

DUTY-FREE STORE AT GANDER

Canada's first airport duty-free export store is in operation at Gander International Airport. Its operators are Bowring Brothers Limited of St. John's, an old Newfoundland firm that also operates a gift shop and newsstand at the airport.

The shop caters to non-residents of Canada leaving the country. Duty-free merchandise is kept in a bonded warehouse and purchases are delivered direct to the aircraft. While duty-free export stores are a well-known feature of many international airports in other countries, the Gander store differs in this respect from tax-free shops abroad located in an area, such as an airport, that has been declared a "free port" in its entirety.

The Gander store offers a variety of duty-free goods.

Both the Federal Department of National Revenue and the Newfoundland government are fully co-operating in this venture.

NEW HOME BUILDING

Starts on the construction of new dwellings in urban centres of 5,000 population and over increased 7.3 per cent in January to 4,177 units from 3,894 a year ago, according to advance Dominion Bureau of Statistics figures that will be contained in the January issue of "New Residential Construction". Completions rose 14.0 per cent to 7,154 units from 6,275, and the number of units under construction at the end of January 18.6 per cent to 50,566 units from 42,624.

COMMITTEE TO JUDGE ESKIMO ART

Some of Canada's leading art figures have agreed to serve as members of the newly-formed Canadian Eskimo Art Committee. This body, established at the request of the Eskimos themselves to advise them professionally, is headed by Dr. Evan H. Turner, director of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. Other members are: Paul Arthur, of Ottawa, managing editor of *Canadian Art*, president of Paul Arthur & Associates Ltd., design consultants, and publications consultant to the National Gallery of Canada; M.F. Feheley, of Toronto, president of T.D.F. Artists Ltd., collector and lecturer; Julien Hébert, of Montreal, industrial designer and professor at the Ecole des Arts Appliqués, Montreal; and Alan Jarvis, of Toronto, editor of *Canadian Art*, commentator on the television programme, "The Things We See", author of the newspaper column of the same name and president of Alan Jarvis Associates. All have contributed significantly to the development of Eskimo art in Canada.

The secretary of the Committee and representative of the Department of Northern Affairs is Paul Godt of Ottawa, supervisor of co-operatives. Mr. Godt is not, however, a member of the Committee.

At present, the Committee is advising only the West Baffin Eskimo Co-Operative, but it has made known that it is prepared to assist any other Eskimo co-operative or individual Eskimo artist on condition that only work it has approved is released for public sale.

The Committee will evaluate the work of the artists, recommend to the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources the acceptance or rejection of any work of art submitted to it for the "Canadian Eskimo Art" seal of approval, and fix a suggested retail price for each work.

The Committee will seek technical advice from people who have worked closely with the Eskimos.

The West Baffin Co-Operative is the second co-operative to be formed in the Northwest Territories, the first being at Port Burwell.

It was established on the basis of earnings from the internationally-famous stone block and seal skin prints.

NEW SCHOOL FACILITIES

"Every Canadian must have the opportunity to develop his or her capabilities to the fullest," said Mr. Michael Starr, Minister of Labour, recently in a statement marking the beginning of Education Week in Canada. "To make this possible, all who are concerned with education and training must provide the paths of learning by which our youth can reach their full potential. This is one of the major challenges which faces our country, and it is a challenge which must be met."

Part of this challenge was already being met through federal-provincial co-operation in the field of technical and vocational training, Mr. Starr said. Under the capital assistance programme, whereby the Federal Government will contribute 75 per cent of provincial expenditures of new facilities, approval had been given to date for construction on more than 250 schools.

"These new facilities will provide additional accommodation in Canada for more than 90,000 students and will open new training opportunities and areas of employment to many Canadians," said Mr. Starr. "But we must go far beyond the provision of facilities. There is a need for more training programmes in industry. There is an urgent need to encourage young people to stay in school longer and to help them choose rewarding careers. There is a need for the development of courses which will challenge the aptitudes and capture the interests of young Canadians. There is a need to develop educational and training programmes which will help adults to keep abreast of technological changes and the demands of present-day industry."

"Education Week gives us an opportunity to assess what has been done, what is being done and what still needs to be done to fill the educational and training needs of our country", Mr. Starr concluded.