

News briefs

Toronto's Litton Systems Canada Limited has won an additional \$60-million (Cdn.) contract to supply LN-35 inertial navigation systems to the U.S. Department of Defense. Arranged by the Canadian Commercial Corporation, the contract was won under the U.S.-Canada defence production sharing arrangement, and brings the value of the original contract awarded to Litton Canada in March 1981 to more than \$110 million.

The University Consortium for Research on North America (Harvard-Brandeis-Tufts-The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy) has been awarded a five-year grant from the government of Quebec, valued at up to \$200 000. The grant, annually renewable, will help support a research project on Canadian-American relations in the 1980s and will fund a senior fellowship for research on Quebec. The consortium research is co-directed by Professor Lily Gardner Feldman of Tufts University and Professor Panayotis Soldatos of the University of Montreal.

Preliminary figures show that the number of visitors to Canada in 1981 increased by 3.1 per cent over the previous year's figure, while the number of Canadians leaving the country decreased by 3.6 per cent. The number of U.S. visitors reached 39.8 million (an increase of 3.3 per cent) while overseas travellers totalled 2.1 million. Long-term visitors (one or more nights in Canada) from the U.S. and overseas numbered 13.2 million last year, an increase of 1.7 per cent over the 1980 figure.

A Canadian firm, in a joint venture with a British company, has been awarded an \$850 000 automated trading system for the London International Financial Futures Exchange. Homestead Computer Services Limited of Winnipeg and International Data Media Limited of London will install the system which is expected to be in operation by next September. The Winnipeg firm designed and implemented the automated trading system the Winnipeg Commodity Exchange started in July 1980.

Health and Welfare Canada has announced that projects involving 23 755 participants in 159 senior citizens groups across Canada will receive federal contributions totalling \$971 895. The funds are made available through the department's New Horizon program.

The Manitoba government, has announced a \$23-million, two-year interest-relief program that will assist needy homeowners, businessmen and farmers. Homeowners whose new mortgage payments exceed 30 per cent of their household income will receive benefits up to \$275 a month. Some farmers and businessmen will be eligible for up to \$6 000, which will take the form of a 50 per cent grant and a 50 per cent repayable loan that will be interest-free for up to 24 months.

Varian Canada Incorporated of Georgetown, Ontario has been awarded a \$1.7-million (U.S.) contract to supply portable magnetometers to the United States Navy. The contract calls for the shipment of 144 units, with an option to double this quantity by December and thus increase the contract's total value to \$3.7 million (U.S.). Delivery of the initial order of magnetometers, used in the detection of buried ferrous metals, is scheduled for May 1983.

Bombardier Incorporated of Montreal has received an order to supply rail equipment valued at \$9.3 million to Peru's national railway, Empresa Nacional de Ferrocarriles S.A. The parts include eight locomotive bodies, a marine diesel engine and equipment for diesel electric locomotives.

The number of marriages solemnized in 1980 in Canada was 191 069, an increase of 1.7 per cent over the 1979 figure. The rate per 1 000 population was eight, a fractional increase from that for the previous year. Among the provinces, Alberta had the highest marriage rate (ten) in 1980 while Newfoundland had the lowest. Slight decreases in the number of marriages were registered in Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick while Ontario and the western provinces recorded increases in the numbers compared to those of 1979.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) has approved five financing agreements totalling \$3.8 million (U.S.) to support Canadian export sales to the Netherland Antilles, Yugoslavia and Israel. Sales include trucks, and construction and agricultural equipment.

Gulf Canada Resources Incorporated of Calgary has placed an order with Nippon Kokan KK, Japan's second-largest steel-maker and a leading shipbuilder, to build an ice-breaking vessel. The vessel, to be delivered in April 1983, will be used for transporting supplies to offshore drilling installations and in anchor-



Marg Schur of Ottawa uses a different kind of putting touch to chip the ball into the cup during a little winter fun on the golf course at Dunrobin. "Fore!" was not necessary as only yellow tennis balls were in play during a recent nine-hole tournament.

handling operations, towing and ice management in the Beaufort Sea.

Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs John Munro has approved the drilling of four wells by Panarctic Limited in the high Arctic. While Panarctic is the operator and has a working interest in all four wells, other participants in the drilling include: Suncor Incorporated, Phoenix Resources Company, Petro-Canada Exploration Incorporated, Esso Resources Canada Limited, Global Arctic Islands Limited, Gulf Canada Resources Incorporated, Phillips Petroleum Canada Limited and Dome Petroleum Limited.

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