

Frederick H. Rawson, chairman of the board of the Union Trust Company, is financing the expedition. The venture will be known as the Rawson-MacMillan Sub-Arctic Expedition of the Field Museum for 1926.

Present plans call for the expedition to leave Wiscasset, Me., around June 19, for a several months tour of Labrador, Baffin Island, South Greenland and Ellesmere Land. The *Bowdoin*, an auxiliary type of Gloucester fishing schooner equipped with sails and a power plant, will be used by Commander MacMillan to take his party into the arctic. The ship is owned by Commander MacMillan, and was used by him in three previous arctic expeditions.

On his last arctic dash, the vessel carried a total of eleven men. On this trip the *Bowdoin* will carry ten men, according to present plans. The vessel, only 89 feet long, can not accommodate more than ten men and the supplies and equipment needed for the journey without uncomfortable crowding. No professional sailors will be taken on the *Bowdoin*. Commander MacMillan and several of the scientists to go on the vessel are expert wheelmen and will take turns at the wheel.

Two staff men of the museum have been assigned to the expedition, and it is probable that outside scientists, including a competent geologist, mineralogist and botanist, will be invited to assist the museum men. The museum staff men to accompany Commander MacMillan are Alfred C. Weed, assistant curator of fishes, and Ashley Hine, bird taxidermist and collector. Mr. Weed, a specialist on fishes, is also an all-around collector, who has been on several museum expeditions. Mr. Hine is an expert taxidermist and is well known for his skill in mounting birds. Dr. Walter Koelz, of the United States Bureau of Fisheries, may be a member of the party, the entire personnel of which will be announced by the director later.

Rowe B. Metcalf, of Providence, R. I., has outfitted a second vessel to trail the *Bowdoin*. Mr. Metcalf may carry some of the scientists and equipment.

The first stop after the vessels leave Wiscasset will be Sydney, N. S., where the last of the supplies will be taken on board. Battle Harbor, Labrador, will be the first stop in the area to be explored. The expedition will maintain its base on shipboard, and make stops at various points while the scientists go ashore for their specimens. Complete radio equipment will be taken along to keep the party in touch with civilization.

This is the first Field Museum expedition to penetrate the sub-arctic. It is the intention and wish of President Stanley Field and the board of trustees of the museum to make as complete a scientific survey as possible of the sub-arctic by securing general col-

lections of the natural history and ethnology of that area. Attainment of this objective would give the museum an adequate representation of the life of the Eskimo, along with mammal, bird, fish and geological specimens of the sub-arctic, in which the institution is deficient.

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE EASTERN SECTION OF THE SEISMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

THE first meeting of the recently organized Eastern Section of the Seismological Society of America will be held at the Carnegie Institution, Washington, D. C., on May 1. The national officers of the society are Bailey Willis, *president*; Harry O. Wood, *first vice-president*; N. H. Heck, *second vice-president*; M. Hall McAllister, *third vice-president*, and S. D. Townley, *secretary-treasurer*. The temporary section officers are James B. Macelwane, *chairman*; Ernest A. Hodgson, *vice-chairman*, and Nicholas H. Heck, *secretary-treasurer*.

The business meeting will be held at 9:00 a. m. for the reading of the reports of the temporary officers, discussion of permanent organization, election of officers, vote of place of next meeting and amount of section dues. This will be followed by a general scientific session at 9:30, which will be continued in the afternoon at 2:30. The program consists of a symposium on the present status of seismology in the United States and is made up of the following papers:

The Work of the Seismological Society of America (20 minutes): BAILEY WILLIS.

Seismology in Canada (20 minutes): ERNEST A. HODGSON.

The Seismological Work of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey (20 minutes): E. LESTER JONES.

(Subject to be announced): JOHN R. FREEMAN.

The Jesuit Stations in the United States—A Retrospect (15 minutes): JAMES B. MACELWANE, S.J.

Seismology, the Public and Science Service (20 minutes): WATSON DAVIS and JAMES STOKLEY.

The Montana Earthquake in Relation to the Geology of the Region (20 minutes): J. T. PARDEE.

The Relation of Isostasy to Seismology (10 minutes): W. BOWIE.

The Texas Earthquake of July 30, 1925 (10 minutes): FRANK NEUMANN.

The Geology of the St. Lawrence Earthquake (20 minutes): ARTHUR KEITH.

The Engineering-Economic Foundation and Earthquake Hazard (20 minutes): HOLLIS GODFREY.

The Geological Society of Washington is joining with the Eastern Section in this meeting. It is represented in the above program by J. T. Pardee and Arthur Keith.