

of seine-netting for cod and other groundfish. This year, some local boats will be converted to Scottish seine-netting and the federal Department of Fisheries is endeavouring to charter a Scottish seine-net vessel, with its regular crew, to demonstrate the method in Newfoundland.

There will be an exploratory fishing programme in areas that hold promise for shrimp, since it is felt that this species could provide a profitable operation for many fishermen.

TRIBUTE TO MR. MENZIES

Prime Minister L.B. Pearson recently made the following statement on the retirement of Sir Robert Menzies, Prime Minister of Australia:

I have conveyed, on behalf of the Government of Canada, our good wishes to Sir Robert Menzies, who has resigned as Prime Minister of Australia.

It is not easy, especially for those who know him, to think of Sir Robert in retirement. He has always seemed such a vigorous and robust political leader. He has had a very long political career, however, and his desire to enjoy a rest from the burdens he has so long carried is understandable.

He is a great Australian with that vigour, energy and determination, that whole-souled and outgoing temperament which are so characteristic of so many of his countrymen. Sir Robert is also the elder statesman of the Commonwealth. Few have cherished more deeply the British heritage of law and parliamentary tradition common to our countries.

A VERY HUMAN BEING

Sir Robert rose from humble beginnings to high places, but always remained a very human being. He has

been in the Australian National Parliament since 1934. Within five years of his first election he was leader of the United Australia Party and Prime Minister. After eight years in opposition he returned to power in 1949 as head of a Liberal Country Party coalition and he has been Prime Minister ever since.

We wish him and his wife, Dame Menzies, who has won the affection of all who know her, long life and happiness in the retirement which he has so richly earned but which, I suspect, will be a very active one.

CHIEF SECRETARY TO PM APPOINTED

Dr. John S. Hodgson, for the past two-and-a-half years Assistant Deputy Minister of National Defence (Finance), has been appointed Principal Secretary to Prime Minister L.B. Pearson. He will have general responsibility for the administration of the Prime Minister's Office and co-ordination of programmes and activities carried out there.

Dr. Hodgson's appointment represents a return to the practice formerly adhered to in Canada, and consistently followed in Britain, of having the Prime Minister's Office headed by a senior officer of the public service. In recent years the post of Principal Secretary, or its equivalent, has not been occupied.

As Principal Secretary, Dr. Hodgson will maintain liaison between the Prime Minister's Office and the Privy Council Office as well as the departments of government. He will additionally undertake specific assignments and duties as required at the direction of the Prime Minister.

Mr. Pierre Elliot Trudeau, of Montreal, was appointed one of two Parliamentary Secretaries to Mr. Pearson, the other being Mr. John Matheson.