

New Montreal centre for cardiovascular and thoracic surgery

Four hospitals affiliated with McGill University, Montreal (the Royal Victoria Hospital, the Montreal General Hospital, the Montreal Children's Hospital and the Montreal Chest Hospital Centre), are preparing for the formation of a combined cardiovascular and thoracic surgical service. Dr. A.R.C. Dobell, recently appointed Director of McGill's division of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery, will be in charge of this service, which will be called, to no one's surprise, the McGill Hospitals Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgical Service.

Dr. Dobell believes that an integrated service will strengthen the area of cardiovascular and thoracic surgery. Because of closer contact among surgeons and the resultant pooling of their expertise, patient-care will be improved. In addition, research and teaching will benefit from the better co-ordination provided by the joint service.

When questioned on the advisability of locating a particular speciality, for example open heart surgery, in one

hospital, Dr. Dobell's reaction was negative. Costs would not be lowered since each hospital is already well-equipped. Furthermore, if heart surgery were taken out of one hospital, it would lead to the deterioration of cardiology in that hospital, since the cardiologist would be confined to giving a diagnosis without being able to provide a remedy.

The creation of the combined cardiovascular and thoracic surgery service is in keeping with the Government policy of integrating ultra-specialized services.

Arctic archipelago reveals another gas deposit

Northern Affairs Minister, Jean Chrétien has announced that Panarctic Oils Limited has encountered gas in a second well in the Hecla Gas Field, on the west side of the Sabine Peninsula on Melville Island, Northwest Territories. The well, Panarctic Tenneco et al Hecla I-69, which is being drilled directionally under the ocean from an onshore location, encountered gas in the same formation as Panarctic Tenneco et al POR Hecla F-62.

The Hecla Gas Field is located on a separate but twin structure lying some 30 miles east of the Drake Point Gas Field, where major reserves have been delineated by three wells over a distance of 12 miles. This is the ninth well in the Arctic islands capable of producing gas.

Contempra phones for France

The first order from France for CONTEMPRA telephones and equipment from Canada, worth \$250,000, was announced recently by Northern Electric Company.

"The French telephone system is operated by the Government and there is the distinct possibility that if they are satisfied with the product, as I have every confidence they will be, we will probably set up an assembly plant in France to serve this new market," said Mr. Lobb NEC's president.

He noted that European countries

were insisting on suppliers setting up a manufacturing facility within their borders before committing themselves to major orders. "Turkey is a perfect example of what I'm talking about," he said. "We have a manufacturing plant there and have just received an additional order from that country's government telephone system for \$36-million worth of equipment. Many of the parts used to make the finished product in the Turkish plant are made in Canada and it will be the same story for the French plant if and when we get to that stage. Developments of this kind should not be viewed as threats to the Canadian worker; rather they should be seen as providing additional work for Canadians."

The \$250,000-contract with the French Post Telephone and Telegraph, which is operated by the French Government, took six months to conclude, largely because the CONTEMPRA telephone, whose design won national acclaim when it was introduced in 1967, had to be extensively modified to make it compatible with the French system.

Foreign investment insurance agreement with Indonesia

Canada has concluded an agreement with the Government of Indonesia concerning the eventual issuance by Canada, with respect to new Canadian investments in Indonesia, of investment insurance against possible loss resulting from certain non-commercial risks.

The agreement will, it is hoped, contribute to the development of economic relations between the two countries. The Canadian Government plans to make similar agreements with other countries; such arrangements have already been made with Barbados, Jamaica, Israel, Malaysia, Singapore, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Liberia.

These agreements will facilitate the operation of the Government's Foreign Investment Insurance Program, established with the enactment of the Export Development Act in 1969. The purpose of this program, which is administered by the Export Development Corporation, is to promote investments in other countries by Canadians, whether individuals or corporations.



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