

The Old Firehall offers reasonably-priced dinner/theatre packages. Group rates for 25 or more are available.

Not all of Toronto's performing arts facilities date back to the previous century. The massive O'Keefe Centre opened October 1, 1959 with the world *première* of *Camelot*, starring Richard Burton and Julie Andrews.

The theatre, designed mainly for musicals, revues, opera, ballet, drama, jazz and symphony, has a restaurant, bar and snack areas. The auditorium, with excellent acoustics, seats 3,155. With one of Canada's largest stages — 18.3 m by 40.7 m (60 feet by 130 feet), the theatre is home for the Canadian Opera Company and the National Ballet of Canada.

Not far away is the St. Lawrence Centre for the Performing Arts, a centennial project designed to provide Canadian actors with a home of their own.

The theatre's prime tenant, Toronto Arts Productions, presents a season of drama including both classics and Canadian plays. The Centre's smaller auditorium, the Town Hall, with a seating capacity of 481, features regular meetings on topics of local concern.

Another Toronto institution is the Royal Alexandra Theatre, considered one of the most beautiful old theatres in North America.

Known fondly as the Royal Alex, the building was constructed in 1907 and refurbished by owner Ed Mirvish in the 1960s. It has seating capacity of 1,493 including the two U-shaped balconies. There are two bars in the theatre and a number of fine restaurants adjoining it.

The Stratford Festival's July/August concert series will feature such jazz artists as Dizzy Gillespie, Sarah Vaughan, and the Preservation Hall Jazz Band, together with the Gary Burton Quartet and two non-jazz evenings of pop music featuring Canada's Kate and Anna McGarrigle, and Valdy.

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News briefs

Canada recognized the Government of President Ysufu Lule of Uganda on April 16. The Government of Canada looks forward to friendly relations with the new Government of Uganda and increased contacts within the Commonwealth, said Secretary of State for External Affairs Don Jamieson.

An annual 3.7 percent growth in sales of appliances over the next five years has been predicted by the Canadian Appliance Manufacturers Association. CAMA estimates that 30 per cent of appliances are now more than ten years old, representing a substantial replacement market.

Canada signed trade agreements, at the conclusion of world trade talks last month, allowing more than 90 per cent of current Canadian exports to enter the U.S. at import tariff rates of 5 per cent or less, Deputy Prime Minister MacEachen announced on April 12.

Plans were announced in Calgary on April 2 for a five-block, \$166 million civic centre to be built in downtown Calgary. Cost of the project, which is scheduled for completion in 1983, could run to between \$233 million and \$271 million.

The Export Development Corporation recently concluded three financing agreements totalling \$44.66 million to support sales of Canadian goods to the Soviet Union's petrochemical industry. The sales which include air- and gas-injection compressors, valves, and submersible electro-pumping equipment, consisting of switchboards, transformers and cables for secondary recovery in oil fields, are by Dresser Industries Canada Ltd. of Calgary, Velan Engineering Ltd. of Montreal, and Borg-Warner (Canada) Ltd. of Toronto.

A syndicate led by Union Bank of Switzerland (Securities) Limited has scheduled a \$50-million (Cdn.) offering of 5-year 10 percent annual coupon notes of First Canadian Investments Limited, a unit of the Bank of Montreal. Final terms were to be fixed according to market conditions April 25.

Manitoba's 1,200 fee-for-service physicians have voted to accept a new one-year government contract granting a 6.88 percent increase in fees — and an additional \$1.077 million for "improved anaesthesia, obstetrics, house calls and northern allowances", the Manitoba Asso-

ciation announced on April 4. The contract, retroactive to April 1, will expire on March 30, 1980.

Trade between Canada and China in telecommunications equipment could total \$1 billion in the next ten years if internationally competitive financing can be arranged, according to W. Bengler, vice-president of marketing development at Northern Telecom Limited. He added that economic benefits could include 700 or more new jobs annually for the company and an even greater amount of employment in Canada for contractors and supplies.

Hiram Walker-Gooderham and Worts Limited of Windsor, Ontario, plans to build a \$37-million bottling facility in Fort Smith, Arkansas, to produce cordials and specialty products. Construction is to be completed by the end of 1981.

CP Air will introduce a "no-frills" passenger service within Canada in June that will offer the lowest domestic fares available between Toronto and Vancouver, Calgary and Edmonton, Ian Gray, CP Air president has announced. The fares are subject to CTC approval.

Husky Oil Limited of Calgary will spend \$61.4 million in 1979 on the first full year of a five-year program to double its heavy oil production to 40,000 barrels a day from the Lloydminster area on the Alberta-Saskatchewan border, J.E. Neilson, president, announced. Altogether, the company will spend a record \$114.1 million in 1979 on exploration and development.

The Canadian stock market performed better than the U.S. market last year and should continue in 1979, according to a report from the Toronto-based investment firm of McLeod Young Weir Ltd. But it will be supported by different forces and be less strong.

Noranda Mines of Toronto is expanding its Bell Copper division near Granisle, British Columbia, at a cost of \$19 million. The expansion will create about 50 new jobs.

National Hockey League Stanley Cup (at April 25), quarter final results in the best-of-seven game series: Montreal 4, Toronto 0; New York Islanders 4, Chicago 0; Boston 4, Pittsburgh 0; New York Rangers 4, Philadelphia 1. Montreal now plays Boston, and New York Islanders play the New York Rangers in the best-of-seven semi-finals.