

taught up-to-date methods of living off the country in winter; secrets of bushcraft, and how to care for weapons and other equipment in extreme cold. They will participate in over-night bivouacs, snowshoe and ski patrols and learn how to feed and care for themselves when the thermometer skids far below the zero mark.

Graduates will be returned to their respective Reserve units in order that they can pass on all that they will have learned.

HONOUR CAPT. COOK: On board H.M.C.S. "ONTARIO" -- One of Britain's great naval officers and explorers received tribute Saturday, October 31, when Lieut. Commander J.A. Charles R.C.N., Rouleau, Sask. and men from his destroyer, H.M.C.S. "Crescent" held a brief ceremony at the monument to Captain James Cook at Kealakekua Bay on the Island of Hawaii. It was in January, 1778, that Captain Cook first arrived at the Bay on the name Island of The Hawaiian Group. Assisting in the ceremony was Chaplain Lea Gillard, R.C.N., Victoria, B.C., Protestant Padre with the Canadian Squadron. H.M.C.S. "Crescent" detached from the R.C.N. Squadron at noon Friday for the 120 mile run to Kealakekua Bay.

H.M.C.S. "Ontario" in company with the destroyer H.M.C.S. "Crescent" carried out a full anti-aircraft high angle shoot off the Island of Oahu on Friday. Ontario's four inch anti-aircraft batteries opened up first, the white puffs from the shell burst breaking close to the aircraft-towed target. Many of the guns crews were hearing the sharp crack from the twin mounts for the first time, having just completed new entry training at Naden. After "Ontario's" run, armament aboard the destroyer, a few cables astern pointed skyward and opened fire.

Following this exercise the remaining ships of the squadron "Cayuga", "Athabaskan" and "Antigonish", proceeded to another area to engage in anti-submarine exercises.

STUDY PARASITIC DISEASES: The federal Health Department's Laboratory of Hygiene is beginning studies of parasitic diseases affecting humans, Hon. Paul Martin, Minister of National Health and Welfare, revealed November 2.

This is the first time the federal health service has undertaken research in this specific field of medicine, he stated.

Parasitic diseases affecting humans are not as well known in Canada as in some parts of the world. Scientists believe, however, that these diseases are much more significant than generally realized, and because of easy world travel there is now greater possibility of infection coming in from other parts of the world where this type of disease is more common than it now is in Canada.

The studies at the Laboratory of Hygiene here will be in co-operation with provincial health departments and Canadian universities.

Exact areas of study have not yet been determined, but the general aim will be to discover the nature and extent of human parasitic diseases in Canada and to work out control measures.

Appointed to carry out the research under the direction of J. Gibbard, laboratory chief, is J.B. Poole, for the past year and a half parasitologist at the Queen Mary Veterans' Hospital, Montreal. A 1939 graduate in zoology from the University of British Columbia, he specialized in parasitology at McGill University, Montreal, from which he received his M.Sc. degree in 1941. Prior to the war, in which he served with the R.C.A.F., Mr. Poole did biological research on Vancouver Island for the federal Department of Fisheries and spent two years in research with the Kamloops, B.C., laboratory of the federal Health Department.

UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE: The Secretary of State for External Affairs announced November 2 the composition of the Canadian Delegation to the Third Session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization which is to open at Beirut, Lebanon, on November 17, and is expected to end on December 11, 1948. The Delegation will be led by Mr. Victor Dore, Canadian Ambassador to Belgium, and will consist of the following persons:

- Mr. A.W. Crawford, Director of Counselling and Training, Department of Veterans Affairs;
- Mr. Felix Desrochers, General Librarian of Parliament;
- Mr. Charles Jennings, General Supervisor of Programs, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation;
- Dr. John E. Robbins, Director, Education Branch, Bureau of Statistics.

The Conference will study the proposed program and budget of UNESCO for 1949 and will deal with other questions including the election of a successor to Dr. Julian Huxley as Director-General.

PRESENTS CREDENTIALS: The Department of External Affairs announced that Mr. Lawrence A. Steinhardt, on November 1 presented to His Excellency the Governor General, at Government House, his Letter of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United State of America in Canada.

Colonel the Honourable Colin Gibson, M.C., V.D., K.C., M.P., Secretary of State of Canada, was present.

Mr. Steinhardt was presented to His Excellency the Governor General by Mr. Howard Measures, Chief of Protocol, Department of External Affairs. Mr. Julian F. Harrington, Minister Plenipotentiary, Mr. Homer S. Fox, Counselor of Embassy (Economic) and Mr. Richard W. Byrd, First Secretary, accompanied the Ambassador.

