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which are used in the landing flaps and brakes of aircraft, where enormous strength and resistance to high temperatures is required. A major car manufacturer is experimenting with carbon fibres for use in car bodies. Reinforced carbon is about one-quarter the density of iron.

The energy crisis and the discovery of the possibilities of intercalated carbon as an electrical conductor have led to a sudden resurgence of interest in carbon chemistry, says the scientist.

And in the final analysis, he insists, "It's been a great privilege to have been given the freedom over the past 25 years to pursue an area of basic research that didn't appear to have any immediate value".

(From UBC reports, March 14, 1979.)

Labour force

Employment showed a sizable increase in March while unemployment increased marginally, but Canada's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate remained at 7.9 per cent, unchanged from that of February. The seasonally-adjusted participation rate increased to 63.3 per cent in March from 63.2 per cent in the preceding month. The employment/population ratio moved up to 58.4 per cent from 58.2 per cent in February.

In March, the seasonally-adjusted employment level at 10,271,000 was up by 38,000 from the month before. The level increased by 19,000 for men 25 and over, by 6,000 for women 25 and over and by 16,000 for women 15 to 24. For men 15-24 the level declined by 3,000.

Unemployment, seasonally adjusted totalled 876,000, up by 4,000 from February. The level increased by 4,000 for women 25 and over, while it declined by 3,000 for women 15 to 24. For men of

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both age groups, there was little change.

Seasonally-adjusted unemployment rates for the provinces, with February rates in brackets: Newfoundland 17.6 per cent (17.1 per cent); Prince Edward Island 12.2 per cent (10.8 per cent); Nova Scotia 11.0 per cent (10.5 per cent); New Brunswick 12.1 per cent (11.6 per cent); Quebec 10.6 per cent (10.2 per cent); Ontario 6.7 per cent (6.6 per cent); Manitoba 5.2 per cent (5.6 per cent); Saskatchewan 4.2 per cent (4.7 per cent); Alberta 3.7 per cent (4.3 per cent); and

News briefs

British Columbia voters re-elected Premier William Bennett's Social Credit government May 10 but with a reduced majority of five. The party obtained 31 seats in the provincial legislature, while the New Democratic Party led by former Premier Dave Barrett, won 26. None of the other parties, including Liberals and Progressive Conservatives, elected any members. At dissolution the Social Credit party had 34 seats, NDP 18, PCs one and there were two vacancies.

Claude Ryan, Quebec Liberal leader who won the seat of Argenteuil in a by-election at the beginning of May, was sworn in as a member of the Quebec National Assembly May 9, along with fellow Liberal Jean-Claude Rivest, by-election winner in Jean-Talon.

Canadian Occidental Petroleum Ltd. and Inco Metals Company announced on May 3 a potentially significant uranium discovery on a 100-square-mile jointly owned property in North Saskatchewan. Additional drilling, scheduled to resume in mid-June, is required to determine the length, width, thickness and uranium content of the mineralized zone and whether the mineral occurrence is commercially significant.

Canada will provide El Salvador with \$10.2 million in loans and grants for a \$200-million hydro and geothermal project. The aid will fund the purchase of Canadian equipment for the project.

Malcolm Muggeridge was one of four distinguished world figures honoured by Nova Scotia's St. Francis Xavier University during spring convocation exercises on May 6. Mr. Muggeridge of Surrey, England, who was awarded a Doctor of Letters degree, delivered the convocation address. Also receiving honorary doctorates were Walter Persegati, Vatican City,

British Columbia 8.0 per cent (8.5 per cent).

Without seasonal adjustment, the March labour force was 10,932,000 with 9,956,000 employed and 976,000 unemployed for an unemployment rate of 8.9 per cent. In February, the labour force was 10,812,000 with 9,857,000 employed and 954,000 unemployed for a rate of 8.8 per cent. In March 1978, the labour force numbered 10,593,000 with 9,562,000 employed and 1,031,000 unemployed for a rate of 9.7 per cent.

Italy; Conrad M. Black, Montreal, Quebec; and Sister Paul of the Cross Kyte, Antigonish, Nova Scotia. Malcolm Muggeridge, journalist, author, professor and social commentator, has spent a lifetime studying and reporting on his fellow man. He is regarded as one of the outstanding lay exponents of Christian ideals.

Air Canada will install closed circuit television cameras in the hope of reducing theft at Toronto International Airport's Terminal 2, a company spokesman said on April 23. Brock Stewart said the airline paid out about \$100,000 a year in lost baggage claims, and about one-quarter of that amount was for claims in Toronto.

A U.S. district judge has allowed the sale of 6.8 million shares of Brascan Limited of Toronto to Edper Equities Limited, but has retained the rest of a restraining order that prevents Edper from taking any further steps to stop Brascan's proposed tender offer for F.W. Woolworth Company of New York.

Following an agreement with the U.S. Government, Canadian railway workers employed by international railways and belonging to international unions may now compete for employment in the U.S. on a seniority basis, Employment Minister Cullen has announced.

Car sales totalled 86,032 units in April compared with 83,322 units in the corresponding month last year. General Motors accounted for 52.2 per cent of the market for North American-built cars. Truck sales totalled 32,445 units, down from 33,024.

Montreal Canadiens, who beat Boston Bruins by four games to three in the semi-finals of the Stanley Cup playoffs, thereby qualifying them for the finals, were tied 1-1 with New York Rangers after the second game of the best-of-seven finals on May 15.