

units equipped with basements, had already been built by band members. Situated some 80 miles north of Winnipeg, the well-planned community has been subdivided for residential, commercial and industrial use. The site will eventually accommodate 300 houses, 100 of which are being built over a five-year period. Mr. Laing added that "these people are most enthusiastic about the new development and look forward to administering their own housing programmes". Seven other Indian communities in the province have been laid out to allow for the extended services to the reserves from adjacent communities.

SPANISH GIFT OF PLAQUE

The exploration of Canada's Pacific Coast in the eighteenth century by the Spanish navigator Juan Francisco de la Bodega y Quadra was recalled recently when the Spanish Ambassador to Canada, His Excellency Javier Conde, presented an antique brass plaque and a portrait of Captain Quadra to the new Canadian Coast Guard weather-oceanographic ship *Quadra*. The ceremony took place in the office of Gordon W. Stead, Assistant Deputy Minister, Marine, of the Department of Transport, who received the gifts on behalf of the Department and the Coast Guard. The plaque, which also bears the likeness of Captain Quadra, and the portrait, will be permanently displayed on the new ship, which will go into service next autumn.

The historic background relating to the naming of the sister weather ships, *Vancouver* and *Quadra*, was recalled at the presentation ceremony: the English explorer, Captain George Vancouver and the Spaniard Quadra explored the Pacific Coast during the same period, and the two met in 1792 at Nootka Sound to carry out the terms of the Nootka Convention. Captain Vancouver, the first navigator to sail round Vancouver Island, named it "Quadra and Vancouver's Island" in commemoration of the friendly relations that had developed between himself and Quadra. The double name fell into disuse in the nineteenth century, but the name of the Spanish explorer is perpetuated by Quadra Island in Discovery Strait.

In accepting the plaque and painting from Ambassador Conde, Mr. Stead recalled the interesting historical events. He voiced the appreciation of the Department of Transport, and of the Canadian Coast Guard in particular, for the generous gesture of the Spanish Government.

INSURANCE FOR FARM WORKERS

Unemployment insurance coverage will be extended to employment of paid workers in agriculture and horticulture, effective April 1. In the past, the plan applied to only a few agricultural "fringe" activities, such as specialized poultry farming, which is not incidental to general farming, and some areas

of horticulture (not including nurseries and greenhouses). The Act will now apply to the whole industry across Canada.

The regulations make unemployment insurance compulsory, as in other industries that are subject to the Act and with the same rates of contributions and benefit. To receive benefit when unemployed, a farm worker will have to satisfy the same conditions as other workers by showing that he is available for work and unable to obtain it and that he has paid contributions for the required number of weeks in insurable employment. For this purpose, contributions from farm work and other employment can both be counted.

INSURANCE LIMITS

A worker in agriculture or horticulture cannot however, be insured if he has wages from his employer of less than \$9 a week cash, apart from the value of any board and lodging, or is a relative of the employer, or is a self-employed farmer in his own right but temporarily working as an employee for another farmer. In addition, there is provision whereby casual and transient workers employed by farmers for short periods, particularly at harvest time, can opt out of paying unemployment insurance contributions if they are not otherwise insurably employed.

LITERARY AWARDS

The Canada Council recently announced the winners of the Governor General's Literary Awards for 1966. Prizes will be given in all six categories, three English and three French, for works ranging from the first published novel of a self-confessed school "drop-out" to a monumental volume of Canadian history.

The winner of the prize for fiction in English is Winnipeg-born Margaret Laurence for *A Jest of God*, a novel about an unhappy spinster in a Prairie town. The winner for fiction in French is Claire Martin of Ottawa for *La joue droite*, the second volume of a work based on her life, *Dans un gant de fer*.

For poetry in English, Margaret Atwood, currently working on her Ph.D. thesis at Harvard, for *The Circle Game*, a collection of poems, many of which were first published in Canadian literary magazines.

The award for poetry and theatre in French goes to Réjean Ducharme, last seen in Montreal, for the poetic content of his novel, *L'Avalée des avalés*.

For non-fiction in English, George Woodcock, of the Faculty of English, University of British Columbia, for *The Crystal Spirit: A Study of George Orwell*.

For non-fiction in French, Marcel Trudel, head of the Department of History, University of Ottawa, for *Le Comptoir, 1604-1627*, second volume of his *Histoire de la Nouvelle France*.

The awards will be presented at a later date, and each will be accompanied by a cash prize of \$2,500, provided by the Canada Council.
