

Lack of space prohibits telling about the spring scraping, washing, painting and overhauling of tackle, gear, ropes, deck machinery, etc., all of which work is performed before the departure of the *St. Roch* on its first run to Herschel Island. It will suffice to say that such work is usually completed by the first week in July when ice conditions in the open sea are usually favourable for a passage to Herschel Island, from which point the *St. Roch* proceeds east to Cambridge Bay and other points on the Arctic Coast where Detachments of this Force are established, until the month of September when the preparation for another wintering are again commenced.



### MARITIME JAILS

The jail system in the Maritimes is not the same as in the other provinces, as there are no provincial jails. Instead, every county has its jail and in those counties where the jailer's duties are light the local criminal sometimes has a fairly easy time.

The story is told of a hardened and well-known offender who was incarcerated in a local jail for three months. As the prisoner was a good fisherman, the jailer, in his wisdom, detailed him to go out and fish for the benefit of the inmates and staff and thereby reduce the cost of prison board. The prisoner was late coming home one night, and on the way met a few friends who treated him wisely but not too well. Eventually he arrived at the jail long after supper time. The jailer was rightly annoyed. "Why", he said, "how dare you be late like this and come home in this condition? If you ever dare do this again, I'll lock you out".

At another point a detachment was asked why no report had been received that a convicted person had been sent to jail. The detachment "had the honour to report" that the local jail was filled and that the convicted person was merely awaiting a vacancy.