

reference system containing information about well-designed products and the Canadian Register of Designers which provides data to industry on designers and design services. A Design Centre will be established in 1967 in Montreal.

**Area Development Program.**—The area development program fosters economic development in designated areas characterized by high chronic unemployment, slow employment growth and serious problems of underemployment as measured by low non-farm family income. Several financial incentives designed to assist new and expanding manufacturing and processing industries in the designated areas are available including a three-year income tax abatement on capital grants for new machinery and buildings, as well as special depreciation rates on new machinery, equipment and buildings. The three-year tax abatement measure expires Mar. 31, 1967.

The program embraces large regions of the country, in all ten provinces, with 65 Canada Manpower Centre areas and 16 counties and census divisions being designated. The program covers areas comprising approximately 16 p.c. of the labour force. Since the inception of the program in December 1963, more than 600 firms have indicated their intention to establish new or expanded facilities in designated areas and to invest more than \$1,250,000,000. More than 41,000 new jobs were to be provided directly by these factories as well as a similar number of additional jobs associated with supply and service industries.

**Program for the Advancement of Industrial Technology.**—In 1965 the Department of Industry initiated a Program for the Advancement of Industrial Technology (PAIT) to stimulate industrial growth by the application of science and technology to the development of new or improved products and processes. The basic aim of the program is to help industry upgrade its technology and expand its innovation activity by underwriting specific development projects that involve a significant advance in technology and which, if successful, offer good prospects for commercial exploitation. PAIT is essentially a form of "development insurance" with the Government sharing the financial risk of the development with the sponsoring company.

PAIT assistance is available to individual Canadian companies or groups of Canadian companies for developmental projects to be carried out and exploited in Canada. Companies are expected to have the capabilities and facilities to undertake the development work and also to provide for the manufacture and sale of the resulting products in both domestic and export markets. This program is designed to increase the technical competitiveness of Canadian industry and is also intended to help create an industrial environment attractive to Canada's best-qualified scientific, technical and managerial personnel.

Sixty-six Government-assisted development projects, representing a total effort of approximately \$25,500,000, have been undertaken by Canadian firms since the inception of the PAIT program.

**Defence Product-Development Assistance.**—In the year since November 1965, new commitments totalling approximately \$17,000,000 were made under the Defence Development Assistance Program to foster the growth of a development capability in Canadian industry in support of the Production-Sharing Program. The projects supported under the program to meet present or anticipated requirements of military services of the United States and other allied governments included: Helicopter Logistic Devices at Okanagan Helicopters (Vancouver); Air Transportable Maintenance Shop at ATCO (Calgary); Black Brant Family of Rockets at Bristol Aerospace (Winnipeg); Tilt Wing Aircraft at Canadair (Montreal); High Frequency Sounding Equipment at EMI Cossor (Halifax); Xenon Light Sources at Atlantic Films (St. John's, Newfoundland); the Twin Otter Aircraft Turbinization Project at de Havilland (Toronto); the OT-4 Stationary Gas Turbine Engine at Orenda (Toronto) and Parachute Developments at Irvin Airchute (Fort Erie). For the year ended Mar. 31, 1967, the Government approved a cash authorization of \$25,000,000 for this program.