

CANADIAN ART AT SANTIAGO DISPLAY

Two prizes and three honourable mentions were won by the Canadian section of the First Biennial Exhibition of American Etchings, which opened on November 20 at Santiago, Chile, and is to close on December 20. The Grand Prize of Honour, for the best collective entry among the displays of the 16 countries taking part, which consists of a silver plaque, was accepted on behalf of the National Gallery of Canada by the Canadian Ambassador to Chile, Mr. G.B. Summers. Harold Town of Toronto was awarded a "purchase prize" (*premio de adquisición*), in the form of a cheque for \$180, for his relief print entitled "Quiet Presence". The artists receiving honourable mention were James Boyd, Albert Dumouchel and Yves Gaucher.

President Alessandri of Chile showed particular interest in the Canadian entries during a recent visit to the Exhibition. The Biennial as a whole has had a good press in Chile; several complimentary references have appeared in the papers to the Canadian section, including the dozen Eskimos prints it contains. The comment of Chilean art critics has been similarly favourable.

SCIENCE-TEACHING CONFERENCE

A Commonwealth Conference on the Teaching of Science in Schools, at which Canada is represented, is in progress at the University of Ceylon, Peradeniya. It opened on December 9 and will end on December 21. At the invitation of the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Paul Martin, the following three Canadian educationists form the Canadian delegation: Dr. Herbert Hugh John Nesbitt, Dean of the Faculty of Science at Carleton University, Ottawa (chairman); Mr. Marcel Sicotte, Professor of Science in Jacques Cartier Normal School, Montreal; Mr. J. Archie Flemming, Supervisor of Physics and Mathematics at Simmonds High School, Saint John, New Brunswick.

The convening of this conference of experts, which is sponsored by the Commonwealth Education Liaison Committee, arises from a recommendation of the Second Commonwealth Education Conference at New Delhi in January 1962. The recommendations of delegates attending are to be studied at the Third Commonwealth Education Conference, which, at the invitation of the Canadian Government, will be held in Ottawa in August 1964.

AIM OF CONFERENCE

The Ceylon conference is designed primarily to assist developing Commonwealth nations in planning science education, particularly at the secondary-school level, so that new laboratories may be built and syllabuses revised to meet present needs, taking into account the extraordinary growth in scientific knowledge and the technological advances achieved in recent years. Recognized authorities from a number of countries both inside and outside the Commonwealth are leading discussions on the aims and methods of

science teaching, and delegates are hearing first-hand accounts of new studies and experiments that are yielding encouraging results.

There is a growing awareness among the newer members of the Commonwealth that a rapid improvement of science education is one of the essentials for speeding up economic development. It is thus significant that these developing countries, in requesting educational assistance from the Canadian Government, have assigned high priority to the provision of specialists in the fields of science and mathematics. Of the 158 Canadian teachers and teacher-trainers currently working abroad under the auspices of the External Aid Office of the Canadian Government, 104 are teachers of science and mathematics.

CANADIAN TO MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY

A former member of the Canadian foreign service has been appointed first principal of the new St. Hilda's residential college at the University of Melbourne, Australia. She is Mrs. E.K. Smart, widow of Lieutenant-General Edward Smart, former Australian Consul-General at San Francisco and later at New York. Mrs. Smart (*née* Marjorie Gordon) met General Smart while she was serving as Vice-Consul for the Canadian Government in New York and press officer to the Canadian Delegation to the United Nations, during the '50s. She held these posts until 1953, when she married General Smart. He died after their return to Australia.

Mrs. Smart comes from a distinguished Canadian university family. Her brother is Professor of International Affairs at the University of Alberta, and her grandfather established, and was first principal of, Manitoba College, the forerunner of the university. Mrs. Smart's father, Dr. Charles W. Gordon, better known as a novelist by his *nom de plume* Ralph Connor, was a moderator of the Presbyterian Church and first moderator of the United Church of Canada.

CANADA AT NATO MEET

Canada was represented at the recent ministerial meeting of the North Atlantic Council in Paris by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Paul Martin, and the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Paul T. Hellyer. They were assisted by the Permanent Representative of Canada to the North Atlantic Council, Mr. George Ignatieff, and the Chairman, Chiefs of Staff, Air Chief Marshal F.R. Miller, as well as officials from the departments concerned.

While the permanent representatives to the North Atlantic Council in Paris meet regularly every week, ministerial meetings are held usually twice a year. The last regular NATO ministerial meeting was held in Ottawa in May.