd., here. The MV Pero is 142 feet long and powered by an 800 hp diesel engine. She was especially designed for shark and hake fishing and after discharging cargo here planned on engaging in fishing shark out of Eastern Canadian ports before returning to Norway in December.

On January 15, the 800 ton French refrigerated ship Pinta arrived in Georgetown from Gloucester, Mass., and here loaded between 400 and 450 tons of mink food frozen in blocks, as well as six tons of shark and a quantity of individually quick frozen American plaice and flounder. The cargo from the Gulf Gar-

den Foods Ltd., plant, was for shipments to Varberg and Aalsung in Norway; as well as West Germany and Denmark.

USE AS BASE  
During the summer from 12 to 15 scallop draggers made the port of Georgetown their base of operations, as they fished the scallop beds off Georgetown Harbour in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

The usual activity before and during the lobster fishing season was evidenced as in former years, with over 100 lobster boats fishing out of Georgetown Harbour and the adjacent rivers and bays.

The arrival and departure of the four Gulf Garden Foods fleet of steel stern trawlers; the Gulf Gallant; Gulf Guard and the Howe Bay as they arrived from the fishing grounds and discharged cargo and departed on

numerous occasions, presented a bustling scene.

Dominion Government Dredge Pownal No. 11 spent some time dredging an area along the Railway wharf on the east side to provide sufficient depth of water for the berthing of fishing trawlers. A smaller dredge had earlier in the season worked at the same site dredging to her maximum depth and then the larger dredge was brought into service.

Also adding to the waterfront activities was the usual coming and going of a variety of Government; Coast Guard; RCMP Patrol Boats and other smaller craft.

WATERS KEEP APART  
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