

the French-speaking countries of Africa, led by Mr. Lionel Chevrier.

Canada provided \$1 million in food aid to Tunisia last year, and a team of 50 Canadian medical experts is helping to develop a 300-bed children's hospital in Tunis.

### TEACHING AIDS PROMOTED

Five Canadian businessmen will leave Canada early in September on a trade mission to Mexico City, Kingston, Caracas, Lima and Santiago, which will last almost a month.

The group, sponsored by the federal Department of Trade and Commerce, the Canadian Educational Equipment Mission to Latin America and the Caribbean, will assess the market for educational equipment, teaching aids, and, in particular, vocational and language-training equipment and educational television apparatus manufactured in Canada. The mission will also promote consultation and design services offered by Canadian firms.

Meetings have been planned for the mission with government officials, educational administrators, United Nations experts, importers and distributors of educational equipment and systems. Present and potential purchasers will be informed of the new products available from Canada's educational equipment and teaching-aids industry, as well as the latest developments in Canadian educational-television systems and techniques.

### STAMP SCHEDULE REVISED

A re-scheduling of release dates for Canada Post Office stamps has been announced by Postmaster-General Eric Kierans.

To provide an increased period for public awareness of the fiftieth anniversary of the 1918 Armistice, a stamp on this theme will be advanced from November 6 to October 15. The international significance of the end of hostilities will also be marked by production of the Armistice stamp in the 15-cent denomination suitable for overseas air transmission. There will be a large reduction in the printing order, which is usually about 24 million.

Also re-scheduled from November 6 to October 15 is the stamp honouring Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae, the author of *In Flanders Fields*.

Christmas stamps, originally scheduled for release on October 9 will not be on sale until November 1.

### MAJOR FISHERY MEETING PLANNED

The effect of automation and mechanization on the fishing industry, both now and in the future, will be analyzed at a major conference to be held in Montreal from February 3 to 6, 1970.

Although tradition plays a greater part in the fisheries than it does in most industries, the modernization of Canada's fishing fleets and shore establishments has been greatly accelerated during the past few years, and is to be continued at an even faster rate.

The Conference on Automation and Mechanization in the Fishing Industry is being sponsored by the Federal-Provincial Atlantic Fisheries Committee, which is composed of the deputy ministers responsible for fisheries in the Federal Government and in the governments of Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland. Its purpose is to describe the various methods and techniques that reduce tedious, arduous work while increasing the workers' pay and conditions and improving the efficiency of the industry both afloat and ashore.

### TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

Papers will be submitted at the Conference by experts in many fields, both from Canada and from other leading fishing countries. Navigation, vessel operations, all types of fishing gear, processing methods at sea and on land, the handling and stowage of fish at sea, the transfer and unloading of fish, manpower, and vessel design and construction, will be discussed, as well as related topics such as marketing, relevant legislation and port development.

The Federal-Provincial Atlantic Fisheries Committee has found the conference approach to fisheries industrial development to be most successful. Significant achievements have resulted from conferences already held on Canadian Atlantic offshore fishing vessels, the Canadian Atlantic herring fishery, the development of Irish moss and other marine plants, and on fish protein concentrate. Plans are nearing completion for a conference to be held in Montreal in October on construction materials for fishing vessels.