

will eventually take over from the Manitoba professors, is to be reinforced by a period of study in Winnipeg.

The new university is destined to play a major role in the area by providing leadership in the establishment of new roads, dams, irrigation systems, livestock and poultry farms and the introduction of a number of food and fibre crops.

Seven of Manitoba's agrolgists and engineers were posted to Khon Kaen University initially under the overall direction of Dean Jack Hoogstraten. They have helped to plan buildings for students, staff and the housing of stock, and are promoting research into local agricultural and engineering problems. They have also aided the development of village programmes to raise nutritional and living standards.

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### 1968 POSTAGE STAMPS

Canada's wildlife heritage, anniversaries of historic significance, the nation's involvement in international affairs, sport, Christmas and a commemoration of the 1918 armistice will be themes for Canada's stamps during 1968.

Postmaster General Jean-Pierre Côté recently confirmed that, beginning next year, contracts for the production of Canadian postage stamps would be shared by the Canadian Bank Note Company Limited and the British American Bank Note Company Limited, both of Ottawa. Canada Post Office contracts for the production of stamps have always been awarded on a tender basis, but procedures were altered this year so that the facilities of both security printing companies might become available to the Department.

Consultations with officers of the National Museum resulted in selection of the narwhal, a comparatively little-known mammal of the far North, as the first to be used in a resumption of the Canadian Wildlife series initiated at an earlier date. The gray jay, as a design subject for a stamp, will illustrate an example of bird life in Canada. Long-range plans formulated by the Post office are expected to result in a completion of the animal and bird series during the next four years.

The need for conservation of water resources will be reflected in a stamp recognizing Canada's participation in the International Hydrological Decade. The opening-up of Canada's West by the fur-trade will be marked by special stamp.

### SPORT RECOGNIZED

As in 1956, when the Canada Post Office prepared a hockey stamp, Canadian sport will be saluted by the release of a lacrosse issue. Known to have been played by Indian teams before white men arrived, lacrosse is recognized as the oldest organized sport in North America. This stamp is planned as the first in a sports series that will be completed in a few years. Another issue will emphasize the importance of the nation's meteorological service by commemorating the two-hundredth anniversary of Canada's first recorded barometric and thermometer

observations. Readings at Prince of Wales, Fort Churchill, Manitoba, commencing in 1768, are recorded by the Department of Transport as the first by established scientists continuing over a full year.

Christmas stamps in two denominations, to be released this month for overseas mailings, will constitute the continuation of a policy initiated in 1964 when the first Canadian stamps especially prepared for this season were introduced.

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### NASA BUYS CANADIAN ROCKETS

The Manned Spacecraft Centre of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration at Houston, Texas, has awarded a contract for three *Black Brant IV* two-stage research rockets to Bristol Aerospace Limited of Winnipeg. Each rocket, standing 37 feet high, will carry 35 pounds of scientific instruments 600 miles into space from a launching site at Natal, Brazil, early next year.

The Science Application Directorate at the Manned Spacecraft Centre plans to use these rockets to investigate the scientific phenomena called the South Atlantic Radiation Anomaly.

The *Black Brant IV* is one of the series of four designed specifically for research in near space regions. These rockets were successfully designed and developed by Bristol with support from the Canadian Government.

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### NEW ENVOY TO CAIRO

The appointment has been announced of Mr. Thomas Carter, now Head of the African and Middle Eastern Division of the Department of External Affairs, as the new Canadian Ambassador to the United Arab Republic, to replace Mr. John Starnes who will be returning for duty in Ottawa.

Mr. Carter is a native of Toronto and attended Bishop's University and the University of London. Since joining the Department of External Affairs in 1945, he has served in Brussels, Rome, Warsaw and Lagos. While High Commissioner in Nigeria, from 1960 to 1964, he was also accredited to Sierra Leone, Senegal, Dahomey and Niger. In 1957, Mr. Carter was appointed as the Canadian Commissioner on the international Commission for Supervision and Control in Vietnam.

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### ANIMALS IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

According to the Ontario Department of Transport, no fewer than 533 animals collided with motor vehicles on provincial roads during the first half of 1967. Involved were 84 moose, 186 deer, seven bears, 98 cattle, 44 horses, 17 ponies, 88 dogs, eight pigs and one hippopotamus.