

OPERATION ICE BREAKER.

The John A. Macdonald, biggest ice-breaker in the North Atlantic, has had a busy time in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, where the ice is thicker than usual at this time of the year. 15,000 horse power gives the ship terrific thrust, and never was it needed more. A message now from the Nova Scotia head-quarters. Two ships iced up. Exact position supplied. 300 miles to the north west. The John A. Macdonald was forging a way through. In attendance (to see what was going on) a school of whales.

First ship sighted - a New York bound vessel laden with newsprint. The helicopter prepared to guide the ice-breaker along the best route. Under these conditions a straight line isn't always the quickest.

The second ship had a cargo of Aluminium for England. Before long the Queen of the anti-ice fleet had cleared a way (and for Canada), two export cargoes were on the move again.