

New Developments Planned In Areas Of Rural Poverty

MONCTON N.B. (CP)—Other rural poverty areas soon will be initiating programs of development similar to the one planned for northeastern New Brunswick, Forestry Minister Sauve said here.

"A similar process is taking place in a number of other rural poverty areas in Canada," the minister said in a speech at the annual dinner of the Moncton Life Underwriters Association.

New Brunswick had been the first province to move from planning to action but "others

are not far behind," Mr. Sauve said.

The Ottawa and New Brunswick governments signed an agreement last September that will concentrate on stepping up education programs for workers to train them for better-paying jobs. Total cost of the program is expected to run about \$100,000.

"There is no question about the justification for these expenditures," Mr. Sauve said.

MANY TINY SCHOOLS
"Out of a total of 258 schools in the area, 160 only have one

or two classrooms and in many of these the teachers themselves have not studied beyond Grade 9.

"It is not surprising, therefore, that 36 per cent of the labor force have an education level of Grade 4 or less, compared to 13 per cent for Canada as a whole; and only 17 per cent of the labor force have had Grade 9 or higher, compared to 33 per cent for Canada as a whole."

Mr. Sauve said more than 4,000 families in the area are living in intolerable conditions. "Their homes are hovels; their incomes consist largely of government welfare payments."

The program would offer these people a fresh start by giving information and social

counselling, land purchase, mobility grants, cost of moving and pensions.

Mr. Sauve said the program is an "important experiment" in overcoming deep-rooted rural poverty that could not be eliminated soon enough through such regular government programs as those available under the Agriculture and Rural Development Administration.

A text of Mr. Sauve's address was given in advance of delivery.

the Summerside Highland Band gave a very enjoyable concert at the O'Leary Regional High School on Saturday night. A capacity crowd heard in the first half of the concert, the O'Leary band play a series of full-band numbers and several solos by outstanding students.

The Summerside Presbyterian Highland Society Pipe Band entertained during the second half.

Lions Band Director Raymond also introduced the 38 majorettes who are rehearsing each week and who will perform at the band's next concert.

The Highland Band also featured highland songs and dances.

The Summerside Pipe Band is under the direction of Byron Bruce.

The Highland Band's share of

the proceeds from the concert will be used to help pay the band's way to Expo 67 next year.

SUIT FOLLOWS BIRTH OF TWINS

LONDON (Reuters) — A British woman who gave birth to twins after taking what she thought were con-

traceptive pills is suing a chemist who she says sold her the wrong tablets.

Mrs. Sylvia Jean Currell of Hitchin near London is claiming "damages for pain and suffering and loss occasioned by the breach of contract and/or negligence."

The chemist, H. G. A. Cripps, says he plans to fight both the question of liability and damages.



WIFE OF FORMER PM DIES

Mrs. Louis St. Laurent, wife of the former prime minister, died at her home Sunday night following a long illness. She is shown in 1958, when her husband retired. (CP Wirephoto)

Federal Legislation Sees For Co-operative Movement

OTTAWA (CP)—The co-operative movement soon may get federal legislation it has been seeking for 60 years.

A co-operatives delegation has asked Prime Minister Pearson to end the federal policy of studied indifference and pass an act.

Informants said later that Mr. Pearson had reacted positively, although he gave no commitment.

A final cabinet decision is expected shortly.

Agriculture Minister Greens, chairman of the meeting at which the co-op brief was presented, said later that co-operative legislation "is something that should be solved in a positive way."

The brief was a joint production of the two national co-operative associations—the Co-operative Union of Canada and

its French-Canadian counterpart.

The co-operative movement first asked for governing federal legislation 60 years ago, but there still was no action.

Lack of a federal act was the most obvious and glaring disability for the movement. No legislation permitted the establishing of inter-provincial co-operatives, which operate under provincial laws only.

The brief added that the co-operative position on taxation is being misrepresented continually by the Equitable Income Tax Foundation.

The foundation, operating under a federal charter, "exists and is financed for the sole purpose of attacking co-operatives."

New co-operatives, however, should continue to be exempt from income tax for the first three years to encourage development.

Atlantic-To-Pacific Power Link Planned

WASHINGTON (AP)—An Atlantic-to-Pacific linkup of Canadian and U.S. power systems will be tested early next year, the U.S. interior department has announced.

A total of 200 major public and private power systems will be tied together with a capacity of nearly 245,000,000 kilowatts and 255,000 miles of main transmission lines.

