

CANADA'S EASTERN ARCTIC EXPED. 1937

OTTAWA, Canada, July 14—The Minister of Mines and Resources announces that the annual expedition to the Dominion Government posts in the Eastern Arctic sailed from Montreal aboard the R.M.S. Nascope, on July 10th, with Major D. L. MacKeand of the Lands, Parks and Forests Branch of the Department again Officer in Charge and Government Representative in the Canadian Arctic Archipelago.

Dr. L. D. Livingstone, of the Bureau of Northwest Territories and Yukon Affairs, who has spent fifteen years as medical officer in the Eastern Arctic, will be the Ship's Doctor. He will make an inspection of the natives at all points of call. The Postmaster in charge of the heavy volume of mail matter going into Eastern Arctic is Mr. Emile Gravel of the Postal Service, Ottawa. The interest taken by philatelists in can-

celled postage from the most northerly post offices in the British Empire is largely responsible for the increasing amount of mail matter handled annually.

Accompanying the expedition as Physiographer is Mr. D. A. Nichols of the Geological Survey, who will continue a study of the physical geography of the Arctic regions. Mr. C. H. Ney of the Geodetic Survey, with his assistant, Mr. Kenneth Gladstone, will travel with the expedition to Lake Harbour, where they will embark on the motor schooner Nanuk with a native crew to make a series of geographical determinations at points along the south shore of Baffin Island. Remaining in the north until late October, Mr. Ney and his assistant will return south by the ice-breaker N. B. McLean. Investigations of certain rivers in Baffin Land and the sea in the vicinity of Lake Harbour will be made by Mr. H. M. Rogers, Ichthyologist, of the University of Toronto. A biological survey of Frobisher Bay will be made by Mr. V. C. Wynne-Edwards, Assistant Professor of Zoology, McGill University, who will join the Donald B. MacMillan expedition at Hebron as representative of the Canadian Government. Mr. R. Glenn Madill of the Dominion Observatory will travel with the patrol as far as Chesterfield where he will leave the expedition to continue magnetic survey work in the environs of Baker Lake and Repulse Bay, later returning to Ottawa from Churchill.

A motion picture record of the expedition will be made by Mr. Richard Finnie, who has had a wide experience in taking motion pictures in the Eastern and Western Arctic during the past fourteen years. As a member of the Government expedition which flew over the north magnetic pole in 1930, Mr. Finnie obtained the only motion pictures ever taken of that area. The Secretary to the expedition will be Mr. Roy D. Cahoon, Engineer of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, who with J. Frank Willis, Maritime Regional Program Director, as his assistant, will conduct experiments in short wave transmission and reception during the trip. J. H. T. Aial, A. F. Crowell and A. Tamblin, radio engineers of the Department of Transport are accompanying the expedition as far as Port Harrison, Quebec, where a meteorological station will be established this year. As Historian of the expedition Mr. R. K. Carnegie, Superintendent of the Canadian Press in Ottawa, will join the party at Churchill and make the return voyage to Halifax.

Superintendent G. F. Fletcher is in charge of the R.C.M. Police detachment, with N.C.O. Corporal W. C. Dodsworth acting as clerk throughout the voyage to check the stores at all posts visited. The following constables embark at Montreal for two

INDIAN TRIBES UNDERGOING CHANGE

The wild savages of the northern Rocky Mountains exist no longer except in the imagination of a few fiction magazine writers. Most of the Indians who hunt there today are breeds, descendants of hardy French-Canadian, English, and Scotch trappers and traders who married Indian women and brought up their families in the traditional Indian manner. Diamond Jenness has described in a recent report, "The Sekani Indians of British Columbia," Bulletin 84, National Museum of Canada, 1937, how a whole new tribe arose quite recently through the marriage of a French-Canadian trapper's son with an Indian woman at the headwaters of the Peace River; and he tells of another band of Indians in the region, commonly known as the 'Outlaw' band, because fugitives from justice formerly took refuge with it until the hue and cry of police pursuit died away.

