

who has returned to Ottawa. Mr. Duguay has served in Dakar, Ankara and Paris. Since 1977 he has been Executive Assistant to Mr. Jamieson;

John Sharpe becomes Consul General in Seattle. He has served in Colombo, Washington, Dublin, Paris (for the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) and London. Since 1977 he has been Director of the United States Transboundary Relations Division.

Education in Canada

According to Statistics Canada the decline in student numbers which began in the early 1970s is continuing. This reflects the passage of the "baby boom" generation beyond the age of elementary-secondary school attendance. In 1970 education represented 9.0 per cent of the gross national product; in 1975, 7.9 per cent.

Total spending in education has continued to rise, though, and amounted to more than \$13 billion in 1975, an increase of 285 per cent in ten years. Over the same period, enrolment at all levels increased only 13 per cent. Thus, the average annual expenditure for each student went from \$593 to \$1,979.

Attendance

Total full-time enrolment reached a peak of 6,363,900 in 1970-71, but dropped to 6,186,100 in 1976-77, resulting from a 6.7 per cent decline at the elementary-secondary level. In contrast, post-secondary enrolment has continued to rise, the 1976-77 total of 603,500 being almost double the 310,500 of 1966-67.

The number of full-time teachers increased from 249,000 in 1966-67 to 324,900 in 1976-77. The elementary-secondary teaching force was greatest in 1972-73 when it totalled 278,300; by 1976-77, the number had dropped to 274,700. Teachers at the post-secondary level rose from 23,000 to 50,200.

Between 1965-66 and 1975-76, secondary school graduates increased from 134,200 to 264,600 in number. Non-university institutions granted 2.5 times more diplomas in 1975-76 than in the 1965-66 school term.

Over that period the number of bachelor's and first professional degrees awarded by universities rose 120 per cent; master's and doctorates more than doubled.

Tribute to Pope Paul

Prime Minister Trudeau issued a statement on August 6 mourning the death of Pope Paul VI:

The Christian world has lost an exemplary man of God today in the death of His Holiness Pope Paul VI.

Men and women of every faith recognized him as an outstanding moral leader who skilfully directed the Catholic Church through the eventful years following the historic Second Vatican Council.

Although he had no ambitions to succeed to the papacy, Pope Paul accepted that responsibility with generosity and a profound sense of commitment.

He will be remembered as a Pontif who sought always to make the Church a very relevant part of contemporary life.

His death will be mourned not only by hundreds of millions of Catholics throughout the world but also by all men and women who appreciate the value of wise moral leadership in our time.

Credit for sales to Mexico

Canadian firms bidding on large petrochemical contracts in Mexico can count on support from Export Development Corporation (EDC) in the sale of their goods and services to that country as a result of a \$250-million line-of-credit signed by EDC with Petroleos Mexicanos (PEMEX), the Mexican state-owned oil company responsible for development of the country's petroleum and natural gas resources.

Announcement of the signing was made by EDC chairman John A. MacDonald, who explained that the arrangement — a fixed tranche of \$20 million, the balance to be drawn as required — would encourage Canadian businesses to tender on sales of petrochemical equipment and services to Mexico.

Mr. MacDonald commented that PEMEX's capital expenditures over the next five years were expected to be in the area of \$15 billion to increase crude oil production and refining and to increase substantially petrochemical production. The expenditures, he said, would be for exploration, drilling, production, refining, transportation and distribution.

Canada geese grace new gold coin



This \$100-gold coin, containing 91.66 per cent gold (22 Karat) and 8.34 per cent fine silver, will be issued soon by the Royal Canadian Mint. It will measure 27 mm in diameter and weigh 16.965 grams. The winning design for the coin, submitted by Roger Savage of Liverpool, Nova Scotia, portrays 12 geese flying in formation and bears the inscription, "Together into the future — Ensemble vers l'avenir". The birds represent the ten provinces and two territories. The artist was inspired while watching a formation of geese, which "had arranged their flight pattern in such a way that one could help another to overcome the stiff wind currents. Together, they would survive", he said. The obverse of the coin bears the design created by Arnold Machin in 1965.