

the health needs of the community and will evaluate the impact of The Workshop on family health in Beaconsfield and in nearby Pointe Claire. One of the reasons for situating the centre in this area is that it is composed of middle-income families, about whom little study has been made in health management.

The Workshop's services are provided to members of the community without charge. It is funded by a grant from Health and Welfare Canada, with the support of the Quebec Department of Social Affairs.

New icebreaker

The Canadian Coast Guard's newest and most modern icebreaker, the CCGS *Pierre Radisson*, was launched in Vancouver by Mrs. Jules Léger, wife of the Governor General, on June 3.

The 322-foot vessel was officially named after the seventeenth century explorer, Pierre Radisson, in a colourful ceremony just before sunset, and slid smoothly down the ways at Burrard Dry Dock Company into the waters of Vancouver Harbour. It is expected to be in service by next spring.

The *Pierre Radisson* is the first of two Arctic Class 3 icebreakers being built for the Canadian Coast Guard by Burrard Dry Dock. The sister ship now under construction, and as yet unnamed, will be delivered in 1979. The contract is based on a target incentive ceiling valued at \$94,060,000 and forms a major portion of a project, including the ships' propulsion systems and other ancillary equipment to be fitted to the vessels for a total cost of \$108,360,000.

The icebreakers, the first built for service with the Canadian Coast Guard in recent years, are the largest built since the late 1960s.

The ships will operate in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the St. Lawrence River in winter months and in the Arctic in summer. It is also expected they will be in operation on a seasonal basis in eastern Canadian waters, on the Labrador coast, Hudson Bay and Hudson Strait. With a 75-man complement, they will have a range of 15,000 miles, at 13.5 knots, and be able to move continuously through ice three feet thick. Provision is also made for "telescopic" hangars housing an ice-spotting and reconnaissance helicopter.

Canada/U.S. fisheries

The Department of External Affairs announced on June 22 the following understandings between Canada and the United States regarding the implementation of the 1977 Interim Fisheries Agreement which is provisionally in force:

The United States recognizes that United States salmon regulations implemented during the 1977 salmon season have caused a loss of fishing opportunity to Canadian salmon fishermen off the United States coast, although there is a difference of views as to the overall effect of these regulations on the salmon fisheries.

The two countries agree that action must be taken to ensure that the reciprocal nature of their 1977 Fisheries Agreement is maintained and will cooperate to determine such corrective action as may be required.

Canada has agreed for the time being to suspend the implementation of the relevant portions of regulations enacted by Order-in-Council PC1977-1695 of June 16, 1977 closing the U.S.A. shrimp fishery off the Pacific Coast of Canada. Accordingly, that fishery may go forward until near the end of June, when Canada intends to close the shrimp fishery to both Canadian and U.S. fishermen for conservation and management purposes for approximately two months.

Science scholarships

The National Research Council of Canada has awarded 1,859 postgraduate scholarships and 98 postdoctoral fellowships for 1977-78 with an estimated total value of \$10,300,000. The postgraduate scholarships have a value of \$5,520, which will be increased to \$6,000, effective September 1, for 12 months.

Postdoctoral fellowships are valued at \$11,220 and will be increased to \$12,000 effective September 1, 1977.

These awards represent an important aspect of the Council's effort to maintain a basic capacity for research training in science and engineering. The object is to support the provision of postgraduate scientific manpower for the creation of knowledge and the application of science related to Can-

adian needs.

Postgraduate scholarships are awarded to first class students to enable them to pursue graduate studies leading to the Ph.D. degree. Postdoctoral fellowships are awarded to recent Ph.D. graduates to help them in acquiring additional research experience which, in many instances, is a prerequisite for an academic or industrial career.

Canadian nurse honoured



Verna Huffman Splane, Canadian nurse, was elected second Vice-President of the International Council of Nurses at the sixteenth Quadrennial Congress in Tokyo recently. She had just completed a four-year term as third Vice-President of ICN and is currently a special lecturer on nursing issues in national and international health at the University of British Columbia School of Nursing. Splane's varied nursing career has been highlighted by numerous national and international assignments for the Commonwealth Foundation, the World Health Organization, the Canadian Government and the International Council of Nurses. She attended both the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Vancouver 1976) and the UN Conference on International Women's Year (Mexico 1975) as a delegate for the International Council of Nurses. More than 500 Canadian nurses attended the five-day ICN Congress from May 30 to June 3.