

administers the pension plan for Federal Government employees throughout the country, handles contributions, computes payments and pays pensions. The division is also involved in the administration of the Public Service Management Insurance Plan, the Group Surgical-Medical Insurance Plan and the Disability Insurance Plan. In the course of a year, the division answers about 125,000 requests for information.

Although some employees now working in the Superannuation Division in the national capital region may wish to relocate to Moncton, it is expected that most of the staff will be recruited in the Moncton area.

Olympics arts and culture festival free shows

Program director-general of the Olympics arts and culture festival, Yvon Desrochers, has announced that more than 1,000 free shows will be presented by some 250 Canadian groups and artists in Montreal in July.

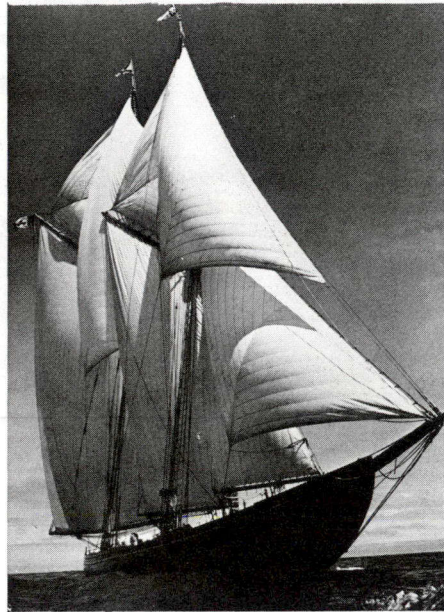
Man and his World's Place des Nations, with a capacity of 12,000 seats, will be one of the main rallying points for this festival, where six events will be held in the earlier part of July, featuring entertainers from the province of Quebec. From July 18 to 31, the Canadian Fold Arts Council will hold 130 presentations with performances by groups from all provinces.

Among other events, the arts and culture festival will sponsor 50 chamber music concerts, five French-speaking poetry recitals and four English-language poetry recitals, as well as 510 clown, mime, and acrobatic shows, 28 "pop" music concerts and 125 traditional Quebec song and music programs.

Also scheduled are photographic, tapestry, engraving and painting exhibitions.

Nova Scotia schooner visits U.S.

Bluenose II, duplicate of Nova Scotia's legendary North Atlantic racing schooner *Bluenose*, is on a goodwill tour of ports in the United States from New Orleans to New York City.



Bluenose II

The ship, displacing 285 tons, is operated by Nova Scotia's department of tourism.

Highlight of the *Bluenose* coastal trip will be at New York on July 4 when she joins 200 sailing ships from the United States and 30 seafaring nations on a four-hour "Operation sail" from Verrazano Bridge to George Washington Bridge on the Hudson River — some 19 miles.

Her presence will be a neighbourly acknowledgement by Nova Scotia of the U.S. Bicentennial.

While *Bluenose II* does not race, more than one million people have visited on board since her launching at Lunenburg in 1964. Her image is on the Canadian dime and 50-cent postage stamp.

International Council of Women meet in Vancouver

The National Council of Women of Canada welcomed delegates from over 60 other national councils around the world to Vancouver on June 21 for the twenty-first triennial meeting of the International Council of Women. Well over 500 delegates had registered by the time the opening sessions began at the Walter Gage Centre of the University of British Columbia. About half are Canadians. Several also came from Canada's twin, the National Council of Women of Surinam.

The theme of the conference, "Challenge of the Future", with the three sub-themes: the full responsibility of women in public and private life; women as economic factors in the community; and young men and women as assets to development, covers aspects of Canadian life with which Canadian women have always been concerned. Life here has always been a challenge, whether it is the large size of the country, surrounded by three oceans and a southern border it shares with the United States of America; its relatively small population of 21.5 million, as of the latest census in 1971; its largely undeveloped northern area, stretching toward the North Pole, with tremendous potential of oil, gas and other resources; and its gradual emergence from an economy based on raw materials to a highly industrialized power in foreign trade.

The National Council of Women of Canada was established in 1893, five years after the International Council of Women was set up in Washington in 1888.

The Canadian National Council of Women now has 19 nationally organized societies federated with it, several with international connections. There are six provincial councils, including one in British Columbia. The 43 local councils, such as the one in Ottawa, are very active at the community level.

The current ICW meeting, which ends July 2, will be the third time this international organization has met in Canada. Earlier sessions took place in Toronto and Montreal. There are a number of Canadian women on the ICW executive, including the national president, Mrs. Gordon B. Armstrong, who is from British Columbia.

Many more women in Canada are working today and the role of women in voluntary organizations, such as the National Council of Women, is undergoing change, as well as the subject matter of the programs undertaken by the various Councils and the time for the meetings. The status of women is a current question and the Federal Government is moving to implement a number of recommendations put forward by a Royal Commission on the Status of Women in Canada, whose report was tabled in Parliament in 1970. (A.H.)