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Hon. E. C. Manning:

Good Evening, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Tonight, we begin our new 1967 Tele-Facts series. This year, we have an entirely new and different type of program. I think you will enjoy it and I hope you will find it helpful in providing information in which you are interested. I hope you will not only look in, but will write in, to ask questions and raise issues that you would like to hear discussed. This way, the program will become a two-way street for communication between you, the people of Alberta, and we, whom you have charged with the responsibility of your government.

While this series will deal entirely with public issues and provide important public information, it is not being paid for by public funds. It is being sponsored by the Alberta Social Credit League, not for narrow partisan interests, but as a contribution the League and those of us responsible for the work of government, are seeking to make to the continued progress of this great Province.

We have, in Alberta, not only the finest Province, but the most vigorous and progressive people in Canada. Our growth and progress is not due merely to the fact that we have vast and diversified resources. It is due equally to the fortitude and hard work of our farmers, our labour force, our businessmen, our professional men, our pioneers and our young people—in short, the people of Alberta as a whole.

There is also another factor that has helped make Alberta unique. In no other Province do the people and their government work in such close association as we do here. Alberta became a Prov-

ince nearly 62 years ago. For over half of that entire period, your Social Credit Government has guided Alberta's public affairs.

This record, unique in political history, has not been due to powerful party organization or high powered political manoeuvring. It has been due to the fact that you and your government have always shared a common objective. We have been two parts of a united provincial effort to protect the rights, and advance the interests of every citizen and every family, and our Province as a whole. This is the way it ought to be among people who are too busy to be bothered with petty politics, and this is the way it will continue to be as long as we are your government.

This is why we have arranged these telecasts to enable us to talk over together the big and important issues on which the future of our Province depends. This is why we want you to participate and to give us the benefit of your opinions and recommendations. In this way, we can work together in developing and constantly improving government policies and programs to meet the changing needs of our times.

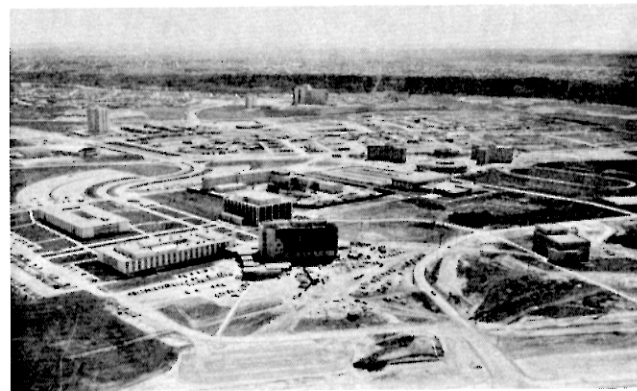
During these programs, I'd like you to think of Alberta as a vast, booming business corporation in which each of you, as a citizen of this Province, is a shareholder, and this is literally true. Perhaps some are still not aware that we are the only Province that has retained for its citizens the ownership of its vast mineral resources. That's why we have been able to collect for you over 2 billion dollars in royalties and leases and development rights from oil alone. Incidentally, Alberta is the only Province in Canada where this is so, even though there are Provinces with more extensive natural resources than ours.

You are the shareholders in "Alberta Unlimited". We, whom you have elected to administer your public affairs, are your Board of Directors. As the Chairman of your Board on these telecasts, I want to report to you, as shareholders. In turn, I want you to tell us if there are areas in which you feel we are not doing a good job. I want you to freely and frankly express your views so that we can give attention to any matters about which you are concerned. Now then, let's call our meeting to order and get started.

Nineteen sixty-six was a very active year in Alberta. In fact, we were hard put to handle all the tremendous capital construction projects which are providing for your use modern public facilities unsurpassed anywhere else in Canada. I know you will be interested in a quick bird's eye view of some of the projects which have been completed during the past year.



The University of Alberta in Edmonton where 17½ million dollars were spent in expansion in 1966.



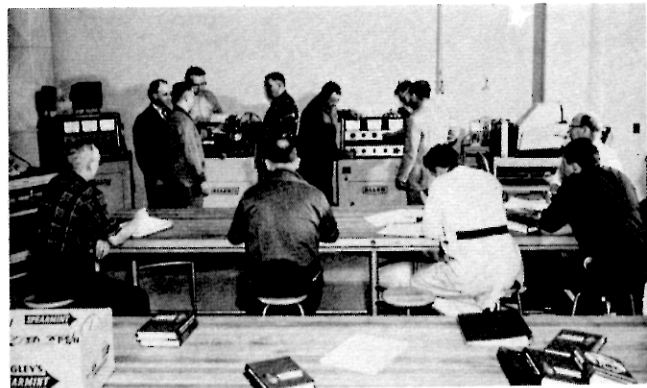
The University Campus in Calgary where another 12½ million dollars of capital construction took place last year.



