

and for one year to receive aid for minor improvements. It must also employ both an administrator and an artistic director full-time.

The organization must obtain from municipal or provincial governments, or other sources, additional funding equivalent to that provided by the Secretary of State Department.

In 1976-77, four theatres qualified for grants: Adelaide Court/Cour Adelaide, in Toronto; the Groupe de la Place Royale, in Ottawa; the Grand Theatre in London, Ontario; and Theatre 3 in Edmonton.

Solar heat at the fish farm

Solar energy will soon heat the water of a Federal Government fish hatchery at the Fisheries and Marine Service's Experimental Fish Hatchery in the municipality of Rockwood in Manitoba's Interlake region.

The new installation, which will be in operation by the end of May, is the first practical application of solar energy in a Federal Government facility. It is expected to supply 70 per cent of the annual heating needs of the hatchery, which raises fish for research purposes. Usually, ground water at a constant temperature is pumped into the hatchery and then heated electrically to accelerate growth rates of the fish.

An attractive feature of the project is that the life-cycle costs of the new system are expected to be lower than those of a conventional heating system.

A second experiment to save heating costs at present under way at the hatchery involves recycling water previously heated for use in the fish-rearing tanks. A system has been designed to remove toxic substances produced by trout so that 90 per cent of the water can be re-used.

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News briefs

Sandra Post of Oakville, Ontario, beat Penny Pulz of Australia at Palm Springs, California, U.S.A., April 2, on the second hole of a "sudden-death" playoff to win \$36,000, the first prize in the Dinah Shore golf tournament. The Ladies Professional Golfers Association tourney, telecast to millions of viewers, ended on the par-4, 378-yard sixteenth hole. Penny Pulz forced the playoff when she sank an 18-foot putt on the finishing hole, giving her 71 for the day and a 283 total. Sandra Post, who had led all the way, missed a putt of 15 feet on the eighteenth hole, giving her 72 and a score of 283.

Canada is contributing \$1 million through the International Committee of the Red Cross for the purpose of emergency relief to the civilian population of Lebanon in the wake of the current hostilities in that country.

The retail sales tax in Newfoundland will be raised to 11 per cent from 10. Newfoundlanders will pay more to smoke and for some alcoholic beverages, and income tax for small business will be reduced, the province's budget reveals.

The Alberta budget has removed the excise tax on gasoline and other motor fuels for most uses to give Albertans the tangible benefits of the province's petroleum wealth.

Quebec Finance Minister Jacques Parizeau says the province's estimated budget for the coming fiscal year will be \$12.76 billion, up 10.9 per cent from that of the current year, and he hinted that Quebecers could expect a tax cut when the budget is presented next month.

The Federal Government has agreed to provide \$16.5 million as half the estimated costs of a pre-investment design study of a possible \$3-billion tidal power project in the Bay of Fundy. The investment is conditional on the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick governments providing the other half.

Massey-Ferguson Ltd. is withdrawing from the heavy construction machinery business in North America.

Negotiation of an income tax treaty between Canada and Cyprus will begin in May. The Federal Government wishes to obtain information on difficulties encountered by Canadians under the tax systems of other countries that should be taken into account in preparing for negotiations.

Gulf Minerals Canada Ltd. has made another uranium discovery at Collins Bay in Saskatchewan.

Canadian farmers had cash receipts of \$1.2 billion in January, down 0.9 per cent from those of a year earlier.

U.S. visitors to Ontario — already enjoying a premium of almost 12 per cent on their dollar — will be further favoured with the suspension until the end of 1979 of the full 7 percent retail tax on accommodation. "The removal applies not only to hotel and motel rooms and housekeeping units but also to the price of hospitality services sold as packages under the American Plan," says John Rhodes, Ontario's industry and tourism minister. The concession should provide a total tax saving for travellers and tourists in Ontario of about \$30 million in 1978-79.

The National Research Council of Canada recently awarded 83 strategic grants, valued at \$2,400,000 over the first year, for university research on energy, environmental toxicology and oceanography.

Intermetco, a Hamilton, Ontario metal recycling company has developed a new process for recovering non-ferrous metals from shredded obsolete cars. In one eight-hour shift, the shredded material from up to 1,000 automobiles can be processed, leading to the recovery of zinc, aluminum, copper and stainless steel. These metals were previously discarded.

McMaster University's medical school in Hamilton, Ontario, has no exams, no marks and no admission tests. Candidates need a B average in at least three years of any university-level program. It is not, however, an easy place to get into. Applicants must send a detailed autobiographical letter, and those who pass are interviewed by a physician, a layman, a medical student and an administrator. Half of the school's 300 students are women.

Backed by a loan of \$3.1 million from the Export Development Corporation and the Bank of Montreal, a Canadian firm is selling \$3.875-million worth of mining services and equipment to Brazil. Patrick Harrison and Company Limited of Toronto has obtained a contract to sink a 675-metre circular shaft for a copper-mine in the state of Bahia in Eastern Brazil. The sale, which represents about 80 man-years of employment for Canadians, involves eight or so major suppliers and up to 25 sub-suppliers.