

**Federal-Provincial Road Assistance Programs.**—There are various programs existing between the Federal Government and the provinces relating to highway and road construction. In 1965, the co-ordination of these programs and the announcement of federal road policy was placed with the Minister of Transport. When major programs of assistance have been decided upon, responsibility for their implementation rests with the Department of Public Works.

*The Trans-Canada Highway.*—The original federal-provincial agreement for construction of the Trans-Canada Highway is given in outline, together with data on specifications and route across the participating provinces, in the 1951 Year Book, pp. 631-634. Construction progress and changes in legislation are reported in subsequent editions.

Under the Act, which became effective Dec. 10, 1949, agreements covering the Federal Government's participation in the cost of construction were entered into with each of the provinces. Construction standards were set and the date of completion fixed. The shortest practicable east-west route was to be designated by each province within its own borders, in agreement on terminal points with adjoining provinces, and those sections within the National Parks were to be the responsibility of the Federal Government. Later amendments to the Act increased the extent of federal financial participation and extended the period in which construction costs might be incurred under the Act to Dec. 31, 1967.

Although construction was still going on in a number of sections, the closing in 1962 of the last major gap—in the Rocky Mountains—made it possible for the first time to drive the entire length of the 4,860-mile route. The Trans-Canada Highway was officially opened on Sept. 3, 1962.

Provincial milages are approximately as follows: Newfoundland, 540; Prince Edward Island, 71; Nova Scotia, 318; New Brunswick, 390; Quebec, 399; Ontario, 1,453; Manitoba, 309; Saskatchewan, 406; Alberta, 282; and British Columbia, 552. Length through the National Parks totals 140 miles.

Up to Mar. 31, 1965, contractual commitments for new construction on the Highway amounted to \$923,818,361, of which the federal share was \$586,933,625. Federal payments to the provinces for prior, interim and new construction totalled \$489,826,337. Paving to specified standards had been completed over a distance of 3,645 miles and 779 bridges, overpasses and other structures of more than 20-foot span had been or were being constructed.

*Roads to Resources and Roads in the North.*—The *Roads to Resources Program* is a national undertaking designed to provide access to areas potentially rich in natural resources. Negotiations commenced in 1958 led to agreements being signed with all ten provinces that will eventually result in the construction or reconstruction of more than 4,700 miles of road. Progress of the program to Mar. 31, 1965 was as follows:—

Province	Estimated	Value of	Provincial	Federal	Total	Milage
	Total Cost	Approved Contracts	Expenditure <sup>1</sup>	Contribution	Milage	Completed
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	No.	No.
Newfoundland.....	16,059	19,352	10,648	4,152	330	265
Prince Edward Is...	15,000	15,733	11,932	5,966	448	361
Nova Scotia.....	16,880	15,147	14,586	7,061	490	360
New Brunswick....	20,562	15,520	13,055	5,250	439	254
Quebec.....	13,435 <sup>2</sup>	13,174	12,377	5,437	179	134
Ontario.....	19,370	16,741	13,979	5,913	540	312
Manitoba.....	21,669	16,160	14,201	6,403	720	331
Saskatchewan.....	22,950	13,550	12,524	5,762	914	383
Alberta.....	20,380	14,802	13,926	6,963	408	327
British Columbia...	20,500	14,355	12,744	6,368	319	173
TOTALS.....	186,805	154,564	129,972	59,275	4,787	2,900

<sup>1</sup> Includes only the amounts reported by the provinces to the Federal Government.

<sup>2</sup> The agreement with Quebec provides for additional projects to be included at a later date to bring the total to \$15,000,000.