

businessman could hope for. This is a "facilitation card" that would permit the holder to bypass normal inspection points and go directly to the baggage-claim area. Applications for the card would be accepted from reputable businessmen with the necessary references, and the card would be issued following interview by Canadian Government officials abroad.

During the "life" of his card, a foreign businessman could make an unlimited number of "routine inspection-free" entries into Canada and the privilege would be timed to expire on the expiry date of his smallpox vaccination certificate.

CANADIAN STAMPS IN NEW YORK

Canada will take part in the International Philatelic Exhibition (Interpex) in New York from March 14 to 16. The Canada Post Office, which will display recent Canadian stamps, will also operate a sales booth where current issues including plate-blocks and sheets at face value will be available.

The display will constitute a series of photographs showing how the 1967 centennial stamp was produced, and a large number of development panels. Each panel is a record of the development of one stamp showing the original artwork, colour "pulls", and colour separations. The panels are from the heritage collection of the Canada Post Office, which is maintained as part of a Canadian history.

A special service will be accorded visitors to the Canadian display. Cards and letters bearing Canadian postage will be marked with a *cachet* indicating their origin at Interpex and then flown to Montreal, where they will be postmarked and entered into the mail-stream for Post Office handling.

HEALTH SERVICES COSTS STUDY

The Minister of National Health and Welfare, Mr. John Munro, has announced the formation of a secretariat to co-ordinate activities of a national study of costs of health services in Canada.

The establishment of a federal-provincial committee to study the rising costs of health services in Canada is the result of a resolution approved at the federal-provincial conference of health ministers held in Ottawa last November. The three basic areas to be examined are costs of hospital services, medical care and public health practices.

SERIES OF TASK FORCES

A report of the federal-provincial steering committee, which has been distributed to provincial health authorities, recommends that the study be carried out by a series of task forces. These task forces, which will probably be small groups, including both government and non-governmental experts in

all areas of health, will use existing information to develop recommendations, guides and standards for action. Progress reports of the task forces will be presented to the secretariat.

In the three major areas of study, the task forces will examine such matters as wages and salaries, the utilization of hospital personnel, the use of beds and facilities and the operational efficiency of health facilities, as well as patterns of medical practice and public health services.

MODISH MUKLUKS

The smartest thing on two feet today is a mukluk designed and manufactured by Greb Shoes Limited of Winnipeg, Manitoba. Pre-season orders from retailers in Canada, and from a wholesale outlet in the United States have already passed 10,000 pairs.

Overseas interest in the new footwear, generated with the help of the Winnipeg Regional Office of the federal Department of Trade and Commerce, has been shown by Norway, Finland, Sweden, Denmark and the U.S.S.R., and at the recent Canadian shoe fair in Montreal, a French buyer indicated interest.

Samples shipped overseas brought a "very positive" reaction from the Scandinavian countries, which have a winter like Canada's. Greb Shoes was surprised when an inquiry on supply and distribution came from the Soviet Union through the Moscow office of the Department of Trade and Commerce.

Canadians abroad have equal enthusiasm for the furry overshoes. When samples were sent to the Canadian trade office in Moscow, the entire staff of the Canadian Embassy there decided to buy them for their own wear.

Heavy, water-repellant leathers are used in the manufacturing and hand-sewing is required to give the mukluk the comfort of the genuine mocassin construction. The new line is higher on the leg - from 12 to 18 inches - in both men's and women's styles.

"It's obvious that people living in snow climates aren't going to hide from the cold any more," says a spokesman for Greb Shoes. "The boom in skiing and snowmobiles shows they are eager for winter sports and recreation."

One of the best markets for the new mukluk will be the U.S.

Dr. C.R. Harris, head of the pesticide section at the Canada Department of Agriculture's London, Ontario, research station, has won the Bussart Memorial Award for his contribution to pesticide research. He was presented with a plaque and a \$1,000 cheque during the recent annual meeting of the Entomological Society of America at Dallas, Texas.