

HONOURS FOR MILITARY DOCTORS

Her Majesty the Queen has approved the appointment of three Canadian officers as Queen's Honorary Physicians and Surgeons. Surgeon Rear-Admiral T. Blair McLean, CD, MD, RCN, of Edmonton and Ottawa, Surgeon General, Canadian Forces, has been appointed Queen's Honorary Surgeon. Brigadier G.L. Morgan Smith, CBE, CD, MA, MD, of Toronto, Deputy Surgeon General (Administration), and Brigadier E.H. Ainslie, CD, MD, MSC, DA, FRCP(C), of Waskada, Manitoba, and Ottawa, Deputy Surgeon General (Professional), have been appointed Queen's Honorary Physicians.

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ATLANTIC FISHERIES COMMITTEE

The economic outlook for the Canadian Atlantic fishing industry and fishermen was reviewed in Ottawa recently at the second annual meeting of the Federal-Provincial Atlantic Fisheries Committee. The Committee is made up of deputy ministers of the federal and provincial government departments concerned with fisheries development. Policy concerning general assistance through industrial development projects and aid in the construction of fishing vessels was also discussed.

Deputy Minister of Fisheries George R. Clark, chairman of the meeting, said that a difficult situation faced the industry since marketing problems had become particularly serious and urgently demanded attention. Good progress had been made in developmental projects for the industry, he reported; but since many of these were of a long-term nature, consideration was needed for projects that would provide immediate results.

Increasing costs in the construction of fishing vessels have presented the Federal Government and provincial loan boards with new difficulties in connection with the modernization of the fishing fleets.

Other matters discussed at the meeting were the exchange of information of fisheries matters between provincial authorities, and the dissemination of information about fisheries regulations.

In this context, Mr. Clark mentioned a new phase of his department's educational programme for lobster fishermen. Posters urging strict adherence to the regulations in the interests of conservation were being widely distributed in lobster fishing areas, he said, and he remarked on the success of a meeting with fishermen held in Moncton, New Brunswick, last November. At this meeting it was evident that the great majority of lobster fishermen recognized the value of lobster-fishing restrictions, many urging stronger penalties for infractions.

Some changes were made in the terms of reference of the industrial development section of the main committee. This section's responsibilities, in addition to the examination and

reporting of prospects for the modernization of the Canadian Atlantic Coast fishing industry as a whole, have been widened to include reviews of the results of technological and biological research, engineering and development, both in Canada and abroad, relative to vessels and fishing gear, and the processing, assembling, transportation and distributive phases of the industry. It will also recommend certain appropriate policies and programmes of action.

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MARINE RESCUE CO-ORDINATORS

The appointment of marine air-sea rescue co-ordinators for the East and West Coasts was announced recently by Transport Minister George Hees, with the concurrence of the Civil Service Commission.

Captain J.C. Barbour of Vancouver will be the co-ordinator for the West Coast, with headquarters in Vancouver, and Captain D.B. Stampton of St. John's, Newfoundland, will be the co-ordinator for the East Coast, with headquarters in Halifax.

The move is in line with Mr. Hees' recent proposal to develop a new programme, in cooperation with the Department of National Defence, for improving the efficiency of search and rescue involving both marine and air operations.

Mr. Hees noted that various government departments, through their respective responsibilities, made up a sizeable fleet on both coasts and that these, together with privately-owned vessels, should be ample in the way of vessel availability for marine emergencies.

"We felt that more benefits could be achieved if efforts went beyond the mere act of co-ordination during an emergency", said Mr. Hees. "For this reason, it was decided that the Department of Transport would appoint marine search and rescue co-ordinators to be attached to the existing RCAF search and rescue centres."

He emphasized that the marine co-ordinators would have as their primary task the development of a programme to increase the efficiency and availability of government and private vessels for emergency purposes.

Their duties will include such areas of responsibility as rescue equipment to be carried by government ships, a special training programme for ship's crews, and voluntary co-operation of privately-owned vessels in emergency situations. They will also assist in co-ordination of actual search and rescue operations and act as liaison officers with the Department of National Defence's search and rescue units.

A competition for the position of co-ordinator at Trenton, for the Great Lakes area, is now being held, Mr. Hees added, and an appointment is expected to be made in the near future.