

Great Inducements

[THINGS THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT TRAVEL BUREAU WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW]

All manner of airplanes will race from London, England, to Victoria, British Columbia, to celebrate B.C.'s centennial. The first plane in the handicapped race takes off July 1, hoping to get there for prize time July 10. Top prize is \$50,000 in a total purse of \$175,000.

A set of period furniture unmatched in the Louvre, the British Museum, or any museum in North America is on display at Toronto's Royal Ontario Museum. "Magnificent examples of the cabinet maker's art," says the ROM: "Highlights even in their own day when they graced the palace of Louis XIV, whose excessive pomp drained the coffers of France and helped precipitate the French Revolution."

The 25th Powder Puff Derby all-woman trans-continental air race leaves Calgary, Alberta, July 5, headed for Baton Rouge, Louisiana. A week of festivities precede it.



"Those native Canadian delicacies, whale meat and muktuk (the inner skin of the whale), are now available by the can in selected delicatessens."

Dark whale meat is not unlike that of other animals. While muktuk has a nutty flavor, the consistency of tongue.

News for hikers: Trails in Western Canada's Banff, Jasper, Yoho, and Kootenay National Parks are being connected to form a new 360-mile Great Divide Trail. By 1975 they will be linked to the U.S. Great Divide Trail to form a route over the highest part of the continent. Overnight shelters are being built every eight miles, and there'll be loop trails for short and intermediate trips. You won't have to be an experienced mountaineer to make the trip, but access to more difficult areas will be provided. Travel light, but you might take a book for the customs men.

"Every year from now on" a prize of \$1,649 will be awarded for the best job of historical research on 17th century Canadian History. The contest for the Sainte-Marie Prize is open to scholars of all nations. For information write Mr. John Sloan, Director, Huronia Historical Parks, Sainte-Marie among the Hurons, Midland, Ontario, Canada.

You missed it: In January a snowmobile carried Canada's Centennial Flame 2,403 miles from Parliament Hill in Ottawa to Saskatoon, Sask. And last month in Witaskiwin, Alberta, a \$70,000 purse was paid in a snowmobile race.

A magnificent 4,000-foot-long cavern has been discovered in the Port Alberni area of Vancouver Island. The exact location is a secret until government supervision is organized this summer. Then guided tours will be held. It's called Euclataws Cave.



At Midland, Ontario, is a restored 17th century community. A 64-year-old Indian named William Parker lives there and makes terra cotta

vases and pipes so accurately he has to sign them so scholars can tell they were not made by ancient Huron, Ojibway, and Algonquin Indians.

The Province of Saskatchewan is having a contest. You can win a lot with cabin and boat on Lac La Ronge; vacations in Saskatoon and Kenosee Lake; camping gear; goose, duck, and moose hunts; fishing trips; and other prizes. You have to "discover at least six Saskatchewan vacation treasures and submit photographs." Rule book from P.O. Box 7171, Regina, Sask., Canada.



As well as Louis XIV's furniture, the Royal Ontario Museum has acquired what is considered the most important exhibit of New Guinea

head-hunting artifacts in the world. Although it has been illegal for a long time, some of the pieces indicate it must still have been practiced privately in the past ten years.

The first all-weather route into the Arctic Circle — which will open the shores of the Arctic Ocean to tourists — is slated for completion by 1974. You'll be able to drive the 450 mile gravel topped Dempster Highway from Vancouver, B.C., or Edmonton, Alberta, to Inuvik, Northwest Territories, via the Ogilvy Mountains, the Eagle Plains, the Richardson Mountains, Fort McPherson, and the Arctic Red River.