

almost 24 hours a day.

When the work was finished, the three vessels headed south without delay, for ice was already covering 90 per cent of the more remote passages of Baffin Bay. Twice during the return voyage they had to cope with hurricane force winds. Captain Burdock related that they experienced gales up to 90 miles an hour in Davis Strait.

For the *John Cabot* the trip was only its second into the high Arctic. In August of the same year, its crew had repaired a broken cable in the same area.

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AIRPORT MOVING SIDEWALK

The first of four speedwalk passenger conveyors for Montreal International Airport recently started operation as the incoming section of the international tunnel went into motion.

The 450-foot moving sidewalk helps passengers arriving from overseas to move quickly from the aeroquay to the immigration, health and customs facilities in the main terminal building. It travels at 120 feet a minute, or one-and-a-half miles an hour, about half the average walking speed, so that a passenger walking on the belt takes little more than a minute to pass through the 500-foot tunnel.

The three other speedwalks in the \$800,000 contract are expected to be completed this autumn. They include one in the departures section of the international tunnel and two 475-foot units in the domestic tunnel. The latter will be the longest moving sidewalks in any airport in the world.

The conveyer-belt of the first installation is 43 inches wide, with a grooved carrying surface of neoprene rubber. It is steel-reinforced to ensure lateral rigidity and is carried on closely-spaced rollers under the edges.

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STRATFORD SEASON FLOURISHES

Halfway through its 1966 season, the Stratford Festival box-office sales have passed \$1 million — only three days behind last year's all-time record pace. This includes tickets sold for the first nine weeks and advance sales for the remaining nine weeks of the Festival which ends October 8.

Now at the peak of attendance for the three Shakespearean plays, *Henry V*, *Henry VI*, and *Twelfth Night*, the Festival also has two contemporary plays running, *The Last of the Tsars*, and *The Dance of Death*, besides the opera, *Don Giovanni*. Five of the eight Sunday concerts and three of the six Saturday morning chamber music concerts have been presented.

OPERA AND DRAMA

The Stratford opera and drama workshops, which were inaugurated last season and have broadened their scope considerably this year, were created to give actors a knowledge of music and musical techniques

as applied to the stage and to coach opera singers in acting techniques.

More than 40 members of the acting and opera companies are participating in the workshop programmes, which end this month with a private presentation by members of the workshops in the Avon Theatre. Works to be presented include the opera, *Trouble in Tahiti* by Leonard Bernstein, as well as excerpts from *Aria Da Capo*, a short opera by Raymond Pannell, and works by Berg, Henze and Foss. The drama workshop will present *Family Album*, a Noel Coward one-act play and a condensation of *Spoon River Anthology*.

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LABRADOR FISHERIES SURVEYED

Recommendations for the further development of the fisheries of Labrador are under study by the federal Department of Fisheries and the Department of Fisheries of Newfoundland. They are contained in the report of a survey of Labrador coastal communities commissioned by the two departments.

The report, the result of a two-month investigation of the fisheries along the Labrador coast, has been submitted to Fisheries Ministers H.J. Robichaud in Ottawa and C. Max Lane in St. John's. In a joint statement, the ministers said that the recommendations would receive careful study. Those that promised to make a contribution to the fisheries-development programme would be implemented as soon as possible, either as part of the joint federal-provincial programme or as separate federal or provincial projects.

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The survey, which took the team to every community from Blanc Sablon at the Quebec border to Nain on the north coast of Labrador, and included Hamilton Inlet and Lake Melville, was carried out primarily to establish fishery-development objectives toward which the federal and provincial governments might move during the next ten years. The report projects trends that may be anticipated on the basis of changes that may take place in the fisheries of Newfoundland and Labrador. It not only envisages the extent to which the traditional fisheries of the region might be further encouraged, but outlines the advantages that might accrue to fishermen by enabling them to obtain better types of boat and more efficient fishing-gear and equipment.

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TULIP NAMED FOR EXPO

The Netherlands has named its newest and most vivid tulip in honour of Expo '67. Quantities of "Expo '67" tulips will be shipped to Montreal this summer, to be planted on the site of the Exhibition in time for the opening next year. The flower is a brilliant red and has a 26-inch stem. It took 20 years of cross breeding to produce.