

struction of a National Library of Canada building on the high ground overlooking the Ottawa River west of the Supreme Court. The site is at present partly occupied by No. 1 Temporary Building, which is to be removed. Plans for the restoration of the Library of Parliament, which was damaged by fire last year, have also been approved.

Work continued on a variety of other buildings and projects throughout the Capital area. Among these is an overpass on the Montreal Road designed and built by the Commission to provide a controlled entrance to the National Research Council establishment. Removal of the Aylmer building permitted completion of the western approach to the Mackenzie King Bridge. The bridge, which was the first completed project in the National Capital Plan, opens up an east-west traffic artery over the Rideau Canal in Confederation Park. Work was also begun by the Commission on the development of the Hog's Back-Mooney's Bay Park. When completed this area will provide a much-needed and very attractive addition to the Commission's park system in the National Capital.

Gatineau Park.—The development of Gatineau Park, located in the wooded hill-and-lake country of the Laurentians north of the city of Hull and about eight miles from the Capital, was begun by the FDC in 1939. It is the summer and winter playground of the National Capital, and is well-provided with hiking trails and picnic and camping spots. Swimming, boating and fishing are enjoyed in its many lakes and, in the winter, it is the skiing centre of the district.

"Kingsmere", the large country estate bequeathed to the nation by the late Rt. Hon. Wm. Lyon Mackenzie King and placed in the care of the Commission, is located on Kingsmere Lake at the south end of the Park. Land acquisitions by the Commission have increased the area of the Park to about 45,000 acres, and plans call for its ultimate development to about 80,000 acres. Access to the Park will be considerably improved with the completion of a new road running from Val Tetreau on the Ottawa River west of Hull to the Kingsmere area. About four miles of this road is under construction. Eventually, it will be extended to provide a 50-mile scenic route through the Park.

Section 3.—Wildlife Resources and Conservation*

The Canadian Wildlife Service.—The Canadian Wildlife Service of the National Parks Branch, Department of Resources and Development, is responsible for attending to wildlife matters coming within the jurisdiction of the Federal Government, except those within the purview of the National Museum and certain activities closely related to Indian affairs.

Its functions include acting in an advisory capacity with regard to conservation and management of wildlife in the Northwest Territories; advising and co-operating with the National Parks and Historic Sites Division regarding fish and wildlife problems in the National Parks; and administration of the Migratory Birds Convention Act, in conjunction with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and in co-operation with the provincial game authorities. The Canadian Wildlife Service also handles national and international problems relating to Canada's wildlife resources, and co-operates with governmental and other agencies having similar interests and problems in Canada and elsewhere.

The Service issues permits for bird-banding in Canada and is the Canadian clearing-house for bird-banding information. It issues permits to qualified persons

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