Since 1933 Mr. Steinhardt has headed many diplomatic missions. He was Minister to Sweden until 1937, Ambassador to Peru from 1937 to 1939, when he was appointed Ambassador to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. In 1942 he held the post of Ambassador to Turkey and in 1944 that of Ambassador to Czechoslovakia. He was the United States of America's delegate to the Eighth International Conference of American States at Lima in 1938. He was awarded the United States Medal of Merit in July 1946.

EMPLOYMENT AT RECORD HIGH: According to reports submitted to the National Employment Committee, which concluded a two-day meeting in Ottawa on October 29, Canada reached a new peak in prosperity in 1948.

Chairman of the Committee, which operates in an advisory capacity to the Unemployment Insurance Commission and the National Employment Service, Judge W.J. Lindal of Winnipeg, presided at the meeting. E.N. Mitchell, Unemployment Insurance Commission, acted as secretary.

In a report on the employment situation, W.K. Rutherford, Director of Employment Service, stated that the records of the National Employment Service bore out the results of a sample survey made by the Bureau of Statistics which showed that the working force in Canada reached an all-time record level at the end of August and that unemployment neared a minimum.

SEASONAL FACTORS

Mr. Rutherford stated that seasonal factors were now coming into effect and reports from most suggested a falling-off in job openings. Employment would take the normal seasonal drop in the winter months, but the level of employment would remain high, and there was no reason to view the situation with alarm.

In a comprehensive report on the activities of the Special Placements Division of the National Employment Service, Supervisor H.C. Hudson, stated that very encouraging strides had been made in the rehabilitation of ex-convicts by careful placement on discharge from penitentiary of these men and women in suitable jobs with sympathetic and fair-minded employers.

Mr. Hudson described the system that had been followed in making these placements in co-operation with the Justice Department, penal institutions and welfare associations, including the John Howard Society.

The placement of the physically-handicapped had made tremendous advances during recent years. The success of the practical application of the philosophy "It is not what a man has lost, but what he has left", in the selective placement of the handicapped was amply demonstrated by the statistical record of the actual placements made by the Employment Service, Mr. Hudson said. More than 7,800 jobs were found for the handicapped during the seven

months ending July 14, 1948.

P.J. Philpott, Special Assistant to the Deputy Minister of Veterans Affairs, addressed the meeting on the problem of the Older Veteran in his search for employment. We pointed out that this would be a continuing problem since each year saw about 20,000 more veterans reach their 45 birthdays--the older age bracket.

Members of the Committee in attendance were: J.C.G. Herwig, General Secretary of the Canadian Legion; Aubrey L. Lott, Manager, Industrial Relations, Steel Company of Canada, Ltd., Hamilton; J.B. White, Director of Personnel, Aluminum Company of Canada, Montreal; R.A. Stewart, B.S.A., Canadian Federation of Agriculture, Almonte; George F. Hougham, General Manager, Canadian Retail Federation, Toronto; Mrs. G.D. Finlayson, Correspondence Secretary, National Council of Women, Ottawa; R. Davis, Executive Director, Canadian Welfare Council, Ottawa; A.R. Mosher, President, Canadian Congress of Labour; Carl Berg, Vice-President of the Canadian Trades and Labour Congress, Edmonton.

BOARD OF ENQUIRY: Appointment of a Board of Enquiry into the accident of a commercial United States aircraft, No. N.C. 88785, near Alcomdale, Alberta, on October 27 last which resulted in the death of the pilot and flight engineer and injury to two other crew members, was announced on October 30 by the Right Hon. C.D. Howe, Acting Minister of Transport.

R.S. Keetley, Inspector of Air Regulations of the Department of Transport at Edmonton, has been appointed Chairman of the Board with J.J. Currie, Aircraft Inspector of the Department at Edmonton, as adviser.

In keeping with the policy of international co-operation as laid down by the International Civil Aviation Organization (I.C.A.O.), E.C. Hodson of the Civil Aeronautics Board at Washington, has been appointed accredited observer from the United States, in view of the fact that the aircraft was of United States registry.

ARMISTICE DAY CEREMONIES: Approximately 40,000 Active and Reserve Force soldiers and more than 200,000 war veterans will participate in Armistice Day ceremonies across the country November 11, military authorities at Ottawa estimated this week. Thousands of wreaths will be deposited by both Service units and civilian organizations at hundreds of cenotaphs as veterans of two world wars parade in memory of fallen comrades.

Ceremonies everywhere will be brightened considerably by bands of various military units and Service associations.

Many veterans will be back in uniform if only for the day, as Army Headquarters has authorized all ex-members of the Canadian Army to wear uniform November 11. Earlier, authority to wear uniform was granted all veterans engaged in the selling of poppies.