

simple census count of the walrus, observing the number of males and females, and also the number of pregnant members of the species.

The circular, the first prepared by the Board in the Eskimo language, can be conveniently carried. RCMP officers stationed in the north will assist the Arctic Unit when the circular is ready for distribution to the Eskimos.

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### PASSAMAQUODDY FISH AND POWER

The completion of fishery investigations of Passamaquoddy Bay on the Atlantic Coast has shown that a proposed tidal-power project for that area would have only minor effects on the herring fishery of the bay, scientists attending the Fisheries Research Board of Canada's annual meeting in Ottawa were told recently. This statement was based on three years of intensive study by Canadian and United States specialists, the Canadians being members of the staff of the Board's Biological Station at St. Andrews, New Brunswick.

For almost three decades, American and Canadian engineers have been interested in the economic feasibility of harnessing the tremendous tides of the bay to produce electric power. The reason for this interest was based on the fact that four times a day about two billion tons of water cascade through the deep, narrow passages connecting Cobscook and Passamaquoddy Bays to the Bay of Fundy and in so doing alternately raise and lower the water levels by as much as 26 feet. Passamaquoddy is an Indian word meaning "great pollock waters" and is highly descriptive of this 140 square-mile bay, situated on the International Boundary between the State of Maine and the Province of New Brunswick.

However, besides the power potential the Bay may possess, it has for over a century nurtured one of the most productive herring fisheries and processing industries in the world. Each year the fishermen of the general region land more than 50 million pounds of "sardine" herring - over a third of the whole Gulf of Maine and Bay of Fundy catch. In addition, there are fisheries for clams, scallops, lobsters, pollock and haddock.

Since fishermen of the Bay derive as much as \$1,500,000 a year from the fishery, it was only natural that they, as well as federal fisheries officials, should press for an investigation of the possible effects that a power project would have on this valuable resource. In 1956, at the request of the Canadian and U.S. Governments, two international boards were established. One was the International Passamaquoddy Engineering Board, set up by the International Joint Commission to consider the engineering aspects of the proposed power project. The other was the International Passamaquoddy Fisheries Board, designed to forecast the effects that power

construction would have on the fisheries of the region. This fisheries board instituted programmes of research in oceanography, biology, and economics that were carried out jointly by the staffs of the Research Board's Biological Station at St. Andrews and the United States Bureau of Commercial Fisheries. The programmes carried out by both bodies provided a basis for the forecasting of effects of the proposed power project on the fisheries of the Passamaquoddy.

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### ENVOY TO EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

On January 27, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, replying in the House of Commons to a question as to whether the Government had "taken any steps to establish official and continuing relations with the European Common Market," made the following statement:

"...In view of the growing importance of the institutions of the Communities and of our relations with these six-nation arrangements, the Canadian Government has now decided to seek accreditation of our Ambassador in Brussels as the Canadian representative to the three Communities. The Canadian request was submitted some weeks ago, and in accordance with the usual procedure a formal reply is expected within the next few weeks. It was our intention to make a joint announcement in Ottawa and in Brussels when these procedures were completed.

"The accreditation of a Canadian representative will not involve the opening of a new mission, and it involves no changes or commitments with respect to Canada's relations with these Communities. It is an indication of our interest in these European arrangements, and is intended to facilitate the work of our mission in Brussels in keeping informed of Community developments and in making the Canadian view on particular problems known whenever appropriate."

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### STRATFORD CASTING CONTINUES

Michael Langham, Artistic Director of the Stratford Festival, has announced further casting for this season's Festival Company.

In addition to the casting of Julie Harris and Bruno Gerussi as Juliet and Romeo, the following roles have been negotiated: The title role in "King John" will be played by Douglas Rain, with Julie Harris as Blanche and Max Helpmann as Hubert. Mr. Rain, who returns to Stratford for his eighth season, will also play Tybalt in "Romeo and Juliet."

The nurse in "Romeo and Juliet" will be played by Kate Reid, last year's notable Emilia in "Othello", while Friar Lawrence will be played by Tony van Bridge. In "A Midsummer Night's Dream", Mr. van Bridge will appear as