

operating in Nigeria and other countries which receive aid from Canada. A shipment of 6.5 million pounds, part of the 1967 production surplus, has been sent to the Nigeria-Biafra war zone. Part of this consignment was provided by church and private relief agencies, but the supplies were provided by the Government of Canada through the Canadian International Development Agency.

FIRST WORLD WAR EXHIBITION

One hundred Canadian veterans of the First World War visited Ottawa during the Armistice weekend and were the guests of honour at the opening of a display entitled "Canada and the First World War" at the Canadian War Museum.

Brigadier Frederick M. Harvey of Calgary, winner of the Victoria Cross in 1917, opened the exhibition. Brigadier Harvey was commandant of the veterans' group, which included V.C. winners, senior officers, representatives of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment and members of the Senate and House of Commons.

The exhibition, which commemorates the fiftieth anniversary of the Armistice, was opened to the public on November 10. It contains 70 panels of exhibits depicting Canada's role in the war from 1914 to 1918, which trace the growth of the war effort from amateur beginnings to the achievements of the Canadian Corps, a powerful striking force on the Western Front. Much of the material consists of items that have not been exhibited to the public for many years. (See also *Canadian Weekly Bulletin*, Vol. 23, No. 36, P. 3.)

NEW STAMPS ANNOUNCED

On November 1, a 6-cent regular issue stamp took its place as an addition to a definitive series of five released in February 1967, and a 6-cent Christmas stamp depicting Eskimo carving became available on November 15. The latter stamp supplements a previously-announced 5-cent value for use on Christmas mailings. (See *Canadian Weekly Bulletin*, Vol. 23, No. 43, P. 3.)

The additional photogravure Christmas value, of medium size, 24 mm. x 30 mm., in a vertical format, features a reproduction of an Eskimo carving, "Mother and Child" by Munamee of Cape Dorset, Baffin Island, which was presented to Queen Elizabeth on the occasion of her visit to Canada in 1951. An ochre background has been used behind the black portrayal of the carving; a horizontal "Canada" appears in a lower white panel beneath the predomi-

nant ochre and a full-width white "Christmas - Noël" surmounts the design. A denominative "6", also in white, appears immediately under the word "Christmas". A total of 73 million copies of this stamp will be printed by the Canadian Bank Note Company, Ottawa, whose artists produced the design.

REGULAR ISSUE

The new orange-coloured 6-cent regular issue engraved stamp, compatible with other values now in use, emphasizes the importance of transportation and communications in unifying the five major economic regions depicted on the 1-cent to 5-cent series. The new issue has dimensions of 24 mm. x 20 mm. To the left is a modern high-speed locomotive designed for interurban use. Highway transport is symbolized by a truck and a bus. In the background is a lake vessel, and overhead flies a medium-range jet aircraft. The communications aspect is epitomized by a microwave tower, typical of a continent-spanning system supplementing land-line and cable connections. As in previous denominations in this series, a recent portrait of Queen Elizabeth, engraved from a photograph by Anthony Buckley, is incorporated in the right section of the stamp.

HOME BUILDING IN OCTOBER

Preliminary figures recently released by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation show that 16,984 dwelling units were started in urban centres in Canada during October - 20.2 percent more than the figure of a year ago.

For all areas, urban and rural, this represents a seasonally-adjusted rate of 214,800 units a year, a substantial increase from the September rate of 155,200 units.

Most of the October increase in urban centres was in apartment and other multiple-unit dwellings - 12,805 units compared to 9,230 units in October 1967, a 38.7 percent increase.

There was also a modest increase during the month in starts on single-detached dwellings, which brought the total of all types of dwelling starts in urban centres for the first ten months of the year to 128,256 units.

This figure represents for urban centres an increase of some 17,000 units, or 15.3 per cent, over the comparable January-October 1967 total of 111,207 dwelling units. All of this was in multiple-dwelling starts, up by 27.8 per cent, while there was, over the ten months, a decline of 7.2 per cent in starts of single-detached dwellings.