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midable talents to Parliament and to Canada."

New Democratic Party House Leader Stanley Knowles noted that "indeed he has been the subject of criticism. But he knows better than anyone that the way to avoid criticism is to do nothing, and that hasn't been the story of his life".

"Not a page of history is being turned with his departure, but rather a chapter," observed Social Credit Leader Fabien Roy.

Reflecting on the tributes from his fellow members of Parliament, Mr. Trudeau concluded: "The warmth with which my friends and my opponents have given me their warm wishes today indicates there is

a great respect among ourselves for the basic cause that we are all serving, that of Canada."

Mr. Trudeau will continue as Leader of the Opposition until March, when a successor will be named at a Liberal leadership convention to be held in Winnipeg. Some possible contenders for the position, who were named following the announcement, include former finance ministers John Turner, Donald Macdonald and Jean Chrétien, former agriculture minister Eugene Whelan, former Treasury Board President Judd Buchanan, former economic development minister Robert Andras, member of Parliament Lloyd Axworthy from Winnipeg, and newly-elected member of Parliament Art Phillips from Vancouver.

News briefs

U.S. President Jimmy Carter cancelled his trip to Canada, November 9 and 10, because of the occupation of the U.S. Embassy in Iran by students. Attempts are being made to reschedule the trip for some time early in the new year.

Average house prices rose by more than 4 per cent across Canada during the year ended September 30, according to Statistics Canada. The survey of prices in 22 cities shows a 21 percent increase in Windsor, Ontario, the highest in the country. The smallest change was a 0.4 percent drop in Toronto. The price surge in Windsor resulted from a population-boom forecast as a result of new automobile plant construction.

The Saskatchewan Power Corporation expects to spend \$200,000 and lose \$426,000 in electricity sales if an energy-saving program it has announced is successful. The Crown corporation will offer a \$5-rebate to people who purchase an all-weather electric timer for use with their car block heater. In January it plans

to begin marketing a \$10-insulation blanket for use on home water heaters and will offer prizes for suggestions on how electricity and natural gas use can be reduced in homes.

Dr. Sylvia Ostry is resigning as chairman of the Economic Council of Canada to accept an appointment as head of the economics and statistics department of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris. Dr. Ostry, who has been chairman of the Council since 1978, will take up her new appointment January 1, 1980.

Montreal Expos coach Dick Williams, was honoured recently as the Associated Press National League baseball manager of the year. The Expos finished with a 95-65 record. Their best mark in ten previous years was 79-82 and they had never finished higher than fourth in the six-team National League East Division. Montreal finished second to Pittsburgh by two games this year and was not mathematically eliminated until the final day of the season.

A federal-provincial agreement has been reached which will see the Federal Government withdraw from the lottery field and the provinces assume responsibility for running Loto Canada effective January 1, 1980. The responsibility for handling the development, administration and telecast of the \$10 lottery will be assumed by the Interprovincial Lottery Corporation which already handles the "Provincial" lottery. In Western Canada, marketing, promotion and advertising, and distribution will be the responsibility

of each province through the Western Canada Lottery Foundation. Under the new agreement the provinces will contribute \$24 million annually in quarterly instalments of \$6 million, to the Federal Government to support amateur sport on a national basis in Canada.

The cost of a subscription to *Hansard*, the official written record of Commons proceedings, will be reduced for individuals and schools. The price increased earlier this year to \$65 from \$3 for the complete record of debates in one session of Parliament. Individuals and schools will now pay \$25 for coverage for one session.

Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan has reported a net profit of \$46.2 million on sales of \$210.6 million for the 1978-79 crop year. The company is expected to spend almost \$100 million on expansion during 1979-80 to add another 600,000 tons to the present 5.18 million tons of capacity. To alleviate transportation problems it has started the first Canadian unit train to serve the U.S. Midwest. The company will also acquire an additional 500 hopper cars.

A ten-foot high sculpture of Sir Winston Churchill — "a giant among the people", according to its sculptor Oscar Nemon — was unveiled in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on the anniversary of the late Sir Winston's birthday, November 30, 1979. Sir Winston sat for Mr. Nemon many times and examples of his work can be found in the House of Commons, London, Windsor Castle, London's Guildhall and the Oxford Union. The latest sculpture will be cast in bronze at the Morris Singer foundry in Basingstoke, southern England. The work, commissioned about a year ago by the Churchill Memorial Committee in Halifax, will be erected outside the Memorial Library, which is dedicated to preserving literature on two world wars. Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, on a visit to Canada last year, turned the first sod on the site where the sculpture will be erected.

Roy Thoreson a 48-year-old Canadian Pacific brakeman from Calgary recently became the world whistling champion at the second International Whistle-Off in Carson City, Nevada. Juggling musical balls, and backed by a recording of barking dogs, Mr. Thoreson's unique rendition of *My Bonny Lies Over the Ocean* won him top honours in the novelty whistling event. Mr. Thoreson also placed first in contemporary whistling.

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