

Five archaeological parties will work in British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, the Arctic and Yukon Territory. Dr. Jean Michea, with Henry Collins Jr., Smithsonian Institution, will investigate the ancient habitations of Eskimos who, hundreds of years ago, moved in the area between Boothia and Greenland. The work will be carried on at Resolute Bay and Cornwallis Island, N.W.T. Transport will be supplied by the R.C.A.F. and the U.S.A.A.F.

Dr. Douglas Leechman, archaeologist, will work in British Columbia, north of Prince George, on a continuing study of migration routes from Asia to North America.

Soldiers' Votes: Members of the Canadian armed forces no matter where they may be on polling day, will have the opportunity to exercise their franchise in the forthcoming general election, Defence Department officials said on June 16. Whether on duty in Washington, D.C., in London, Eng., or in any part of Canada, they will be able to vote for the candidate of their choice in the electoral district where their place of "ordinary residence" is located.

Sault Ste. Marie Armoury: The first post-war armoury to be built in Canada will go to the city of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., for the use of its 49th Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment, the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Claxton, has announced. Construction is expected to start early this Fall, and will take about one year to complete at a cost of more than \$750,000.00.

The strategic importance of the area together with the inadequate accommodation at present available to the Reserve Force there, dictated the choice of Sault Ste. Marie.

Civil Aviation: Bolstered by improved passenger and mail earnings, Canadian air carriers reported total revenues of \$2,387,613 in January, a gain of 24 per cent over the \$1,919,308 received in the corresponding month last year, according to the Bureau of Statistics. Expenses increased to a greater extent, totalling \$2,888,256 for the month, up 21 per cent, contrasting with the advance of \$468,305 in receipts. Net operating revenues showed a deficit of just over half a million dollars as against \$461,359 in January, 1948. An operating debit in January appears to conform to the seasonal pattern in post-war experience. Scheduled carriers had revenues of \$2,074,534 and expenses of \$2,513,340 in January.

Across Canada: A \$1,000,000 fire levelled two industrial blocks in Vancouver, B.C., yesterday. The area was bounded by First Avenue from Ontario to Main, and False Creek. Four persons were injured....Scattered showers brought only patchy relief to drought-stricken southern Ontario last night.