The Southern Alberta Institute of Technology in Calgary. The total complex involves an expenditure of 28½ million dollars. It serves 5,762 students, and when completed, will be the largest technical institute in Canada. Incidentally, it is the oldest. It will cover 24.7 acres of floor space.



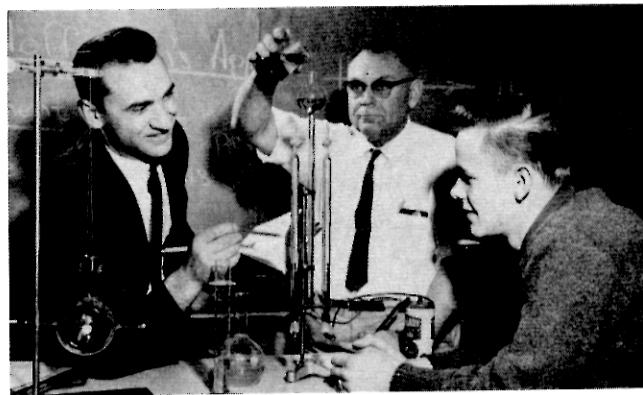
A view of the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology in Edmonton which is presently the largest in Canada—19 acres of floor space, serving 7,100 students and costing 22½ million dollars.



The Diesel Engineering Section, Northern Alberta Institute of Technology.



Interior of the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology. This is the Automotive Section.



One of the laboratories in the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology.



New Vocational High School in the City of Grande Prairie—completed this year at a cost of 1¼ million dollars and serving approximately 560 students.



New Vocational High School which is now open at Grouard—built at a cost of one million dollars and serving 385 students in that area of Alberta.



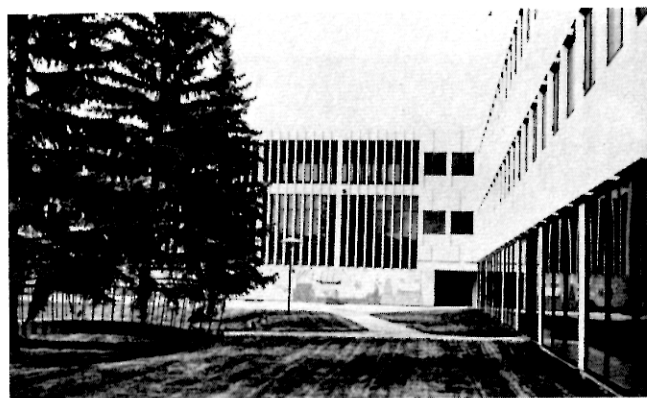
New Foothills Hospital in Calgary. It was opened in 1966. This complex cost to date a total of 21½ million dollars.



This picture shows both the Foothills Hospital itself and the nurses' residence in connection with it.



Interior of the nurses' lounge in the nurses' residence, Foothills Hospital, Calgary.



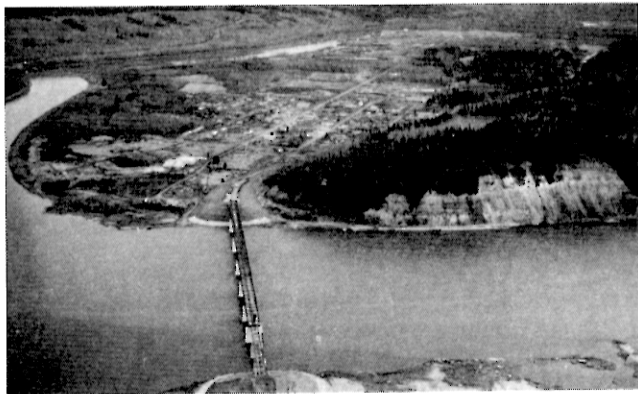
The Glenrose School Hospital in Edmonton which was opened this year to provide services for multiple handicapped children. This was built at a cost of 3.6 million dollars. It provides a hundred beds for these children who need both educational and medical care.



