

substantial amounts of funds for research are made available from the following Grants: Public Health Research, Mental Health, Crippled Children, Cancer Control and General Public Health.

In the voluntary field, specialized agencies assist research in their defined areas of interest.

As a very superficial indication of the research effort meeting the challenge of foremost disease problems, the following tabulation compares the numbers of projects in specific disease areas with the leading causes of disability and death in Canada. The research effort appears mainly to be directed toward the major causes of death and to a lesser degree, toward those illnesses which result in temporary or prolonged disability. In general, it may be concluded that progress, particularly in the past decade, has been most heartening for future developments in medical research.

NEW CHICAGO OFFICE

Canada's Resources Minister Alvin Hamilton officially opened the Chicago office of the Canadian Government Travel Bureau in its new ground-floor location at 102 West Monroe Street on Tuesday, April 29.

The office, in attractive premises in Chicago's busy downtown 'loop', is decorated with a Canadian motif throughout, and large display windows facing both South Clark and Monroe Streets will promote travel in Eastern and Western Canada.

"I believe the new Chicago office will be one of the best travel counselling centres in the United States," Alan Field, Director of the Canadian Government Travel Bureau said. "It will bring added travel business to Canada, and particularly to Northwestern Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan."

The office, formerly located at 157 West Wacker Drive, was established in October 1954 to serve the travel information needs of the Middle West centered in seven states containing one-quarter of the population of the United States. These states contribute one-third of the total number of tourists who visit Canada for three or more days each year.

TO COSTA RICA

Mr. D.S. Cole has been appointed as Special Ambassador of Canada to Costa Rica on the occasion of the inauguration of the President-elect of Costa Rica, His Excellency Mario Echandi Jimenez. Mr. Cole will be accompanied by Mr. W. Van Vliet, who will carry the rank of Minister-Counsellor. Mr. Cole is Ambassador of Canada to Mexico and Mr. Van Vliet is Trade Commissioner in Guatemala. The ceremonies for the inauguration will take place at San Jose, Costa Rica, on May 8.

PASSPORT CONVENTION

The Department of External Affairs has announced that Canadian citizens visiting the Nordic countries of Europe - Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden - for more than three months will be affected by a passport waiver convention between the Nordic countries which comes into force on May 1.

Canadian visitors will benefit from the simplification of border-crossing formalities provided by the convention to facilitate travel within the Nordic area but those remaining longer than a total of three months in one or more of the countries will be required at the end of three months to obtain residence permits from the local authorities. Time spent in any of the Nordic countries in the preceding six months would be included in the three-month period. Residence permits will be granted without charge.

Existing regulations permitting visa-free entry of Canadians to Denmark, Norway and Sweden and providing for the issuance of visas without charge for entry to Finland are not affected by the new convention.

DIPLOMATS SHIFTED

Mr. Pierre Dupuy, at present Ambassador to Italy, has been appointed Ambassador to France to succeed Mr. Jean Desy, who is retiring. Mr. Dupuy will take up his new duties in Paris in the early fall. The appointment of his successor in Rome will be announced later.

Mr. H.F. Feaver, at present Ambassador to Denmark, has been appointed Chief of Protocol of the Department of External Affairs in Ottawa to succeed Mr. J.A. McCordick, who will be receiving another assignment. Mr. Feaver will take up his new duties in the early fall. The appointment of his successor in Copenhagen will be announced later.

SERVICE DEAD HONOURED

A wreath to honor the memory and services of members of the Canadian Armed Forces was laid by His Royal Highness The Prince of the Netherlands at the National War Memorial in Ottawa on Sunday, May 4, in conjunction with ceremonies held here in observance of Battle of the Atlantic Sunday.

Prior to the ceremony, personnel from Naval Headquarters, from HMCS Carleton, the Ottawa Naval Reserve Division, HMCS Gloucester, the naval communication school near Ottawa, and members of the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps attended special church services.

Special areas were allocated at the memorial for citizens of Dutch nationality.

Following the laying of the wreath by His Royal Highness, another was placed on the memorial by Rear-Admiral E.P. Tisdall, Vice-Chief of the Naval Staff, representing Vice-Admiral H.G. DeWolf, Chief of the Naval Staff.