These Indians attribute hysteria and insanity to enchantment by the land otter, and they remember seeing their grandfathers and grandmothers lie for hours on the ground, apparently dead, then suddenly revive with songs on their lips and proclaim new gospels that their souls had brought back from the sky. Life was easy and simple in those days when the beaver propagated on every stream; but now the country is overrun with white trappers and prospectors beaver are growing scarcer every year and little by little the Indians are turning from their old pursuits and adapting them selves to the greedy tempo of the twentieth century.

A copy of the illustrated pamphlet describing the culture, religion, and social customs of these Indians, may be had by applying to the National Museum of Canada, Ottawa.

years' service at points in the Canadian Arctic: A. E. Staples for Port Burwell; J. Fitzrandolph, Lake Harbour; L. Weston and J. J. Watkins, Port Harrison; W. T. James, Eskimo Point; L. T. Fyfe, Craig Harbour; E. W. Leach, Pond Inlet; H. F. McCabe, Pangniting; and D. P. McLaughlin spare man.

As in the past, this year's Eastern Arctic Expedition is expected to be productive of much valuable scientific and other information relative to native and wild life in the Far North. The cruise will approximate 12,000 miles, and the ship will make twenty-three calls and distribute supplies and mail to forty-five posts where R.C.M. Police, fur traders and missionaries are stationed. Reports of the progress of the patrol will be made by Major MacKeand from time to time, and the expedition is expected to return home about the end of September.

JUDGES FAUX PAS, C.C.F. WINS PRIZE

F'ton Men Thought that CCF Meant "Canadian Confederated Foresters."

Sadder but wiser men as result of their experience in judging the floats in the Coronation Day celebrations in the good town of Fredericton, New Brunswick, the leading citizens of the Maritime metropolis are not anxious to discuss their offence against the social conventions when they meet their fellow townsmen on the street.

It appears that the C.C.F. put a "float" into the Coronation parade in Fredericton and won a \$25.00 prize. "I don't know why the judges didn't know what they were doing," writes a subscriber's niece in telling of the incident, "but a lot of people got hot under the collar when they heard that 'that Communist outfit' as they call us, had won a prize and the judges backed down and said they thought that C.C.F. meant 'Canadian Confederated Foresters' and if they had known what it really meant they certainly wouldn't have given it the prize. It's a good joke on Fredericton!" Or is it?

—Peoples Weekly, Edmonton.

PRIDE COMETH BEFORE LOSS OF DISHES

SUDBURY, July 13—When S. S. Freeland and Jim Davis quarrelled during their hunt for gold on a prospecting trip, they parted, and each went separate ways. Both, however, had camps beside each other.

Freeland took the dishes from the old camp. Davis claimed the dishes belonged to him; but, instead of asking Freeland to return them, he waited six months and then put the matter in the hands of Provincial Police.

"Case dismissed," said Magistrate J. S. McKessock in Police Court this

DRS. BELIEVE THEY HAVE DISCOVERED APPENDICITIS CURE

The possibilities of a cure for appendicitis are being explored at McGill University, Montreal, by Dr. Hans Selye, assistant professor of biochemistry in Dr. J. B. Collip's department at the University.

The scientists are of the opinion that they have discovered the cause of appendicitis, that familiar modern ailment that has compelled many people to undergo a major surgical operation. According to the McGill report, a physiological substance called histamine is suspected as the agent that produces the malady. Normally, it is present in certain quantities in the blood. Under certain conditions there is an over-supply and that is how the trouble starts. That, at least, is the theory evolved by doctors from experiments on rats. They have injected histamine into the blood stream of rats and thereby have caused appendicitis. By using small quantities of the disease-producing agent Dr. Selye succeeded in immunizing his appendicitis-infected rats, in the same way that human beings are rendered immune to typhoid and other diseases. In the McGill experiments the disease was produced and then cured.

Of course, so far medical research workers have been limited in their investigation of appendicitis in human beings, to the study of the diseased appendix after its removal. To what extent the new technique may prove successful depends on further experimentation. What may seem to be a definite cure in the case of animals, may not have similar results when applied to human beings. On that account, the scientists are not making extravagant claims but they are sufficiently optimistic to believe that they are now on the right track and that continued research may reveal a great boon to mankind.

morning. "Any man who lives beside a former friend for six months and refuses to ask for his own dishes, doesn't deserve to get them back."



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