

was built in 1930, will be assisted this year by the recently commissioned icebreaker "Montcalm". The Departmental ship "Edward Cornwallis" will accompany them to the Hudson Bay area. The "N.B. McLean" and the "Edward Cornwallis" sailed from Montreal July 10. The "Montcalm" will follow at a later date. The "N.B. McLean" will set up aids to navigation in the Hudson Strait and Hudson Bay and will then patrol the western end of these waters. The "Montcalm" will patrol the eastern end of the Hudson Strait. On their departure from Montreal, the "N.B. McLean" carried some 600 tons of supplies and equipment destined for ten outposts in the Hudson Strait and Hudson Bay, and the "Edward Cornwallis" 750 tons of material destined for a number of additional points in these waters.

Early in August, the "N.B. McLean" will proceed north to Arctic waters to rendezvous with a convoy out of Montreal consisting of the icebreaker "d'Iberville", the freighter "Kingsbridge" and the tanker "Sea Transporter". The "N.B. McLean" will meet the convoy in Lancaster Sound and will help escort the ships to Resolute Bay, some 950 miles from the North Pole where some 8,000 tons of supplies for northern weather stations will be landed.

During the absence of the "N.B. McLean" the patrolling of the western Hudson Strait will be undertaken by the "Edward Cornwallis". The "N.B. McLean" will resume her patrol duties in the Hudson Strait on completion of her duties in Arctic waters, releasing the "Edward Cornwallis" for other work in the Hudson Bay and Hudson Strait.

The itinerary of the "N.B. McLean" will take her to twelve outposts in the Canadian Arctic as well as to the port of Churchill in the Hudson Bay and the port of Thule in Greenland. Included in the "N.B. McLean's" passenger list are eight Department of Transport officials proceeding north to take up their duties at northern stations. The vessel also carries five Eskimos who are returning to their homes at Koartak after having been hospitalized in Eastern Canada.

The "Edward Cornwallis" has on her passenger list seven marine radio officials of the Department of Transport who are proceeding to stations at Nottingham Island and Cape Hope Advance. Also aboard is the Rev. Paul Riche of the Indian and Eskimo Welfare Commission. Seven Eskimos are returning to their homes at various points in the Hudson Strait aboard the "Edward Cornwallis" after having been hospitalized in the province of Quebec.

The "Montcalm" is scheduled to visit four outposts in the Hudson Strait and the "Edward Cornwallis" will visit seven outposts.

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COLOMBO PLAN AID: Canada's High Commissioner in India, Mr. Chester Ronning, formally turned over to India, July 9, a \$4,000,000 hydro-electric project built with Canadian aid as

a Colombo Plan project. The Umtru project, 17 miles south of Gauhati in Assam Province, harnesses a 170-foot drop of the Umtru River.

Canadian aid to India under the Colombo plan during the past five years has amounted to \$80,000,000, including a hydro-electric project in West Bengal, a hydro-electric project in Madras, an atomic reactor in Bombay, locomotives for Indian railways, buses for Bombay's state road transport and a magnetometer oil survey of Central India.

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ROYAL VISIT: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, who with HRH Prince Philip will spend the period of October 12-16 in Ottawa, will open the first session of the 23rd Parliament on October 14, it was announced July 10 by Prime Minister Diefenbaker. The Prime Minister's announcement read, in part:

"I am confident that all parties in Parliament will welcome this unique opportunity to have Her Majesty open our Parliament and greet us as we take up our duties there.

"It will be the first occasion in our history when the sovereign has personally presided over the opening of Parliament in Canada.

"It seems wholly appropriate that this historic event should take place on our Thanksgiving Day, which will make it possible for many more Canadians to see Her Majesty on this occasion than would otherwise be the case."

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AIR PROBLEMS: The necessity for close co-operation between Canada and the United States on problems of mutual interest in civil aviation was stressed by Transport Minister George Hees at a conference of technical experts held in Ottawa last week.

This was the first meeting of a permanent joint U.S.-Canadian committee on civil aviation facilities. Representing the Civil Aeronautics Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Air Services of the Department of Transport, the committee will deal on a continuing basis with such common problems as flight inspection, air traffic control, navigational aids and communications systems.

For several years past, informal meetings had been held by the civil aviation authorities of both countries on air traffic control and aeronautical telecommunications, but the meetings did not touch upon the broader areas of planning of aids and systems in general, nor upon engineering matters in particular.

The permanent joint committee is designed to expand the former arrangement to cover the larger areas of planning and engineering and will meet twice a year, normally, alternating between Ottawa and Washington.