

workers to remote farm areas, and even supply them with meals by air. They can fly to meetings of farm organizations that previously they didn't have time to attend. And they can go hunting, fishing, visiting, or sightseeing.

Veterinarians use aircraft in some areas, particularly in the winter when roads are blocked. Some farm machinery salesmen make the rounds by air. Even clergymen and missionaries use this method to cover quickly rural parishes and circuits.

In the Prairie Provinces last year, 399,143 acres of grain were sprayed or dusted for control of weeds, buck brush and insects.

TOBACCO SPRAYED

In Ontario, 22,800 acres of tobacco were sprayed and 1,050 acres fertilized; 2,200 acres sprayed for brush control; 4,000 acres of spruce trees sprayed; many Christmas tree plantations dusted; and thousands of acres sprayed for control of flies and mosquitoes.

In New Brunswick, 3,300 acres were sprayed for brush control.

The Department of Agriculture report, first of its kind, showed that indirectly World War II spurred agricultural flying, as young airmen left the RCAF to swell the ranks of flying farmers.

Too, the report gave credit to the Department of Transport for allowing greater scope to farmers who owned private aircraft and thus giving the mushrooming business a further shot in the arm.

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SEA EXERCISES

HMCS Crusader (destroyer escort) sailed from Halifax July 15 for the United Kingdom to carry out a series of exercises with units of the Royal Navy.

The Crusader and RN units will be operating both in the United Kingdom waters and in the Gibraltar area. She will return to Halifax September 30.

The Crusader has been in the Atlantic Command since her transfer from the west coast early in 1955.

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COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE

A Joint Canada-United States Cabinet Committee on Defence was established last week during President Eisenhower's visit to Ottawa.

Canadian members are Mr. Sidney E. Smith, Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Donald Fleming, Minister of Finance, and Mr. George Pearkes, V.C., Minister of National Defence. Their United States counterparts are Mr. John Dulles, Secretary of State, Mr. Robert Anderson, Secretary of the Treasury, and Mr. Neil McElroy, Secretary of Defence.

The Committee will consult on matters bearing upon the common defence of the North Ame-

rican Continent which lies within the North Atlantic Treaty area. It will, in a supervisory capacity, supplement but not supplant existing joint boards and committees.

There are three groups already in existence on defence co-operation, below the cabinet level. These are the Permanent Joint Board on Defence, the Military Study Group, and the Military Co-operation Committee.

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BC CENTENNIAL

Scarlet coated mounties, an armada of sleek warships and a beautiful princess will bring British Columbia's centennial celebrations to a dazzling climax during July.

More than 300 events are scheduled for that month, many of them centered around the visit of HRH Princess Margaret.

The RCMP Musical Ride and Band begin their five-week B.C. tour on July 22. The Ride is to make 17 appearances in 12 centres and the Band is booked for 30 concerts in 28 places. For 10 engagements they will appear together.

Canada's first naval review takes place July 15 with 32 ships anchored in Royal Roads near Victoria. Princess Margaret will review the ships from HMCS Crescent. After the naval review, ships will move to Vancouver for a three-day goodwill visit.

The Canadian National Railway's Museum Train, six antique coaches pulled by an old wood burning engine, puffs its way into the interior of the province. The Museum Train brings back much of the gas-lit glory of early railroading days in British Columbia.

Vancouver's ambitious International Festival opens on July 19, with Canadian contralto Maureen Forrester and the Festival Orchestra under the direction of Bruno Walter. The world première of Lister Sinclair's play "The World of the Wonderful Dark", is scheduled for July 21. The play, commissioned by the B.C. Centennial Committee, will go on a province-wide tour after its Vancouver première.

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REMINDERS OF PAST

Vivid reminders of past associations and Second World War camaraderie greeted President Eisenhower last week during his four-day visit to the Canadian capital.

The U.S. Chief of State and former Allied Supreme Commander was greeted at Ottawa's Uplands Airport by a 100-man Guard of Honour from the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment, and the RCR Regimental Band.

The following day, President Eisenhower officiated at a wreath-laying ceremony at Canada's National War Memorial. More than 250 members of the Navy, Army and RCAF lined streets adjoining the site on Ottawa's Confederation Square. Also in attendance at the