

SABIN IMMUNIZATION DEFERRED

The Technical Advisory Committee on Live Poliovirus Vaccine, which met in Ottawa on September 11 and 12, is composed of Canadian experts in various fields and is consulted by the Minister of National Health and Welfare on the use of the Sabin vaccine.

The primary purpose of the meeting was to appraise Canadian experience with live poliovirus vaccine. This year, four million "feedings" have been carried out across Canada. It was reported to the Committee that only one case in about a million of those "fed" Sabin vaccine developed clinical reactions involving some degree of paralysis. Although this incidence is extremely low, it was considered that the oral vaccination programme should be held up for a while, to permit a full investigation of all cases of polio occurring in Canada during the current period.

In support of this proposal, it was pointed out that the number of paralytic polio cases in Canada during the present year is one of the lowest on record, and that the Salk vaccine has effectively protected a large part of the Canadian population. It was recommended that the Salk programme should continue vigorously.

The recommendation that the oral vaccination programme be temporarily deferred emphasized that this product was very valuable and, indeed, the only one at present available that might lead to the eradication of polio in Canada. The Committee believed that the Sabin vaccine should continue to be used, if necessary, to control local outbreaks.

WRITING AND PUBLISHING GRANTS

An important contribution to the spread of knowledge about Canada and its literature, *The Oxford Companion to Canadian Literature*, will be published by the Oxford University Press with the assistance of a Canada Council grant. A sum of \$4,500 will provide Miss Norah Story of Ottawa, who will write and edit the book, with travel and clerical assistance for three years. The new volume in the "Companion" series will be half the thickness of previous ones (on music, theatre, English literature, classical literature, etc.). It will place more emphasis on history and geography, so that it might almost be regarded as a one-volume encyclopaedia of Canada with a literary bias. It is expected that publication of the *Companion* will take place during 1967, Canada's centennial year.

Yves Theriault's *Agaguk* will soon be available to English readers. With the aid of a Council grant of \$750 to pay for translation, the Ryerson Press will publish an English version of the novel that won the Quebec Province Literary Competition in 1958.

The Council also announced a grant of \$600 to Editions HMH Ltée to provide for the translation and adaptation of Professor W.J. Eccles' *Frontenac, the Courtier Governor*. This will be one in a series of Canadian biographies published by Editions HMH under the title "Figures Canadiennes" six of which are now available to readers. The original manuscript of the work by Professor Eccles received a Council publication grant in 1958.

The Phoenix, the journal of the Classical Association of Canada, whose membership includes almost all classical scholars in Canada, will continue publication with the help of a Council grant of \$2,500.

The Canadian Association of Geographers will receive \$2,000 to help produce the bilingual journal *The Canadian Geographer*. In keeping with the Association's aims of encouraging the exchange of ideas among geographers in Canada and fostering geographical scholarship and research, the journal publishes professional papers and information pertaining to geography.

AIR TRAFFIC

Toronto International Airport (Malton), with 8,334 take-offs and landings involving scheduled and other itinerant air operations, was Canada's busiest for June in that category. Included in the itinerant classification were scheduled and non-scheduled flights, government, civil and military flights and the movements of private aircraft other than local, as well as some training and other flights.

Montreal International Airport (Dorval) ranked second, with 7,885 movements in the same category. Others, in order, were Vancouver International (6,977), Winnipeg International (6,505), Ottawa (5,819), Calgary (5,089), Edmonton Municipal (4,656), Toronto Island (4,453), Montreal Cartierville, (4,042) and Regina (3,500).

In total aircraft movements, including local flights leaving and returning to the airport and simulated approaches by training aircraft, Cartierville Airport had the highest figure, with 25,735 movements handled by the Department of Transport's air-traffic controllers. Toronto Island Airport was second, with a total of 19,816 movements of all kinds; Vancouver International had 19,191 and Montreal International (Dorval) was fourth, with a total of 17,170.

YUKON TOURIST AGENCY

One of the most important developments in Canadian travel circles this year has been the opening of the Yukon Government's Department of Travel & Publicity, an event of significance for several reasons. It meant that, for the first time, all Canadian provinces and territories were represented by official agencies in the highly competitive field of tourism. It meant that Canada's mighty Northland had taken a further progressive step in its economic development. And it meant that the number of tourists flocking into the famous "Gold Rush" country had increased to the point where a government travel department was not only warranted but necessary, to cope with the complexities of tourist development and promotion.

Immediate plans call for: A comprehensive tourist survey to provide the new department with information to enable it to programme its activity; the formation of community tourist associations to conduct promotions at the local level; and an extensive study of the resources offered by the Yukon Territory as tourist attractions.

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