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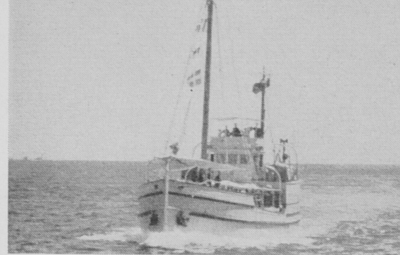
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History Making

A calm sea, blue sky and fleecy clouds formed a perfect back drop for the tiny vessel that slipped quietly into Halifax Harbour on the afternoon of May 29, 1950. She was the RCMP Schooner *St. Roch*. As she finished another voyage additional glory was added to the bright chapter that is her share in the history of the Force; another "first" was added to her imposing records—the first vessel to circumnavigate the North American continent.

Sailing from Esquimalt on April 8, the *St. Roch* journeyed to Halifax by way of the Panama Canal. As a voyage it was uneventful, and yet a feat of historical significance. By completing the circle around the continent, the *St. Roch* achieved something never before accomplished in the history of navigation. By carrying the Union Jack to our good neighbors of the Americas she has helped cement the bonds of international friendship and good will. Her voyages show too that Canada produces a race of men who lack nothing of the