It will form the largest interconnected power system grid the world has ever known, the department said, linking 40 per cent of the world's total capacity.

The announcement made no reference to lessons learned from the massive Ontario-U.S. northeast power blackout a year ago. But Udall and other U.S. government officials have said repeatedly that need for proper and strong enough interconnection of individual power systems was demonstrated.

A spokesman said those in charge of the test are fully aware of concern that such a linkup of power might bring chain-reaction blackouts if trouble develops.

TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT
But he said knowledge gained from the blackout of Nov. 9 last year is being used and taken into account, and "that is one reason why we're approaching this step by step."

Behavior of the coast-to-coast grid cannot be known until a trial closure has been made, it was explained.

If serious difficulties develop, the ties will be reopened while the problems are resolved, prior to the interconnection going on a full operational basis.

Arrangements for the test closure are being made under the supervision of a special task force of electrical engineers appointed by the western operations subcommittee on the interconnections committee.

The committee, composed of North American power systems representatives of the several pooled power systems of U.S. and Canada, said that when the interconnection is completed, almost the entire United States plus major systems in Eastern and Western Canada will become a single operating unit, electrically interlocked in time and frequency control.

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Do you know about the Voyageur Canoe Pageant?

This takes us right back to the early days of adventure and excitement in Canada! Ten teams of Voyageurs, in costumes and canoes copied from history, will follow the treacherous, 3,500 mile cross-country route of the original Voyageurs, from Rocky Mountain House in Alberta to Montreal.

Do you know about the Confederation Train?

This is the most exciting train you've ever seen—and it will travel across Canada from January to November, visiting 63 cities coast-to-coast! On the train, there are things for you to see, touch, hear and experience. The Confederation Train brings Canada's story to life...and brings it to you!



Do you know about the Bell, Flame and Fire Project?

This New Year's Eve, Canadians will welcome in Centennial Year with a beautiful joyous ceremony. As 1967 comes to Canada, bonfires and torches will be lit and church bells and carillons in the country will peal across the nation. This ceremony will begin at midnight on the East Coast and move across the country, until, at midnight on the West Coast, the whole of Canada has begun to celebrate our one hundredth anniversary.

Do you know about the Confederation Caravans?

Eight colourful Caravans, which tell the same story as the Confederation Train, will be travelling to 657 communities in Canada. Everyone in town will be there when the Caravan comes.



Do you know about Youth Travel?

Since 1964, thousands of Canadian high school students have been given the opportunity to travel to another province...to find out more about fellow Canadians and this tremendous country of ours...and understand what it really means to be a Canadian.



Do you know about Expo?

The fantastic spectacle of Man and His World being held in Montreal from April 28 to October 27 in 1967?



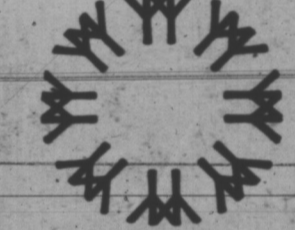
Do you know about the Yukon Alpine Climb?

Canada has the third highest mountain range in the world, surpassed only by the Andes and the Himalayas. In the summer of 1967, thirteen teams of mountaineers will climb thirteen of the highest, unclimbed, unnamed peaks and name one for each province and the Northern Territories. The highest peak will be designated Centennial Peak.



Do you know about the Military Tattoo?

Canada's Armed Forces have arranged a spectacular show for their contribution to Centennial. And they'll be staging this show in colourful matinee performances and brilliant night-time displays in 40 communities across Canada next year. The music, costumes and manoeuvres are really exciting, depicting Canada's 300 years of military history in outdoor pageantry. In many other communities, the Armed Forces will put on spectacular displays including motor-cycle performances and fantastic jeep stunts. This is one show no one will want to miss!



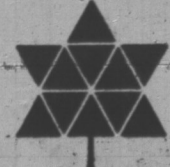
Do you know about the Centennial Athletics Program?

About 6 million school children will be taking part in this program of athletic events with Centennial awards for everyone who qualifies!

Do you know about Festival Canada?

In 1967 we'll have the opportunity to see the best live entertainment Canada has to offer! There's something for every taste—concerts, plays, Western music, comedies, variety shows, opera, folk music and dances, ballet, Shakespeare—and it will be coming to you in Festival. Tickets to Festival performances held in your community will be priced low enough to encourage everyone to come!

Do you know about these Centennial Celebrations you'll be able to enjoy in 1967?



The Centennial Commission/Ottawa, Canada.