

CMS "Camsell", commanded by Capt. A.F. Davidson, of Victoria, British Columbia, was escorting another vessel loaded with freight through ice in Dolphin and Union Straits when a "Mayday" call was received from the "Fort Hearne". The icebreaker proceeded at once to the other vessel, making her way through heavy ice for nearly 90 miles. The icebreaker's helicopter, as well as another aircraft, made an aerial search and located the "Fort Hearne", which had been badly damaged by ice.

The nine-man crew of the smaller vessel was taken on board the "Camsell" and the derelict vessel was taken in tow. She was beached in Bernard Harbour, 24 miles distant, the trip through the ice being made at only one knot.

During the next three days the crew of CMS "Camsell" helped the crew of the "Fort Hearne" to move deck cargo from the grounded vessel to the shore nearby.

CMS "Camsell", based at Victoria, B.C., is one of the newest ice-breakers in the Department of Transport's Canadian Marine Service fleet. She was put into service only a year ago, and the present voyage is her second into the Western Arctic. Her task is to provide icebreaker escort for supply barges and other vessels carrying annual shipments of supplies needed at Arctic communities along the coastal waters from Tuktoyaktuk, at the mouth of the Mackenzie River, eastward to Cambridge Bay, Shepherd Bay and Spence Bay. She also looks after buoy laying and pick-up in these waters during the brief Arctic navigation season.

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POLIO TRENDS IN 1960

Five out of every 100,000 persons were stricken with paralytic poliomyelitis in Canada in 1960, according to the annual report on poliomyelitis issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. This rate was less than half that in 1959, but more than three times the rate in 1958. Alberta had the highest rate in 1960 at 15.7, and Ontario the lowest at 0.6.

Fluctuations from year to year and from area to area have been typical of the behaviour of this virus disease in the decade ending in 1960. The total rate has varied from a high of 28.3 per 100,000 population in 1953 to a low of 1.1 in 1957. In the same period, the highest provincial rate (182.9) was recorded in Manitoba in 1953, and the lowest (zero) in both Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia in 1957 and 1958.

In the 1951-60 period, data show that paralytic poliomyelitis is more prevalent among children than among adults. Seven provinces and the Yukon Territory submitted age particulars of affected cases in 1959 and 1960, showing that the age group 1-4 years had the highest rate per 100,000 population in both years at 30.1 in 1959, and 23.5 in 1960. Rates for other selected age groups in these years were: 10-14 years, 8.6 in 1960 (7.5 in 1959); 15-19 years; 6.4 (6.9); and 20-39 years, 5.0 (6.6).

Paralytic poliomyelitis in the decade ending 1960 has followed a similar pattern in each of the 10 years. That is, remaining at a low level from the first four-week period of the year to about the sixth four-week period, then rising sharply to a peak around the ninth four-week period and then decreasing sharply to the end of the year.

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IRAQI ENVOY INSTALLED

On August 10, His Excellency Ali Haider Sulaiman presented his Letter of Credence as first Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Iraq to Canada. The ceremony took place at the Supreme Court, Ottawa. The Chief of Protocol, Mr. Henry F. Davis, presented the Ambassador to The Deputy Administrator, the Honourable Mr. Justice Ronald Martland, Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada. Mr. Glazebrook, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, and Colonel A.G. Cherrier, Assistant Secretary to the Governor-General, were in attendance on the Deputy Administrator on this occasion.

Mr. Sulaiman was born in Rowandiz, Iraq, in 1905. Before joining the Iraqi Foreign Service in 1956, he was a member of Parliament and also served as a delegate to the United Nations. He has served as Ambassador of Iraq in Bonn and is now Ambassador in Washington where he will reside. In addition to being accredited concurrently to Canada, Mr. Sulaiman has, since June 1960, held the concurrent appointment of Minister of Iraq to Cuba.

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NATIONAL FILM LIBRARY

The Canadian Film Institute's first function has always been the establishment and maintenance of a national film-library service for all Canadian film-users. At present approximately 7,000 different titles in 24 separate collections are available to CFI members and the public.

This library has been assembled through a system of deposits supplemented by direct purchases. Large numbers of film purchases have been ruled out by the limited budget of the CFI. At no time has the CFI owned more than 10 per cent of its print holding. In recent years, the only important amount usable for purchase of prints was a special grant for this purpose from the Canada Council. But over the years, a considerable number of producers, sponsors and distributors have been convinced that their films would receive sufficient distribution through CFI channels to justify deposits of prints.

SPECIALIZED LIBRARIES

Government departments, particularly Labour and Health and Welfare, are purchasing films in specialized areas. After an initial period of internal use by the departments, these films are grouped into specific libraries and deposited with the CFI for general use. There are eight such specialized libraries, which

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