

The new vessel will be named the C.H.S. "Maxwell" in honor of the late Staff Commander W.F. Maxwell of the Royal Navy. Before the establishment of the Canadian Hydrographic Service, the Royal Navy was responsible for the charting of Canada's coastal waters. Staff Commander Maxwell was in charge of the first detailed survey of the coasts along which the new vessel will be working. It was under him that Staff Commander Boulton, also of the Royal Navy, worked for nine years in this area, and it was Maxwell who made the final report leading to arrangements with the Admiralty for the long-term loan of Staff Commander Boulton to Canada for the establishment of the Georgian Bay survey. The Canadian Hydrographic Service has already honored Boulton by naming a small vessel after him.

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### "PIRATES" AT STRATFORD

A new production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance", directed by Tyrone Guthrie in the Avon Theatre, a continuation of the Music Workshop, and a series of week-end concerts in the Festival Theatre will form the basis of the music season of the Stratford Shakespearean Festival of 1961, according to a recent announcement by Glenn Gould, Leonard Rose and Oscar Shumsky who, with Ezra Schabas as music manager, form the new music directorate of the Festival. In addition to acting in an executive capacity, Messrs Gould, Rose and Shumsky will, as they did this past summer, appear as the Festival's featured artists.

The choice of "The Pirates of Penzance" as next year's operatta is considered a logical sequel to the immensely popular 1960 production of "HMS Pinafore", which, following three capacity weeks at the Avon Theatre, has since become a New York hit at the off-Broadway Phoenix Theatre.

The production will be accompanied by the National Festival Orchestra, again conducted by Louis Applebaum, former music director of the Stratford Festival and now television music consultant of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

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### NCC MANAGER APPOINTED

The appointment of Mr. Eric W. Thrift as General Manager of the National Capital Commission was announced on September 20.

For some months the Government had been looking for a replacement for Mr. Alan Hay, who has been the senior executive officer of the Commission for many years. It is felt that a fortunate choice has been made in securing a man with Mr. Thrift's outstanding qualifications.

Mr. Thrift is the Director of the Metropolitan Planning Commission of Greater Winnipeg. He has acted as consultant on Planning and Development to several cities, towns and dis-

tricts in Western Canada and in 1957 organized a Planning Service for the Government of Manitoba.

Recently Mr. Thrift has had the task of laying the groundwork for the establishment of the administration for the new Metropolitan Government in Greater Winnipeg.

After receiving the degree of Master of Architecture from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1938, Mr. Thrift secured professional experience in various architects' offices and with the Hudson's Bay Company and for a time lectured in architecture and planning at the University of Manitoba. Following the war, he was Technical Adviser on Planning to the Postwar Planning Committee of the Government of Manitoba. For the past 15 years he has held his present position as Director of the Metropolitan Planning Commission of Greater Winnipeg.

In the field of professional activities, he is a past president of the Manitoba Association of Architects and of the Town Planning Institute of Canada and is a member of the board of directors of the American Society of Planning Officials.

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### HALF A YEAR OF JET SERVICE

On September 30, Trans-Canada Air Lines completed its first six months of jet operations, having established new levels of aircraft speed and reliability and set two official speed records.

On October 1, following delivery of its fourth DC-8 jetliner, TCA inaugurated a second daily trans-continental jet flight. This second flight operates Montreal - Toronto - Winnipeg - Vancouver return, giving the Manitoba capital daily-return jet service for the first time.

#### FLIGHT FIGURES

Since going into service, TCA's fleet of three jet aircraft has logged more than 3,500 revenue air hours, travelling some 1,750,000 miles - a distance 70 times around the earth at the equator at an average ground speed of 500 miles an hour over all routes. In addition, they've logged more than 400 hours in training and familiarization flights.

To accomplish this, according to TCA officials, with just three aircraft is proof of the phenomenal reliability of the DC-8.

On May 28, one of TCA's DC-8's established two official trans-Atlantic speed records, covering the 3,322 miles between Ottawa and London in five hours, 55 minutes, and the 3,247 miles between Montreal and London in five hours, 44 minutes.

These records have been confirmed by the Federation Aeronautic International, official custodians of all the world's speed records, which had two officials aboard the record-making flight.

TCA has ordered a total of 10 of the \$6-million DC-8's.