

"The final deadline for the completion of the substantive bargaining is the end of this month," the Minister said.

"As the negotiations reach the critical stage there seems a real determination to bring them to a successful conclusion." At stake is not just the improved trading opportunities for the countries involved but indeed the structure of international trade co-operation itself."

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NEW COAST GUARD SHIP

The Minister of Transport, Mr. J.W. Pickersgill, recently announced that a contract had been awarded by the Department of Transport for the construction of a 234-foot long search and rescue cutter, the first of six to be built for the Canadian Coast Guard.

The design of the ship was determined after extensive model tests had been carried out by the Netherlands Ship Model Basin and the Netherlands Aeronautical Establishment, to provide the best characteristics for search and rescue under heavy weather conditions in the north Atlantic and Pacific oceans. The vessel is expected to be completed in 1969.

SEARCH AND RESCUE DUTY

The ship will patrol operational areas, recovering survivors from the sea of from a boat alongside, transferring men sick or injured at sea, taking in tow and towing other disabled ships and giving elementary care to injured people on board. Fire-fighting facilities will be provided.

Seaworthiness and ability to make progress and perform rescue duties in extreme weather conditions will be a special feature of the vessel.

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DEVELOPMENT LOAN TO NIGERIA

Under the terms of a loan agreement signed in Ottawa on April 4 by Mr. Paul Martin, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, and Mr. A.A. Atta, head of Nigeria's Ministry of Finance, a telephone exchange will be built in Nigeria. The \$1,600,000-special development loan, made under Canada's external aid programme will cover the cost of a 7,000-line exchange in Lagos, the capital.

The telephone exchange will play a key role in Nigeria's developing \$20-million telecommunications network.

The contract has been awarded to Northern Electric Co. Ltd., which will manufacture most of the equipment in Toronto. The remainder will be manufactured in the company's Montreal and Lachine plants. Northern Electric will also construct a three-storey building for the exchange, hook it in with existing services and train Nigerian technicians in its operation.

The project is part of the third stage of the country's telecommunications development pro-

gramme. In 1965, during the second stage, an initial development loan of \$3.5 million was made to the project when Phillips Cable Limited, Canada, was given a contract to supply specialized cable, said Mr. Martin.

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PLUGGING THE BRAIN DRAIN

According to a recent Canada Council study, 97 per cent of the winners of doctoral fellowships in the humanities and social sciences awarded by the Council who studied in Canada are working in this country. Of the fellowship winners who completed their studies in the United States or elsewhere abroad, some 80 per cent have returned to work in Canada, and most of the minority now working in other countries hope to return eventually. Some of those who answered the survey had already worked in other countries and returned.

Other results of the survey were underlined by Canada Council Director Jean Boucher. "It is evident," said Mr. Boucher, "that the doctoral fellowship programme has achieved its aim of training people for university careers." The survey indicates that 92 per cent of award-winners who have taken their doctorate have taken up teaching careers in the universities. Mr. Boucher also pointed out that almost all the fellowship winners had received or were still working towards their doctorates. At less than 4 per cent, the failure rate is marginal.

Returns of the questionnaire, and later figures, indicate a growing trend for Canadians to seek their doctoral degrees at home. Of the 588 who responded to the questionnaire, 26 per cent received or will receive their degree from Canadian universities, while 41.3 per cent studied at universities in the United States, and 32 per cent studied in other countries, chiefly England and France. However, 30 per cent of last year's award winners are studying in Canadian universities, and the coming year's total is nearly 35 per cent. The Council will be supporting 329 Ph.D. candidates in Canadian universities during the coming academic year - more than ten times the number receiving awards in any of the first three years of the Council's operation and more than twice last year's figure of 127.

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TOMMIES TRAIN IN CANADA

Two British infantry battalions and a squadron of engineers will train in Canada this summer, the seventh year that British troops have trained at Canadian bases.

The 2nd Battalion, Coldstream Guards, now on guard duties in London, will take part in "Exercise Pond Jump West" at Camp Wainwright, Alberta, from June 14 to July 18. The unit is allied to the Governor General's Foot Guards (Militia) of Ottawa.

Moving into Canadian Forces Base Gagetown, New Brunswick, for "Exercise Pond Jump East",