

York have already received many awards both in Canada and abroad. *The Street* won top prize at the International Animation Film Festival, a Canadian film award, an Oscar nomination, as well as prizes at film festivals in Chicago and San Francisco.

Volcano took six Etrogs at the Canadian Film Awards and was a highlight feature at Filmex in Los Angeles and

the London Film Festival.

Los Canadienses, about the Canadians of the Mackenzie-Papineau Battalion who fought in the Spanish Civil War, won the Robert Flaherty Award of the British Film Academy and a top prize at the Mannheim Festival. *Bargain Basement* also took a prize at Mannheim, as well as a number of Etrogs at the Canadian Film Awards.

Canada's greatest conservationist

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final lecture at Massey Hall in Toronto, Grey Owl returned to his beaver in their cabin on Ajawaan Lake. The exhausted Grey Owl fell ill with pneumonia and died in Prince Albert hospital on April 13, 1938, only five days after his return. He was buried near his cabin on Ajawaan Lake.

The cabin in which Grey Owl lived

and worked for seven years is preserved by Parks Canada as a tribute to his contribution to the cause of conservation.

(From an article in Conservation Canada, summer 1977 issue. Photographs were taken between 1929 and 1932 by the late W.J. Oliver of Calgary, Alberta, for the National Parks Branch of the Department of the Interior.)

News briefs

■ Prime Ministers Trudeau and Morarji Desai of India, began a series of talks, while in London for the Commonwealth heads of government meeting, aimed at resolving the nuclear difficulties between their two countries.

■ A special Commons committee on prisons recommended on June 7 an urgent extensive overhaul of penitentiaries. The unanimous four-party report recommends restraints on the "absolute power and unfettered discretion" of employees over prisoners and criticises the courts for refusing to hear complaints by prisoners about administrative decisions. The report also recommends that the Canadian Penitentiaries Service become a separate agency like the RCMP, with employees subject to discharge for misconduct

and incompetence.

■ Joseph R. Smallwood, the man who led Newfoundland into Confederation, resigned as a member of the province's opposition legislature on June 9 and departed from politics. He said he would devote his future to efforts to help preserve Canadian unity through speeches and writing.

■ Industry Minister Jean Chrétien said on June 6 that Canada would contract jointly with Spain to build 700 kilometers of railway in Venezuela. He said the contract, "still a couple of months" from signing, should mean \$350 million of business for Canadian contractors.

■ The Federal Government has approved the resumption of drilling for oil and natural gas in the Beaufort Sea this summer by a subsidiary of Dome Petroleum Ltd. of Calgary. Dome did not obtain the five-year go-ahead it had requested, but it did get approval to specify a number of drilling sites that could be selected, depending on the weather and ice conditions. Ottawa has also decided to require a month of no drilling at the end of each season in case of an oil blow-out.

■ Exports of light crude oils to the United States will fall to 137,000 barrels a day during the last half of 1977, compared to the current level of 180,000 the National Energy Board

says. Exports during 1978 are estimated at an average of 54,000 barrels a day. By 1980 the export level will drop to 1,000 barrels a day, and by 1981 exports will be eliminated. As expected, the NEB report also recommends that heavy oil exports be treated separately from light oil exports — a practice adopted informally earlier this year. Exports of heavy crude oils will not be restricted or phased out, at least for the next five years and any not needed for Canadian use will be available for export.

■ The Canadian Wheat Board has sold to China three million metric tons of wheat. The sale, equivalent to 110 million bushels, will be shipped from Pacific coast ports starting in August and will continue until July 1978. Although the price was not revealed, it is estimated the sale could be worth about \$340 million at current wheat prices, depending on availability.

■ The Canadian Chamber of Commerce has called for an increase in the qualifying period for unemployment insurance benefits to 20 weeks and suggested the unemployed be allowed to draw benefits for only 26 weeks. There were an average 40,700 vacancies for full-time, part-time and casual jobs during the three-month period ended April 30, Statistics Canada says — 8 percent higher than in the previous three months.

■ A total of 125,162 motor vehicles were recalled in Canada for safety-related defects in the last quarter of 1976. The recalls reported by Transport Canada resulted from 25 campaigns conducted by 15 companies and involved 90,102 passenger cars, trucks and buses as well as 34,973 snowmobiles, 60 motor-cycles and 27 motor-homes.

■ Armed Forces Day 1977 will be celebrated nationally on June 25 — the first day of the designated Canada Week, Defence headquarters has announced. Canada Week, which ends on Canada Day, July 1, is the week chosen by federal and provincial authorities to stimulate national pride.

■ This is the year of the earring, according to members at the annual convention of the Canadian Jewellers Association in Toronto. Apparently, the fad goes in one year and out the other.

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