

## Make A Wish Foundation fulfils sick children's dreams

Two Vancouver businessmen, assisted by a corps of volunteers, are quietly playing good fairy to terminally ill British Columbia children. The Make A Wish Foundation of British Columbia was conceived two years ago by insurance broker and consultant Nigel Brown, and audio-visual producer Robb Lucy. They believe it is the first one in Canada.

From budgies to waterbeds to a trip to Disneyland, the foundation has transformed more than a dozen children's dreams into reality during the past 18 months.

The recipients are children who are unlikely to reach their sixteenth birthday. But

a child's condition must be stable enough to allow him to enjoy the wish and, if necessary, to wait for arrangements to be made.

Financial status of parents is unimportant in choosing recipients. Many parents may have the money, but not the personal strength and resources to carry through a wish, says Mr. Brown.

The Make A Wish Foundation in Vancouver is not affiliated with any other foundation and it strives to avoid publicity. The founders believe wishes should be a private and special family affair — a way to remove stress from the family instead of creating it. Names of children are not made public.

## Tidal power lights Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia

North America's first tidal power plant has begun to churn out electricity and prove that the awesome tides of the Bay of Fundy can be harnessed to power the homes of a town of 20 000.

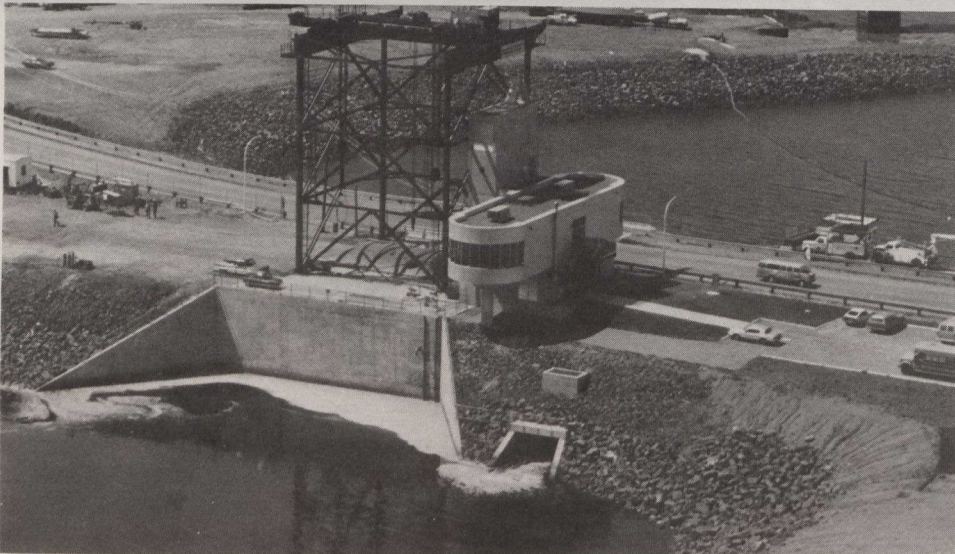
Housed in the electrical generating station in Annapolis Royal and run by remote control from a Tidal Power Corporation Station 100 kilometres to the northeast, the world's largest tide-run turbine officially began operation on August 25. This two-and-a-half storey experimental turbine is capable of churning out 14.5 million kilowatt hours of electricity per year.

The Montreal-built, Swiss-designed Straflo turbine — a prototype turbine meaning "straight flow" because it starts generating power when the water-drop is only 1.5 metres — has been working at the Annapolis Royal plant with few problems for three months. Construction of the \$57-million,

20-megawatt plant on a 21-year-old causeway built to protect upriver farmland from extreme tides, was financed by the Canadian and Nova Scotia governments. It was built to test one Straflo turbine, but could eventually house up to 128 such turbines.

Tides in the nearby Bay of Fundy are among the largest in the world, rising as much as 20 metres. The effects of Annapolis Royal's experimental turbine could be very important to the future development of unlimited supplies of energy.

One proposal, which would cost billions and take a decade to complete, calls for an eight-kilometre dam to be built across the Bay of Fundy. It would produce between 4 000 and 5 000 megawatts of electricity, more than the present generating capacity in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Rhode Island — and far more than the needs of Nova Scotia.



Tidal plant at Annapolis Royal is expected to be a forerunner of larger project.

## Hockey heroes

The National Hockey League (NHL) has added three players and two others who have made important contributions to the game, to the Hockey Hall of Fame.

Phil Esposito, George (Punch) Imlach, Jacques Lemaire, Jake Milford, and Bernie Parent were honoured at a dinner September 25 at the Sheridan Centre in Toronto.

"We feel privileged to honour three of the most talented players and two of the most distinguished builders the sport has ever known," said NHL president John Zeigler.

### Goal scorers

Phil Esposito accumulated 717 goals and 1 590 points over 18 seasons in the NHL, playing with the Chicago Black Hawks, New York Rangers and Boston Bruins. He was on Boston's 1970 and 1972 Stanley Cup teams. During his long career, he won the Art Ross scoring trophy five times, the Hart trophy as most valuable player twice and was chosen to six first-string all-star teams.

Jacques Lemaire earned eight Stanley Cup rings during his 12-year career with the Montreal Canadiens, the team he now coaches. He scored 61 goals and 139 points in 145 post-season games, including two Stanley Cup winning goals, making him one of only five players in NHL history to accomplish that feat.

Bernie Parent backstopped Philadelphia Flyers to Stanley Cups in 1974 and 1975 and won the Conn Smythe trophy as the most valuable playoff performer both years. In 608 regular season games with Boston, Toronto and Philadelphia, the current goaltending instructor of the Flyers recorded a 2.55 goals-against average and 55 shutouts.

### General managers

Punch Imlach started the 1958-59 season as assistant general manager in Toronto, but midway through the season was elevated to general manager-coach. During 11 campaigns under his guidance the Maple Leafs won four Stanley Cups. In 1970, he became general manager-coach of the Buffalo Sabres and led them to the Stanley Cup final in 1975. He left the Sabres during the 1978-79 season and rejoined Toronto for three more years before retiring.

Jake Milford, spent 14 years in New York Rangers' system developing players for the NHL before being appointed general manager of Vancouver in 1977. He built the Canucks into a Stanley Cup finalist by 1982. The Central Hockey League's coach-of-the-year trophy was named in his honour.