

## CANADA AT MANCHESTER

For the first time in the 30-year history of the Manchester Grocers' Exhibition, a section of the fair was devoted to the display of a representative selection of Canada's food products. The Exhibition took place from May 8 to May 19.

Six Canadian food processors, in co-operation with the Department of Trade and Commerce, showed foods ranging from East Coast sardines to West Coast canned chicken. The Department prepared and published a 16-page brochure called *The Finest In Foods From Canada*, outlining the foods available and background information on the companies participating.

With text and photographs, the booklet gave a capsule history of the display: the Canadian sardines, packed fresh from their feeding ground on the Bay of Fundy; Ontario's pickle specialist, who introduced his hot-dog relish and a host of other pickle blends to England; the Italian family in British Columbia that specializes in canned chicken; the wide range of uses for corn oil, an unfamiliar product in Britain; Canada's wealth of canned fruits and vegetables, nurtured and supervised from seed to can to retain all the natural goodness.

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## WRITING GRANTS

Several grants to writers and publishers were announced recently by the Canada Council. Recipients include the magazines *Prism*, Vancouver (\$1,500), *The Tamarack Review*, Toronto (\$5,000), and the following publishing houses: McClelland and Stewart, Toronto (\$500), Fides, Montreal (\$1,000), Beauchemin, Montreal (\$300) and the University Presses of Toronto and Laval (\$17,000).

*Prism*, a quarterly devoted particularly to the work of British Columbia and West Coast writers, will continue publication during the next year with the help of a \$1,500 grant from the Council. Council assistance will also permit the launching of an intensive subscription campaign.

Some of the difficulties facing literary magazines in Canada are typified by *The Tamarack Review*. Probably Canada's leading English-language "little magazine", it is issued quarterly without benefit of office or salaried staff. A Canada Council grant of \$5,000 will help the magazine secure clerical help during the coming year and publish an annual survey of theatre in Canada.

A prize-winning novel by a young French-Canadian writer will be published in English by McClelland and Stewart with the help of a Canada Council grant of \$500. "Le Temps des jeux" last year won for its 23-year-old author Diane Giguère the coveted annual award of Le Cercle du Livre de France. The Council grant will assist with the translation of the work into English.

## NATIONAL BIOGRAPHIC DICTIONARY

The lives of important figures connected with Canadian history from the days of the Norse explorers to the present will be recounted in an 18-

volume work being prepared by the University of Toronto Press and Les Presses de l'Université Laval. The series, which will be called the "Dictionary of Canadian Biography", is to be published in both English and French and will contain some 10,000 entries. The project is under the direction of Professor G.W. Brown of the University of Toronto and Professor Marcel Trudel of Laval. It was made possible by the late James Nicholson, who provided an endowment for this purpose. While it is expected that the annual income from this endowment will be sufficient to ensure the continuation of this major work of research and publication, additional funds are needed to meet heavy organizational expenses during the early years. A Canada Council grant of \$17,000 will help defray the costs of translation for the first volume of the series, to be published in 1964.

Under its policy of grants for aid to publication the Council also authorized awards of \$300 to Les Editions Beauchemin for "Les abîmes de l'aube", a novel by Jean-Paul Pinsonnault, and \$1,000, to Les Editions Fides for "Toutes Isles" by Pierre Perrault. In addition, the Council purchased 100 copies of Adrien Thériot's "Livres et auteurs canadiens" for distribution abroad through the Department of External Affairs.

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## TOUR OF ARCTIC WEATHER STATIONS

Dr. P.D. McTaggart-Cowan, Director of the Department of Transport Meteorological Branch, returned recently from a tour of the Joint Canadian-U.S. Arctic Weather Stations to report that the internationally-sponsored meteorological research programme in the High Arctic was progressing smoothly.

On this air tour, Dr. McTaggart-Cowan, was accompanied by R.C. Grubb, Assistant Chief of the United States Weather Bureau, J.G. Dyer of the U.S. Weather Bureau, and Dr. D.C. Archibald, of the Meteorological Branch, Canadian Department of Transport.

The tour was made in the course of the annual Royal Canadian Air Force spring airlift of supplies and equipment to the weather stations. During the trip the weather experts conferred at Mould Bay, Prince Patrick Island, with Dr. E.F. Roots of the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys concerning the Polar Continental Shelf Project, of which Dr. Roots is in charge. The breadth of the programme, said Dr. McTaggart-Cowan, demonstrated the value of the joint stations in the launching of Arctic research undertakings.

The party also flew over the radioisotope-powered automatic weather station installed last summer at Sherwood Head on Axel Heiberg Island. The station is continuing to provide excellent weather-reporting service and its equipment appears to have weathered the winter without harm.

Before returning home, the party visited research installations at the United States Air Force base at Thule, Greenland.