

were replaced with 39 items of equal quality, which has resulted in a better balanced collection. Most of the replacements came from the collections of the Earl of Warwick, Sir Walter Scott, and Sir John Caldwell.

The collection fills a major gap in the ethnographic collections of Canadian museums. Beyond its size and historical importance, the condition, craftsmanship and artistic quality of the Speyer collection is outstanding. Funds to repatriate the collection were made available through the National Museums Policy Emergency Purchase Funds. (*Photos courtesy National Museums of Canada.*)

Public expenditures indicators

The Chairman of the Economic Council of Canada, André Raynauld, has expressed satisfaction that the January Federal-Provincial Conference of Finance Ministers considered the recommendation in the Council's *Tenth Annual Review* "that the federal and provincial governments establish, for themselves and for the public sector as a whole, one or more indicators of the desirable level of increase in public expenditures for a three-year period".

After discussion, the Conference agreed that a continuing committee of officials study the various possibilities of setting up one or more indicators related to the desirable growth of public expenditures over a three-year period and report on these matters to the governments concerned in the near future.

Mr. Raynauld indicated that the Economic Council of Canada would cooperate fully in support of this endeavour.

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Man and the animal

The Canadian Association for Laboratory Animal Science (CALAS), was established in 1962 by a small group of senior technicians concerned for the standards of animal care throughout the scattered institutions in Canada. Since then it has undergone a remarkable growth and development in both numbers and influence. Its aims and policy, as written into the Corporation by-laws, are:

(1) to upgrade the efficiency of persons caring for and using animals in research;

(2) to improve the facilities under which animals are maintained;

(3) to make grants for improving laboratory animal care in Canada;

(4) to make recommendations for improvement of means of animal care; and

(5) to disseminate knowledge of sound animal care.

CALAS which held its Annual Convention in November 1973, issued special invitations to members of the humane movement. The editor of the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies *Newsletter* attended all the scientific sessions and noted, in particular, the general changing attitudes of the scientist to the animals in his care. In descriptions of techniques, adjustments to reduce stress were always sought. Such words as "contented" and "happy", and phrases, such as "gently remove from the cage", "remove blood sample without undue stress", were used. Stress was put on anaesthetization in describing techniques that might cause pain or stress. At this level, the concern of the scientist for the animals in his care was obvious. There was concern to keep the numbers of animals at a minimum and means for better care was continually being sought with regard to the special care needed to avoid environmental stress in laboratory animals.

It was clearly noted that it was regrettable that animals must be used in order to improve the quality of life but it is then imperative that all possible be done to minimize suffering and unnecessary loss of life of these animals. There was an understanding and appreciation of the con-

cern by the general public over the use of animals in research. The scientific community felt strongly that what they were doing should not be kept secret "behind closed doors". The public has a right to know, in their language, what was being done, how and why. It is of paramount importance to communicate with the public and with the humane movement. The way to do so will be examined and set forth in the near future.

"The Use of Animals - The Scientist and the Public" was a unique panel discussion on the last day, on responsibility and controls, between members of animal welfare and scientific communities.

Weekend hockey results

National Hockey League

Results February 16

Toronto 7, Atlanta 2

NY Rangers 9, Vancouver 4

Chicago 4, NY Islanders 0

Boston 5, Los Angeles 2

Pittsburgh 7, California 3

Minnesota 4, St. Louis 2

Results February 17

Philadelphia 2, Montreal 2

Chicago 4, Toronto 1

Buffalo 2, Detroit 1

Minnesota 7, California 1

World Hockey Association

Results February 16

Toronto 5, Chicago 4

Cleveland 5, Quebec 2

Results February 17

Edmonton 3, Toronto 2

New England 3, Winnipeg 2

Minnesota 6, Houston 1

Vancouver 4, Los Angeles 0

New Jersey 10, Quebec 3

Cleveland 6, Chicago 5