

Lemieux of Quebec and Goodridge Roberts of Toronto offered more stylistic and simplified onsite landscapes. Others, like Jack Shadbolt of Vancouver, painted landscapes in their studios inspired either from memory or by emotions or moods, or like Ghitta Caiserman-Roth from Montreal, painted purely imaginary compositions. The fourth group including Jean-Paul Riopelle of Montreal and Otto Rogers from Saskatchewan express their art in abstract forms.

A number of artists reflect strong regional differences in Canadian landscape painting. Four artists represent British Columbia, two the prairie region, 14 Ontario, 11 Quebec, and two the Atlantic region.

#### Largest collection

Jack Firestone has been collecting Canadian art for more than 30 years and in 1972 donated 1 234 artworks and his home in Rockcliffe which was designed to display and maintain works of art under gallery conditions, to the Ontario Heritage Foundation. He donated an additional 55 artworks in 1984. These gifts are one of the largest donations of art ever made by a single individual.

The collection which is maintained by Dr. Firestone and his wife, Barbara MacMahon-Firestone, includes paintings, drawings and sculpture by more than 100 Canadian artists covering almost a century of the country's art. The large collections of paintings by A.Y. Jackson, Alfred Casson and Arthur Lismer, three very important Canadian painters, are each housed in separate rooms. The Casson collection is unique, with one painting covering every year of his work from 1917 to 1980.



Minister of International Trade James Kelleher (right) greets Barbara MacMahon-Firestone at the opening of The Canadian Landscape exhibition in Belgrade.

## News briefs

**TransCanada PipeLines** recently reached a natural gas pricing agreement with Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America and Great Lakes Gas Transmission Company. The agreement, which is expected to result in a substantial increase in the amount of Alberta natural gas being sold to the US, applies a new pricing structure to previously contracted volumes of up to 171 million cubic feet a day of natural gas. Natural Gas Pipeline is a subsidiary of MidCon Corp. of Lombard, Illinois. Great Lakes Gas Transmission Company operates a pipeline extending from Emerson, Manitoba through Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan.

**General Motors of Canada Ltd.** had record sales of \$16.3 billion and a profit of \$880.8 million in 1984 compared with \$13.8 billion and \$675.6 million respectively in 1983. In 1982 the company lost \$71.6 million while sales were \$9.5 billion. With an increased demand in the US for Canadian manufactured products, GM Canada sold 651 000 vehicles to the US in 1984, an increase of 11 000 units over 1983. In the domestic market, retail deliveries by the company climbed to 477 400 cars and trucks, an increase of 64 000 or 15 per cent over the 413 400 units delivered in 1983. "For 1985, domestic market sales are expected to continue to improve and sales to the US are also expected to remain firm," said John Smith, president and general manager of the company.

**The Export Development Corporation** (EDC) has announced the signing of three allocations totalling \$8.14 million (Cdn) under credit facilities with the Bank of China to support sales of Canadian electrical substation equipment including services for the supervision of erection, testing and training to the China National Technical Import Corporation of Beijing for three transmission projects in Northern China. Two allocations totalling \$4.65 million (Cdn) support sales of shunt reactors, current transformers and capacitive voltage transformers by ASEA Inc. of Montreal and one allocation of \$3.49 million (Cdn) supports a sale of circuit breakers by Cégélec Industrie Inc. of Laprairie, Quebec.

**Candy Jones and Don Fraser** of Halifax, Nova Scotia, recently won the pairs title in the international pro figure skating competition held in Tokyo, Japan.

**Five baseball players** who started their careers in Toronto, Ontario will be inducted into the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame on August 7. The players are: John Hiller, a former Detroit Tiger relief pitcher; Jack Kent

Cooke, the Washington Redskins owner; Ron Taylor, a pitcher who played for six major-league teams and currently is club doctor for the Toronto Blue Jays; the late Dick Fowler, the only Canadian to throw a no-hitter in the major leagues; and Carmen Bush, who has been involved in amateur baseball for 60 years. Bush and Cooke, former owners of the Toronto Maple Leafs of the International League, were named to the Hall in the builders' category. The 1985 additions bring to 16 the number of members in the Hall, founded in 1983.

## Clowning around Australia



*Dolly Hopkins, a Vancouver slapstick clown known as Gumboot Lollipop delighted audiences at the Warana Festival in Brisbane, Australia in October with her antics and impromptu shows. Combining auditory and experimental approaches she includes her audience and has no difficulty getting them involved in her act. After the festival, she was invited to remain in Australia to entertain at a number of schools and shopping centres.*

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