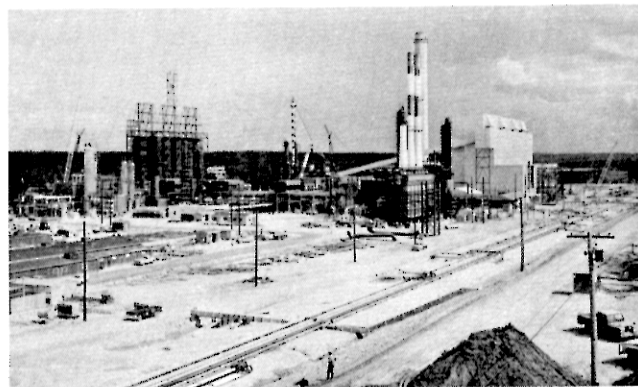
The Diamond Interchange that is now under construction on the Trans-Canada highway junction with the Jumping Pound district road.



The Bowness Cloverleaf and Interchange with the Calgary by-pass road outside Calgary which was built at a cost of about \$840,000.



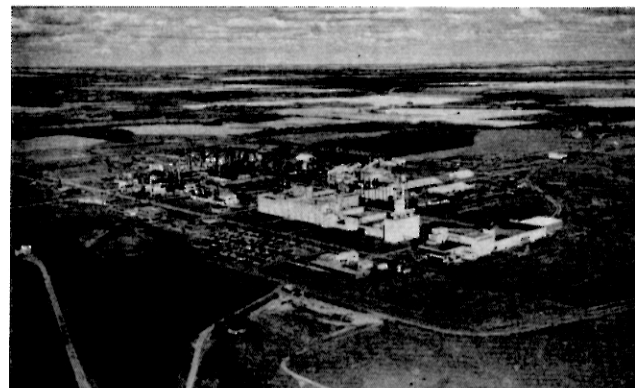
Bridge at Fort McMurray opened during 1966 and built at a cost of 3½ million dollars. The cost of this bridge was shared jointly by the Province and industry.



The Great Canadian Oil Sands Plant at Fort McMurray which of course is the first commercial development of the tar sands and is being built at a total cost of \$240,000,000.



The Sherritt Gordon Plant at Fort Saskatchewan in 1966 opened a 23 million dollar addition for the manufacture of commercial fertilizer.



The Chemcell Plant near Edmonton where a 17 million dollar addition was added this past year.

These projects are but a few of the many developments of 1966. There are many other fields in which this Province is blazing new trails.

Community Development programs, with special attention to the problems of our Indian citizens, are commanding a lot of time and attention at the present time. We have seven Community Development Projects under way and several more in the planning stage. We are working together with our native Indian citizens in helping them to help themselves.

In the ARDA program (a joint Federal-Provincial program) we have 78 projects under way in Alberta involving expenditures of some \$17½ million shared jointly between the Federal and the Provincial Governments. There are about 15 more ARDA projects in the planning stage.

Young people, I am sure, are interested in our new Youth Ministry, headed up by the Hon. Robert Clark — one of your own young people. This isn't to impose government programs upon the young people of Alberta, but to work with them in developing their own interests and potentials.

Alberta's Northern Development Council in 1966 spent over \$5 million to speed up northern development.

Our Alberta Resources Railway completed about 80 miles of roadbed last year, with steel on 29 miles; and this year it will be completed to the rich coking coal resources in that part of the Province. Ultimately, this Resources Railway will link all of Alberta to seaboard, either at Vancouver or Prince Rupert, with important economic benefits to all northern shippers.

In closing, may I make one brief reference to the year ahead. 1967 is not only Canada's Centennial Year in which we, of course, in Alberta

are very interested; but it is going to be a very important year for our own Province. This year, it is our intention, as your Government, to put the emphasis on the development and the conservation of human resources. Far-reaching programs are already in the process of preparation, and I can assure you that this opens up a whole new field involving new concepts of human values, human interests and potentials. These new approaches will give a real depth of meaning to our Centennial Year, and will again keep Alberta well out in front of all of the rest of Canada. Certainly, I can guarantee exciting times ahead for this Province — great times in which to live and be a shareholder in "Alberta Unlimited".

With so much constructive work ahead, this is no time for petty political bickering. This is a time for all who share a mutual concern for Alberta's future and for Canada's future, to unite to ensure the kind of progress only such united effort will make possible. I'm not much interested in your political party labels or past political interests. You're a Canadian and an Albertan, and if you want to help preserve human dignity and human values and human freedom, develop a stronger and better democracy and work for a better future for every individual and family in this Province, then you and we, as your government, stand for the same thing and certainly should be working together to attain our common goal.

Let us resolve, as a practical Centennial project, that we in this Province, intend to demonstrate our ability to work together to achieve those things which a united effort can achieve. By so doing, we will guarantee the very best for Alberta, and who knows what good may come from demonstrating to all of Canada what a united people can accomplish.