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and the need for increased co-operation between France and Quebec, promising France's unfailing support.

To emphasize the increased economic content of co-operation between Quebec and France, several arrangements were signed or witnessed by Mr. Mauroy and Premier René Lévesque.

The largest contract signed was a 25-year agreement between Hydro-Quebec and the French consortium Pechiney Ugine Kuhlmann for the supply of hydro to a proposed aluminum smelter in the Trois Rivières area. Pechiney is due to complete feasibility studies for the smelter by the end of this year. If the project proceeds Hydro-Quebec would provide an initial 400 megawatts of electricity for two production lines, the first to be in operation by 1986 or 1987. The plant would produce more than 200 000 tonnes annually and would cost \$1.2 billion.

## News briefs

**Saskatchewan Premier Allan Blakeney** and his 11-year-old New Democratic Party government went down to defeat in the province's recent general elections. The Progressive Conservatives, under leader Grant Devine, took 55 seats in the 64-seat legislature with the New Democratic Party taking only nine seats. Both the Liberals and the Western Canada Concept parties did not win any seats. At dissolution, the New Democrats held 44 seats, the Progressive Conservatives accounted for 15 and there were two independents. Redistribution had added three seats to the legislature for this election.

**Canadian companies** will display their technology in a fair to be held in São Paulo, Brazil, September 27-October 1. The transfer of technology fair is being sponsored by the Canadian International Development Agency, which has presented such fairs in Geneva, Sri Lanka, New Delhi and Mexico City. The fair will promote technology geared to Brazil's requirements and will identify opportunities for transferring the technology to Brazilian companies and agencies.

**The French government**, in co-operation with the Manitoba government, is offering four-week summer courses for Manitoba teachers. The courses will be held in July in Quimper, France, with

one course for teachers who teach French as a first language and the other for teachers who teach French as a second language. The French government offers a bursary to each of the successful applicants to cover tuition fees and living expenses while in France. Under the France-Canada Agreement, the Manitoba government assumes a portion of the remaining costs, with the chosen candidates being responsible for the balance.

**Lumonic Incorporated**, Canada's largest manufacturer of lasers, increased its earnings in 1981 by 44 per cent over its 1980 earnings. The company, located in Kanata, outside Ottawa, had earnings of \$1.5 million in 1981, a rise of 44 per cent over the previous year's figure of \$1.04 million. Sales in 1981 were \$9.09 million up 23 per cent over 1980 sales of \$7.4 million. Export sales accounted for more than 90 per cent of the company's business.

**Health and Welfare Canada** has signed an agreement with British Columbia to share in the cost of services provided by the province to juvenile offenders in the care of British Columbia's youth containment program. Under the agreement, retroactive to January 1979, the federal government will pay over \$6 million including \$2.1 million for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1982.

**Canadair Limited of Montreal** reports it has completed the first flight of the *Challenger 601*, a business jet aircraft. The 45-minute test was completed at its test centre in Mojave, California.

**Thomson Newspapers Limited** of Toronto has agreed to buy six trade magazines from Robert Titsch, founder and president of Titsch Publishing Company of Denver, for about \$25-million (U.S.). The six magazines are *Cablevision*, *C-Ed*, *Cable File*, *Mobile Radio Handbook*, *Two-Way Radio Dealer* and *Radio Communications Reporter*.

**The Export Development Corporation** (EDC) has signed an \$11-million (U.S.) loan agreement to support a sale of trucks by Euclid Canada Limited, Guelph, Ontario to a consortium of West German and Italian companies working on a project in Iraq. The trucks will be used at the site of the Mosul Dam construction project in Iraq where the joint venture has undertaken the engineering and construction of the two-dam flood control, irrigation, hydroelectric project.

**Datacrown Incorporated** of Toronto has opened a \$10-million computing centre in Silver Spring, Maryland. It is the first U.S. operation established by Data-



*Ken Hyndam of Ottawa gets a different view of the neighbourhood when he climbs onto his four-metre high stilts. The 15-year-old started off on one-metre stilts before graduating to three-metre and now four-metre stilts.*

crown, a subsidiary of Crown Life Insurance Company of Toronto. However, Datacrown already supplies remote computing for private and government users both in Canada and the United States.

**Blair Howell**, a 30-year-old paraplegic, intends to travel the more than 8 000 kilometres between Vancouver and Halifax in a wheelchair. Howell from Picton, Ontario was paralyzed nine years ago in an accident at home. He started his trip in Vancouver and he is optimistic that his journey will raise up to \$5 million for the disabled. Howell plans to accept pledges for the Canadian Paraplegic Association and for provincial crippled children's societies.

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