

STRATFORD SHAKESPEARE SEMINARS

The Extension Department of McMaster University reports that enrolment in the two Shakespeare Seminars to be held this summer in conjunction with the Stratford Festival is almost complete. The second (August 8-14) is already over-subscribed, and the first (August 1-8) is within a few members of the maximum registration.

Every summer since 1960, the Stratford Seminars on Shakespeare both consisting of a week of lectures and discussions supplemented by attendance at plays and operas, have been well attended. Members come from every walk of life and all parts of the continent. This year is no exception - people are coming to the Seminars from as far away as Florida, Colorado and British Columbia. Housewives, lawyers, secretaries and teachers will mingle to form a keen and relaxed band of students.

ROLE OF ACTORS

The contact of the Seminar students with the theatre itself has always been close and, in addition to lectures from scholars, there have usually been contributions from those involved in staging Shakespeare. But this year the part played by members of the Festival company and staff will be particularly important, since, in addition to an actors' symposium during both weeks, Frances Hyland, Douglas Campbell, Eric Christmas and John Hayes, the Festival's production director, will give lectures, and Tony van Bridge and Eric Christmas, who are playing Falstaff and Bardolph respectively, will lead discussions.

Professional drama critics taking part will include Arnold Edinborough, editor of the Toronto weekly *Saturday Night*, Bamber Gascoigne, formerly theatre critic of the London *Spectator* and *Observer*, and Herbert Whittaker, drama critic of the Toronto *Globe and Mail*.

Among the Shakespearean scholars attending will be Gerald Eades Bentley, Professor of English at Princeton University, Maynard Mack, Professor of English at Yale University, J.G. McManaway, Chief Bibliographer of the Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, D.C., and Miss Muriel Bradbrook of Girton College, Cambridge.

P.E.I. FLORAL STAMP

Details of a special postage stamp honouring the Province of Prince Edward Island were announced recently by Mr. René Tremblay, the Postmaster General. Eighth in a series honouring the official flowers of the ten Canadian provinces and the two territories, it will go on sale July 21.

The new stamp will be issued in the large-size, horizontal format. It will be printed in three colours by a combination of offset lithography and intaglio printing from hand-engraved steel plates. The provincial floral emblem, the lady's slipper or moccasin flower (*Cypripedium acaule*), will appear at the right side and will be printed by offset. The background tone and the provincial coat of arms on the left side will be printed by the intaglio process.

As with the others in the floral series, this stamp was designed and printed by the Canadian Bank Note Company of Ottawa. It will be of the five-cent denomination. A total of 26,510,000 are being issued.

LABOUR DEPARTMENT RESEARCH AWARDS

Fourteen grants with a total value of \$27,712.50 have been awarded under the Department of Labour's University Research Programme for 1965-66. These grants are made annually on the recommendation of a joint advisory committee of the Labour Department and the universities. Their purpose is to encourage research by qualified graduate students and professors, to bring about an increased understanding of the characteristics and role of labour-management relations and of manpower development and employment in the Canadian economy.

In the 15 years since the Department of Labour-University Research Programme was initiated, and including the latest awards, 109 grants have been made, with a total value of \$132,257.

While a report and summary of findings of each research project must be submitted to the Labour Department-University Research Committee, rights to their studies remain the property of the authors who, in many cases, have subsequently had them published.

In co-operation with the International Labour Organization, the Department of Labour also awards annual fellowships for research on labour problems at the International Institute of Labour Studies at Geneva. These are available to senior Canadian scholars. This year two fellowships, of \$5,000 each plus travel expenses for the recipient and his dependents, were awarded.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Motor-vehicle traffic accidents on Canada's streets and highways in April this year claimed 297 lives, a decrease of 3.9 per cent from the April 1964 total of 309, according to a special release by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

TOLL BY PROVINCES

The regional death toll in vehicular accidents in April was as follows: Newfoundland, 2 (5 in April 1964); Prince Edward Island, 1 (nil); Nova Scotia, 8 (13); New Brunswick, 12 (8); Quebec, 94 (107); Ontario, 105 (105); Manitoba, 13 (16); Saskatchewan, 8 (16); Alberta, 19 (18); British Columbia, 35 (21); and the Yukon and Northwest Territories, nil (nil).

GLOBAL TRANSPORT FLIGHT

A Royal Canadian Air Force C-130E "Hercules" transport plane flew round the world recently on a 14-day mission. The "Hercules", with a crew of 13, took off from RCAF Station Namao near Edmonton, Alberta, on May 25, stopping at such points as Recife (Brazil), Dar es Salaam (Tanzania), Singapore and Tokyo.