

PROGRAMMES DESCRIBED

Provincial programmes of rehabilitation and the work of voluntary organizations in the field are described. Federal programmes for disabled veterans and Indian and Eskimo Canadians are also explained, and one section deals with employment activities on behalf of the handicapped carried on by the National Employment Service and a number of voluntary agencies.

The final chapter of the pamphlet outlines careers available to women in rehabilitation and describes the role of the woman volunteer in various phases of work in this field.

A series of appendices provide useful listings of rehabilitation agencies, organizations and services in Canada and a brief statement of international action on behalf of the disabled.

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NEW BELGIAN ENVOY

On July 5, His Excellency Guy Daufresne de la Chevalerie presented his Letter of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Belgium to Canada. The ceremony took place at Government House. Mr. Jean Côté of the Protocol Division, Department of External Affairs, presented the Ambassador to the Governor-General. Mr. Cadieux, Deputy Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, and Mr. Esmond Butler, Secretary to the Governor-General, were present on this occasion.

The Ambassador was accompanied by the following members of his staff: Mr. Etienne Harford, Counsellor; Lieutenant-Colonel François de Hemricourt de Grunne, Military, Naval and Air Attaché; Mr. Jacques G. Gérard, First Secretary; Mr. Félix J. Van Tongerlo, Attaché.

M. Daufresne de la Chevalerie has been in the diplomatic service since 1946. Before his appointment as Ambassador to Canada, he was the Head of the International Co-operation Service at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Brussels. He had previously been Ambassador to Pakistan.

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BATOCHÉ MEMORIAL

Memories of the Northwest Rebellion of 1885 were recalled at Batoche, Saskatchewan, on June 28, when Prime Minister Diefenbaker dedicated the 78-year-old Batoche Rectory as a national historic site and museum. A number of distinguished guests, including Members of Parliament and Senators, representatives of the Métis people, the Canadian Army, the Oblate Fathers and Saskatchewan provincial and municipal governments were platform guests.

The Batoche Rectory has been declared a national historic site and is being preserved as an historical museum by the National Parks Branch, Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources. The upper floor of the two-storey frame building has been fitted to represent its earlier uses as a post-office, school

room and priest's quarters of the 1890 period. The lower floor is a museum presenting historical material on the Métis people, the Northwest Rebellion and the Battle of Batoche.

The rectory was standing when Métis and Indians fought off Canadian troops for four days in 1885, finally surrendering on May 15. The building, with part of the trenches used and rifle pits along the river, is the only physical evidence remaining of the Battle of Batoche.

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LABOUR INCOME IN APRIL

Canada's paid workers received an estimated \$1,540 million in April in the form of salaries and wages and supplementary labour income, according to advance figures, issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, that will be contained in the April issue of "Estimates of Labour Income". This is a rise of 2.0 per cent from the March total of \$1,510 million and a gain of 3.1 per cent over last year's April figure of \$1,494 million. Income in the January-April period rose 2.6 per cent to \$6,046 million from \$5,891 million a year ago.

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"C.D. HOWE" STEAMS NORTH

The Department of Transport's Arctic service vessel CMS "C.D. Howe" left Montreal's Pier 59 at 8 a.m. on July 4, bound for a three-month journey into the Canadian Arctic with the 1961 Eastern Arctic Patrol on board.

The ship will stop at some 30 ports of call, ranging from Churchill in Hudson Bay to Grise Fjord, on Ellesmere, the most northerly island in the Canadian Arctic archipelago. She carries 1,000 tons of mixed cargo, most of it consisting of the annual shipments of clothing, foodstuffs, household needs and other supplies needed to keep the Arctic outposts in operation.

The medical and welfare staff on the ship is provided by the Department of National Health and Welfare and the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, which are responsible for the well-being of the Arctic population. Doctors, dentists, nurses, members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, a Mines and Technical Surveys Department hydrographer and technicians of various sorts make up the Patrol staff. There is even a postmaster to see that mail gets to its proper destination.

The ship, commanded by Captain J.A. Ouellet, has a crew of 31 and is carrying nearly 50 passengers, including 20 Eskimos who are being returned to their native settlements after having undergone hospital treatment for tuberculosis at Mountain Sanatorium, Hamilton, Ontario.

CMS "C.D. Howe" is due back in Montreal on October 1. She is one of 15 Canadian Marine Service vessels that will carry out the Transport Department's 1961 Arctic re-supply work. All told, some 100,000 tons of cargo will be moved north.