

News briefs

The Progressive Conservative Party of New Brunswick was returned to office October 23, winning 30 seats to the Liberals' 28. The Parti Acadien did not win a seat. Both Premier Richard Hatfield and Liberal leader Joseph Daigle were re-elected.

Senator John James "Joe" Greene died recently in Ottawa Civic Hospital. He was 58. Mr. Greene served as Minister of Agriculture from 1965 to 1968, later becoming Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. When a series of heart attacks and strokes forced him to resign from the Cabinet in 1972, he was appointed to the Senate.

More than 20 million people are expected to spend \$5.5 billion when they visit Ontario this year, say provincial industry and tourism officials. The figure is up from an estimated \$5 billion last year and \$4.5 billion in 1976. The Ministry of Industry and Tourism attributes the increase to a larger advertising budget, abolition of the 7 per cent hotel room tax and the devalued Canadian dollar.

The fiftieth Royal Agricultural Winter Fair will be held November 9 to 18 at the Coliseum, Exhibition Place, Toronto. The Royal should hold its claim to being the world's largest indoor agricultural fair, with more than 17,000 entries competing for nearly \$300,000 in prize money. Livestock exhibits, auctions, a world championship field crop competition, a food festival, commercial displays, a country music jamboree and the Royal Horse Show — attracting international teams — are among the events that continue to draw more than 300,000 visitors each year.

The Export Development Corporation, the Royal Bank of Canada and the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce have signed a \$21-million loan for a railway project in Costa Rica.

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Algunos números de esta publicación aparecen también en español bajo el título Noticiero de Canadá.

The Federal Government plans to spend \$380 million over the next five years to promote the use of energy from the sun and from forest waste, hoping that by the turn of the century at least 10 per cent of the country's energy will come from these sources.

Japan and Canada have agreed on a joint project to extract oil from the Athabasca tar sands in Alberta, the Japanese Federation of Electric Power Companies said recently. The Japanese will invest \$52 million in the first five years, starting April 1, 1979, and will account for about 80 per cent of projected costs.

Dr. Gordon Nelson of Waterloo, Ontario, has won the first Parks Canada Natural Heritage Award for contributions towards the better appreciation and protection of natural heritage areas in Canada. Dr. Nelson is the author of two books on national parks: *The Last Refuge*, published in 1973, and *Man's Impact on the Western Canada Landscape*, published in 1976. He also has been involved in editing two books: *Canadian Parks in Perspective* and *International Experience with National Parks*.

Canadian oil pipe lines received 2,191,300 barrels a day (348 219 m3D) of crude oil, condensate, pentanes plus and refined petroleum product in July, down 0.5 per cent from the 2,202,000 B/D (349 920 m3D) received a year earlier. Receipts of domestic petroleum and products increased 1.4 per cent to 1,914,500 B/D (304 233 m3D), while imported petroleum and products receipts decreased 11.5 per cent to 276,900 B/D (44 002 m3D).

Garfield Chesson of Edmonton, Alberta recently won an international award for an editorial he wrote while news director of a Brantford, Ontario radio station. The award, from the International Firefighters Association, was for an item about a Brantford fireman who risked his life to save an 8-year-old boy about a year ago.

CAE Electronics Ltd., of Montreal, has been awarded a contract by the Royal Saudi Air Force to develop and manufacture a "two-on-one" digital flight simulator complex for the AB212 transport helicopter. Value of the order, including supporting packages, is \$9 million. The manufacturer is a wholly-owned subsidiary of CAE Industries Ltd. of Toronto.

A pocket-sized information guide in French has been produced by the Board

of Trade of Toronto with financial assistance from 24 companies. The *Bienvenue* booklet, to help francophones visiting Toronto feel more welcome, highlights community, business and emergency services. The publication will be distributed in Quebec to travel agents, tour operators, transportation companies, tourist boards, hotels, motels, resorts and the Chamber of Commerce network.

The man described as the world's biggest baker and its second biggest grocer, Garfield Weston, died recently in his hometown, Toronto. He was 80. Weston, whose father George once accused him of having "no sense of money values", turned the \$25,000-a-year family business into an enterprise worth \$5 billion a year, controlling bakeries, mills, supermarkets and food processing plants in England, Ireland, New Zealand, Australia and Canada. He employed about 47,000 people around the world. His holdings included Loblaw's Ltd., the supermarket chain; E.B. Eddy Ltd., the match and paper products firm; William Neilson Ltd., chocolate and ice cream manufacturers; and Britain's Fortnum and Mason.

Indian and Northern Affairs Minister Hugh Faulkner announced recently that further funding by his Department to the Dene Nation (Indian Brotherhood of the N.W.T.) and the Métis Association of the Northwest Territories for land claims negotiations was to be suspended. The Dene and Métis leadership have had difficulty agreeing on a mechanism for conducting joint negotiations with the Federal Government on their overlapping claims. Mr. Faulkner declared his intention to follow development closely and assured both associations that his officials would "get negotiations under way as soon as there [was] progress".

A pamphlet issued by the National Postal Museum in Ottawa has been awarded a silver medal at the Canadian International Stamp Exhibition held recently in Toronto. The pamphlet tells the story of the ocean mail clerks who served on board the mail ships crossing the North Atlantic in the early days of steam. The service, to speed mail delivery between Canada and Europe, started in 1860 and ended in 1887, when steamships were crossing the Atlantic too quickly to make it worth while to station sorting clerks on board. The pamphlet, first of a series, will cost \$2, postpaid, available from the National Postal Museum, Confederation Heights, Ottawa K1A 0B1.