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own initiative.

Assisted relatives are people, other than members of the family class, who have kin in Canada willing to help them get established here. Relatives eligible to apply under this category include the Canadian resident's brothers and sisters, parents and grandparents, children and grandchildren, aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, and any dependants accompanying these relatives.

Except for retirees, immigrants in this class are assessed against selection criteria in the point system.

### The point system

Not every independent applicant has to meet all ten selection criteria. Applicants are assessed only according to those factors which actually relate to their ability to become successfully established in Canada.

Immigrants who intend to be self-employed are not required to meet the arranged employment factor. In fact, any self-employed person whom the visa officer feels will become successfully established in business in Canada may receive ten extra rating points.

Assisted relatives are not rated on the arranged employment, location, or language factors, because they have relatives in Canada who have signed statements promising to support them for a period of five years.

Also, retired persons, though considered part of this third class, are not evaluated on any of the point-rated standards; instead, they are selected under general criteria regarding their intended destination in Canada, presence of friends or relatives there, language proficiency, personal suitability and financial stability.

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All other immigrants in the third class are rated on all factors in the point system.

In order to be admitted to Canada as a permanent resident, every immigrant selected according to the point system must receive a minimum number of assessment points. Entrepreneurs must be awarded at least 25 points. Assisted relatives must earn 20 to 35 points, depending on how they are related to the Canadian resident who has promised to help them. All other applicants rated under the point system must earn 50 points, out of a possible 100, before they can be issued immigrant visas.

In addition to earning a minimum number of points, applicants must meet certain mandatory requirements regarding

the job experience and occupational demand factors. For example, any applicant who does not receive at least one point for the job experience factor must either have a pre-arranged job in Canada and a signed statement of the prospective employer's willingness to hire an inexperienced person, or be qualified and prepared to work in a designated occupation (one in an area of Canada identified as having a shortage of workers in that occupation).

Furthermore, except for entrepreneurs and the self-employed, immigrants selected under the point system must be awarded at least one point for occupational demand — unless they have arranged employment in Canada or are willing to work in a designated occupation.

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### News briefs

**Canadian National Railways** had a profit last year of \$28 million — the highest since 1943 for the government-owned railway — compared with a profit of \$11.8 million in 1976. The company's 1977 revenue was the largest in its history, totalling \$2.7 billion, up \$200 million from its performance in 1976.

**Nova Scotia Finance Minister** Peter Nicholson has brought down a finely balanced budget of \$1.3 billion for 1978-79, with greater emphasis on job creation in primary industries.

**In an effort** to resolve native land claims in the Yukon before major construction of the Alaska Highway gas pipeline begins, the Federal Government has proposed a public inquiry on constitutional development for the territory.

**Increases of more than 30 per cent** in health premiums — to \$22 a month from \$16 for single people and to \$44 a month from \$32 for families — will be implemented in Ontario as a result of a new budget brought down on March 5 in the provincial legislature. Spending commitments are expected to be \$14.5 billion in the coming year with a 12.6 per cent growth in revenues, leaving a deficit of \$1.05 billion. Tobacco taxes are being raised for the third consecutive year — 2.8 cents on a pack of 20 cigarettes and 1 cent a pack on medium-priced cigars. A 24-bottle case of beer will increase by 15 cents and liquor from 15 cents to 25 cents a bottle. Provincial Treasurer Darcy McKeough said he thought the budget could be balanced by 1981.

**Pan-Alberta Gas Ltd. of Calgary** has signed an agreement with U.S. utilities involving the short term sale of surplus Canadian natural gas to the United States. Up to four trillion cubic feet of fuel could be moved to California and the U.S. midwest beginning in autumn 1979, to be replaced in the late 1980s by Alaska gas.

**Bobby Hull** recorded the one-thousandth goal of his professional hockey career March 11, while he helped the Winnipeg Jets defeat the Quebec Nordiques 7-4. It was Hull's forty-fourth goal of the season.

**The Quebec government** will study how its minimum wage, the highest in North America, is affecting business and industry in the province. Premier Lévesque made the announcement following a meeting with Reginald Groome, Montreal Board of Trade president.

**Pierre Vezina**, a 21-year-old cross-country skier from Beaupré, Quebec, won the 15- and 30-kilometre races in the Canadian championships in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario on March 4.

**Ambassador Gordon E. Cox**, head of the Canadian delegation to the Conference on the Mutual Reduction of Forces and Armaments and Associated Measures in Central Europe, died in Vienna on March 8 as a result of a traffic accident. He had taken up this assignment last year following a career in the Canadian foreign service. Among his assignments he had served as Canadian Ambassador to Thailand from 1969 to 1972 and concurrently as Canadian High Commissioner to Bangladesh.