

## EASTERN ARCTIC PATROL

The Eastern Arctic Patrol sailed from Montreal on July 4 aboard the "C.D. Howe". This is the 39th annual Arctic Patrol and the 10th trip for the "C.D. Howe", which was designed and built specially for this type of work in 1950.

Government officers aboard the "C.D. Howe" include representatives of the Department of National Health and Welfare, Department of Northern Affairs, Department of Mines and Technical Surveys, Department of Transport, Department of National Defence and Post Office Department.

The largest single group making up the Arctic Patrol is the medical party of Indian and Northern Health Services, Department of National Health and Welfare. Dr. M. Habgood is the medical officer in charge.

The medical party will carry out an intensive chest X-ray, dental, immunization and medical programme among the 2,800 Eskimos to be visited during the patrol. All requiring medical care in hospital will be evacuated to the south. The procedure works in reverse; about 18 Eskimos boarded the "C.D. Howe" in Montreal for repatriation after treatment.

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## TRADE PACT RATIFIED

On June 30, Canada and Australia exchanged instruments of ratification of the Canada-Australia Trade Agreement, which had received royal assent on June 9. Mr. Gordon Churchill, Minister of Trade and Commerce, presided at a formal ceremony in the Parliament Buildings at which Mr. Kieran Desmond, Acting High Commissioner for the Commonwealth of Australia, represented the Government of his country.

Mr. Churchill said: "On behalf of the Government of Canada, it is my pleasure to hand to you, as a representative of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia, the official instrument of Canada's ratification of the Canada-Australia Trade Agreement.

"On June 9, the Canadian Parliament had the satisfaction of receiving your Prime Minister, the Right Hon. Robert G. Menzies, who was the guest of the Senate when His Excellency the Governor General gave royal assent to the bill respecting this agreement.

"As Mr. Menzies so rightly said on that occasion, Canada and Australia have a great common destiny. The further strengthening of our trade relations is consequently of great significance to us both.

"The importance of this agreement to Canada is indicated by the fact that Australia is our third largest Commonwealth market, and the seventh largest market in the world for Canadian goods.

"Three weeks ago, we in Canada also had the pleasure of welcoming a trade mission composed of many of the most prominent businessmen in

Australia. The mission was a great success, and out of it I am sure will come trading contacts of immeasurable benefit to both countries.

"Under the 1931 agreement, which this supersedes, there was a substantial increase in trade between Canada and Australia. I am confident that this agreement will provide the framework for a continued expansion of trade between our two countries and, by so doing, will result in an important strengthening of Commonwealth economic relations."

## BUFFALO HUNT

Canada's second buffalo (bison) hunt in 67 years will take place this fall north of Fort Smith in the Northwest Territories.

Trans-Canada Air Lines and its agents through TCA's Fin, Fur and Feather Club, have been authorized to make arrangements for hunters wishing to take part in the hunt for this largest of all Canadian wild animals, rated by one well-known United States hunter-writer as more dangerous than a grizzly.

Last year's hunt was the first permitted by Canadian authorities since 1893. A limit of 30 licences was established, and every hunter got his buffalo. This year, 100 licences will be issued. Two well-known Alberta outfitters are in charge of the expeditions.

### EXPENSES

The expense of a five-day hunt is \$500, excluding air transportation, while extra days may be added at \$75 a day. Goose-hunting and fishing can also be included in the five-day expeditions. Hunters may, if they prefer, arrange for a combined 10-day expedition for buffalo, geese and fish for \$1,000.

Cost of a buffalo licence for a non-resident of Canada is \$200; for a resident, \$50. Goose licences are \$25 for a non-resident, \$2.50 for a resident. Fishing permits will be provided by the outfitters.

The season begins on September 1 and extends through November. However, uncertainty of weather conditions in November necessitates long-range booking in September and October only.

Each hunter is allowed one buffalo, five geese a day (with a limit of 10 in possession), not more than 20 trout or grayling and 10 pike or pickerel a day.

For the shooting of bison, the Game Branch insists on rifles not lighter than a 30.06, with not less than 2,500 foot-pounds of energy at the muzzle.

Meat-cutting and freezing facilities are available at Fort Smith, while head-mounting can be arranged at Edmonton for \$150.

While guarantees are unheard of in big-game hunting, any party spending seven days without reasonable shots will have the cost of the buffalo licence refunded.