

for the riding of Notre-Dame-de-Grâce, in 1978. Later appointments held at the Federal level included Parliamentary Assistant and Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister and President of the Commission on Deregulation.

In addition to his duties in Britain, Reed Scowen will represent Quebec's interest in Scandinavia and Ireland.

## Culture

### Montreal symphony orchestra plays in Belfast and London

The Montreal Symphony Orchestra flies into Belfast on November 10, with their internationally acclaimed conductor, Charles Dutoit, to open the Belfast Festival with a concert at the Ulster Hall.

The programme will consist of Richard Strauss's *Don Juan*, Brahms' First Piano Concerto played by Barry Douglas, and Bartok's Concerto for Orchestra.

From Belfast, the orchestra will go to London for engagements at the Royal Festival Hall and the Barbican. In the latter concert, they will be joined by the distinguished Cuban pianist Jorge Bolet in a performance of the Piano Concerto No 2 by Rachmaninov.

The UK concerts represent one leg of the orchestra's European tour. Among the other cities where the orchestra will perform are Barcelona, Madrid, Lisbon, Zurich, Munich, Berlin, Frankfurt, Paris and Leipzig.

### Two exhibitions run at Canada House Gallery

Until November 10, two exhibitions will be on display at the Canada House Gallery in Trafalgar Square, London. They are *The Northern Suite: Paintings by Wanda Koop* and *The Book of Dreams: Marianna Kennedy*.

The Northern Suite, organised in conjunction with the Winnipeg Art Gallery, consists of six large-scale works on free-standing panels, reflecting elements of life in the North West Territories of Canada.

The Book of Dreams is a boxed book, which unfolds to become a table-top narrative sequence of lithographs and etchings incorpor-

ating three-dimensional and architectural elements. A number of related drawings will also be on display.

## Tourism

### British Columbia aims to attract British skiers

Canada has always been an ideal place for winter sports, as the Calgary Winter Olympics next February will demonstrate. And it now seems that British winter sports enthusiasts are beginning to recognise that Canadian resorts have just as much to offer as their European counterparts.



One such location is Blackcomb Mountain in Whistler, British Columbia, a 90-minute drive from Vancouver. Blackcomb offers all-year-round skiing, and features the greatest vertical rise in North America — 5280 feet.

In response to increased demand at the site, a £10-million expansion is underway, which will include the installation of three ultra-modern express chair lifts. These travel at twice the speed of the existing lifts, but slow to less than half their speed for loading and unloading. The lower lift will also be fitted with a clear cover to provide protection in bad weather.

This is the most expensive mountain lift and trail-run project in North American history and will provide access to 95 ski runs as well as to open glacier skiing. Canadian tourism officials are enthusiastic about the development, believing that it represents a challenge to the more traditional European resorts.

Blackcomb Mountain offers a wide range of facilities, so that top class skiers as well as rank amateurs will find their needs catered for. In anticipation of demand from the UK, Hickie Borman Holidays has introduced a Canadian ski package for British

skiers; it looks as if other operators will soon follow suit.

## Canada-UK Links

### Two conferences to discuss Canadian issues

November will see the convening of two conferences in Britain devoted to Canada and Canadian studies. The first one, to be held November 2-4 at Gleneagles in Scotland, will discuss privatisation in Britain and Canada.

This conference — the sixth in what is now part of a series of annual Canada-UK colloquia — will be attended by an invited audience of academics, politicians and business people.

The other conference, to be held November 26-27 in London, will discuss recent changes in Western Canada. It is being organised by the London Conference of Canadian Studies and jointly sponsored by the Government of Alberta, the Canadian High Commission and BP. The organisers may be contacted through the Academic Relations Officer in Canada House.

### Famous Canadian is sculpted in bronze

A famous Canadian with a record of 18 years' faithful service in this country has just received the supreme accolade — a limited edition bronze sculpture of herself.

However, she is unlikely to tire people with a long speech to mark her retirement, since she happens to be a mare. She is, of course, Burmese, the much-feted pure black mare that has been the Queen's mount at Trooping the Colour since 1969.

Burmese was a gift to the Queen from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and when not engaged on ceremonial duties still works on the streets of Pimlico with the Metropolitan Police. However, it seems that even her time on the beat is drawing to a close.

The sculptor of the bronze is James Osborne, whose equestrian works are much admired. The study stands some seven inches tall and is set on a marble plinth bearing the inscription

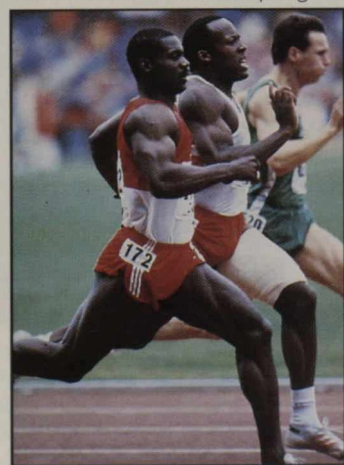
'Burmese' on a brass plaque. Five thousand bronzes will be made, the final one to be presented to the Queen.

Each is cast in solid bronze by the classical method of 'lost-wax' casting, and then hand-finished and chased so as to ensure a faithful reproduction of every detail in the original model. The saddle cloth and equipment are picked out in gold.

## Sport

### Ben Johnson beats world record

The 25-year-old sprinter from Toronto, Ben Johnson became the world's fastest man when he competed recently in the 100 metres race at the Rome World Championships. His time of 9.83 seconds beat the longstanding record of 9.93 set by Calvin Smith in 1983. Ben Johnson's feat was seen as nothing short of spectacular given that the previous record was accomplished in the rarified air of Colorado Springs.



Ben Johnson is pictured above at last year's Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh where he came from behind the field to win the 100 metres and earn another gold medal for Canada.

## Politics

### Liberal victory in Ontario

In the Ontario provincial elections held early September, the Liberal party were returned to power with a landslide victory. Of the 130 seats contested the Liberals won 95, the New Democratic Party 19 and the Progressive Conservatives 16.