

KLONDIKE DAYS - A HEROIC EPOCH RECALLED (Continued from P. 2)

The Secretary of State for Canada and the United States have announced that Canada and the United States have claims were recorded last year and new discoveries are being recorded daily. Certainly this demonstrates that the 'Spirit of '98' is still with us. It is upon this enterprise and vision that the new upsurge in northern development is based.

"And now to the mineral wealth is added the economic impact of a growing, thriving tourist industry. You have the magnificent scenery. You have the lure of the vastness and grandeur of the wilderness. You have the spirit and hospitality of the pioneers. Perhaps the latter ingredient is the most important of all...."

"This theatre, and the S.S. 'Keno', and the whole historical complex of Dawson City, will long serve as a focus for the growing historical interest of Canadians as Canada moves toward its centennial in 1967. May the curtain rise many times to warm the hearts of the modern pilgrims who will come 'down north' in pursuit of the spirit of adventure in the Land of the Midnight Sun...."

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Canada's consumer price index (1949=100) rose 0.3 per cent to 130.5 from 130.1 between the beginning of May and the beginning of June. Increases in the food, housing and clothing indexes more than offset a decrease in the recreation-and-reading index. Indexes for transportation, health and personal care, and tobacco and alcohol were unchanged in this comparison.

The food index increased 0.9 per cent to 125.6 in June from 124.5 in May, as higher prices were reported for a wide range of items including beef, fresh and cured pork, lamb, veal, chicken, flour, cheese, cake mix, coffee, most fresh vegetables, grapefruit and apples. Prices were lower for eggs, fresh milk, some fats, strawberries, orange juice and canned vegetables.

The housing index rose 0.3 per cent to 134.9 from 134.5; as both the shelter and household-operation components moved to higher levels. In shelter, both rents and home-ownership were up. The in-

crease in rents, the first in almost a year, reflected changes attributable to May moving.

The clothing index was up 0.3 per cent to 113.1 from 112.8, as a result of price increases for men's and children's wear, piece goods, and clothing services, which include laundry, dry cleaning and shoe repairs. Prices of women's wear were lower.

ARCTIC SUPPLY STARTS

A lifeline to some of Canada's remotest settlements left Montreal Harbour at 8 a.m. on July 4. The "C.D. Howe", Arctic service vessel of the Canadian Coast Guard, was off on its annual swing through the Eastern Arctic.

For the first time, the "Howe's" Eastern Arctic Patrol medical staff plans to give a complete physical check-up to every Eskimo from Resolute, Cornwallis Island, to Quebec as part of its three-month tour.

The Patrol's 28 specialists from five government departments and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police will minister to Eskimos in about 40 ports-of-call. The "Howe" will carry 900 tons of clothing, foodstuffs and household requirements for most of these communities.

The doctors, dentists, nurses and technicians necessary for the big check-up are from the Department of National Health and Welfare. A hydrographer from the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys, a welfare worker from Northern Affairs, RCMP officers, and a postman to see that the mail gets through complete the Patrol's complement of specialists.

Improved transport to the North throughout the year means that the "Howe" will carry no Eskimo passengers other than interpreters. Last year 20 Eskimos, who had been south for medical treatment, sailed home aboard the "Howe".

The "Howe", commanded by Captain J.A. Ouellet of Charlebourg, Quebec, has a crew of 73. It is expected to return to Quebec City on October 8. The "Howe" is one of 15 similar ships carrying out the Department of Transport's 1962 re-supply work, which involves moving about 75,000 tons of cargo to the Arctic.

The field officer will assist CUSO in the future. The development of this programme and provide liaison with the area.
Mr. Smith is on leave of absence from the North Delta Secondary School, Westminster, British Columbia. He has had wide experience in West Africa, having served for three years as an education officer in Northern Nigeria and has also taught several Nigerian schools before becoming principal of the Clerical Training School in Northern Nigeria. Mr. Smith was also examiner of the West African Schools Certificate Board and has travelled extensively throughout Nigeria and other English and French speaking countries in West Africa.

communications cable by the Queen in London to providing a much needed increase in facilities to Britain. The new cable has enabled the Corporation to open direct services for telephone telegraph and telex purposes with Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Netherlands, France, Germany, Switzerland and Italy. For the present, there is direct telex service to Belgium.
Mr. Bowie, the president and general manager of the COTC, indicates in the report that consideration is being given to further expansion of transatlantic voice facilities. He also states that the reconstruction and installation of the transatlantic cable between Vancouver, Auckland, New Zealand and Sydney, Australia is proceeding on schedule and should be open for service by the end of 1963.