

STAMP FOR NEW FLAG

Canada's new flag will be honoured on a special commemorative postage stamp to be issued on June 30, it has been announced by Mr. John R. Nicholson, Postmaster-General of Canada.

The date of issue was chosen to coincide with July 1, Canada's national holiday. The design will feature the new flag flying against a blue sky. The word "Canada" and the denomination "5" will appear in the middle-left position. The words "postes" and "postage" will appear at bottom left.

The colours blue and red will be printed in intaglio, using hand-engraved steel dies. The design was developed by the Canadian Bank Note Company at the request of the Post Office Department.

PHILATELIC PROGRAMME REVISED

The inclusion of a flag stamp has necessitated a rearranging of the previously-announced philatelic programme. The stamp to honour the centennial of the choice of Ottawa as the national capital has been moved from June 30 to September 8, which is also the date of issue of a stamp to commemorate the Inter-Parliamentary Union Conference.

The updated stamp programme is now as follows: February 3, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia florals; March 3, International Co-operation Year; spring, Space Research; April 28, British Columbia and Manitoba florals; June 30, flag stamp; August 4, Prince Edward Island floral; September 8, Inter-

Parliamentary Union Conference and centennial of the choice of Ottawa as the national capital; October 13, 3-cent and 5-cent Christmas stamps.

SCIENTIST WIDELY RECOGNIZED

Five honours have recently been given Dr. Gerhard Herzberg, director of the division of pure physics of the National Research Council of Canada. He has been awarded the Frederic Ives Medal (1964) by the Optical Society of America, appointed to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences of Vatican City, elected an honorary member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, elected second vice-president of the Royal Society of Canada, and had the honorary degree of doctor of science conferred on him by the University of British Columbia.

Dr. Herzberg is a leading authority on molecular spectroscopy. Apart from contributing to the knowledge of the structure of a number of well-known stable molecules like hydrogen, oxygen, molecular nitrogen, carbon dioxide, acetylene and prussic acid, Dr. Herzberg and his group have, in recent years particularly, studied the spectra of so-called free radicals, like free methyl and free methylene and many others, and from these spectra they have been able to determine the structures of these radicals.

As a result of one aspect of Dr. Herzberg's work, astronomers have been able to detect molecular hydrogen in planetary and stellar atmospheres.

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FISHERIES RECCO IN AFRICA

A six-man Fisheries Reconnaissance Mission left Canada on January 22 for an 18-day tour of West Africa and Greater Inland Lakes from January 24 and 25 Ghana from January 26 to 29 and Nigeria from January 30 to February 5 and is to be in Congo from February 2 to 10. The mission is sponsored by the Department of Trade and Commerce. Its aim is to study at first hand the kinds and varieties of fisheries products being sold in these markets and to examine the long-term possibilities for the expansion of exports of Canadian fisheries products to these countries. It also plans to investigate fisheries development in the hinterlands on the itinerary and to see the methods of marketing and marketing currently in use.

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