

York University provided equipment for seven experiments into atmospheric composition carried out with four *Skua* rockets.

The remainder of the 1968 Canadian Sounding Rocket Programme - including two *Black Brants* to be launched from NRC's Resolute Bay Rocket-Launching facility - is to be completed this autumn when auroral conditions are improved because of longer periods of darkness. Scientists from the University of Montreal, the University of Toronto and Dalhousie University (Halifax) will be among those participating in this phase of the programme.

### EUROPEAN CATTLE IMPORTED

Agriculture Minister H.A. Olson announced recently that permits were being issued for the importation this autumn of 238 head of breeding cattle from France and Switzerland. The cattle, which will be quarantined first in their country of origin, will be kept during the winter at the Canada Department of Agriculture's maximum security quarantine station on Grosse Ile in the St. Lawrence River.

Of the 238 head being imported, seven will go to breeders in Nova Scotia, two to New Brunswick, 17 to Quebec, 44 to Ontario, 15 to Manitoba, 54 to Saskatchewan, 72 to Alberta, 17 to British Columbia and ten to the Canada Department of Agriculture.

As in the past, the demand for import permits has far exceeded available space at the Grosse Ile station. This year, 316 breeders requested permits for 2,000 head.

To speed up the establishment of breeding herds in Canada, this year's applications were considered for the importation of more than one animal by an individual breeder. The 1968 maximum is six animals for each applicant, since livestock experts agree that it is a difficult and slow procedure to develop a breeding herd from a nucleus of only one or two animals. Six head will allow the individual to develop a well-rounded programme.

### SELF-SUSTAINING HERDS

"The purpose of importing cattle from continental Europe is to build up breeding herds of these animals in Canada that will be self-sustaining," Mr. Olson said. "That is, herds that could continue to produce seed stock for the Canadian livestock industry should the source of breeding animals be cut off in Europe by, for instance, a serious outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in France or Switzerland."

The importations were begun in 1965 to give Canadian breeders access to previously unavailable sources of cattle bloodlines which could add to the efficiency of the Canadian livestock industry.

Cattle imported from continental Europe must meet stringent health requirements and go through a multitude of tests, all under the direct supervision, of CDA veterinarians.

### NEW PASSENGER TERMINALS

Visitors to Canada disembarking from ships in Montreal will now step ashore into two of the most modern passenger terminals in North America.

The new terminals, named *Joliet* and *Iberville* (after two famous explorers of New France) replace the draughty uncomfortable sheds that previously greeted transatlantic passengers on their arrival in Montreal.

The terminals, built by the National Harbours Board at a cost of \$2 million, contain comfortable lounges, restaurants and a bar. A baggage-conveyor system eliminates delays for embarking or disembarking passengers and a roof-top observation deck provides an unobstructed view of the harbour and the two Expo islands now housing the Man and His World exhibition in the middle of the St. Lawrence River.

In Vancouver, the 40-year old passenger terminal at Pier B-C was recently reopened after a facelift that cost \$90,000. New furnishings and a bright décor greeted passengers disembarking from the liner *Iberia*, first ship to make use of the new facilities.

### ESKIMO NURSES AIDS

Eight young women from Canada's North are training at the Canadian Forces Medical Training Centre, Canadian Forces Base, Borden, Ontario.

The girls, who are members of the first Eskimo nurses aid course, are receiving instruction in preventive medicine, medical care, medical and surgical nursing, obstetrics, pediatrics and infant care, and do practical work at Alliston's Stevenson Memorial Hospital. At the end of the course they will return home for assignments to nursing stations in the Arctic. All but one of the girls are from the Northwest Territories.