

News briefs

The federal and Manitoba governments have signed a training agreement under Canada's new National Training Act to ensure continued training programs to meet Manitoba's future training needs. Over the next three years the federal government will invest up to \$140 million in skills training programs in the province. The funds will be used for industrial training, institutional training and a \$108-million skills growth fund, which can be drawn upon to expand and modernize training facilities.

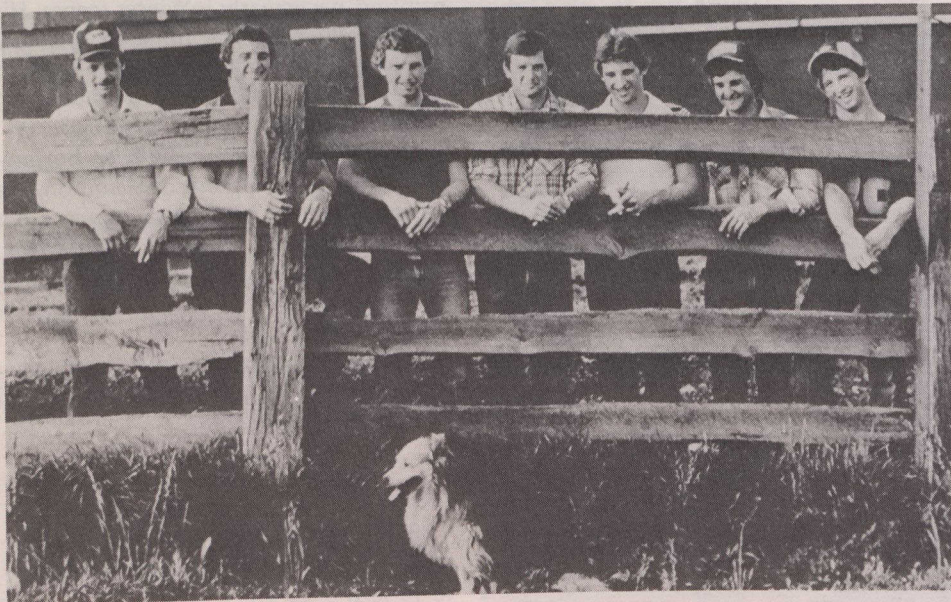
Transport Minister Jean-Luc Pepin headed an 11-day trade mission to India in September to discuss major contracts for transportation equipment and systems for Canadian companies. The list of potential sales included aircraft and aircraft engines, computer systems and related telecommunications services for the Indian rail network and diesel vehicles. Mr. Pepin and other government officials were joined by senior executives of about 15 Canadian companies.

The Alberta government unveiled plans recently for a venture capital corporation to provide financing for the new high-technology industries. The corporation will start in 1983 with \$200 million in loans from the Heritage Savings Trust Fund. The prime areas of operation include communications, fibre optics, laser technology and medical research.

Lanpar Technologies Incorporated of Markham, Ontario expects to be marketing a distinctly Canadian computer terminal in the near future. The Vision terminal with the Canadian cathode ray tube exists in prototype form and is attracting attention owing to its advanced ergonomic or "human factors" design features. Lanpar, which is the largest independent distributor and service organization of computer terminals in Canada expects to produce some 1 500 terminals a month.

Three Canadians won awards in the 1981-82 international essay competition conducted by the Royal Commonwealth Society. First prize for the 14- to 16-age group was won by Janice Thompson of St. Andrew Junior High School, Antigonish, Nova Scotia, while a joint second prize in the under 14 group was awarded to Keith Tetlow of Glenlyon School, Victoria, British Columbia; a fourth prize in the 16- to 19-age group was presented to Christopher Haqq of Magee Secondary School, Vancouver, British Columbia. The winning Canadian essayists were selected from among 840 entries from 34 countries.

Rod and Karyn Garossino of Calgary won the bronze medal in the senior ice-dancing event at the Skate America competition in Lake Placid, New York, recently. Canada's other dance team, Teri-Lynn Black of Willowdale, Ontario and Mirko Savic of Mississauga, Ontario finished eighth.



The Sutter family of Viking, Alberta are well known in hockey circles. Four of them play in the National Hockey League, one is a trainer and two others play as amateurs. (Left to right): Gary (a trainer for an NHL farm team), Duane and Brent (members of the New York Islanders), Brian (captain of the St. Louis Blues), Rich (an amateur player), Darryl (member of the Chicago Black Hawks) and Ron (also an amateur player).

An advisory group on National Library services for handicapped persons has been formed to advise the national librarian on the nature, scope and development of the library's program aimed at enhancing library services for the handicapped. At its first meeting recently the advisory group recommended priorities for the implementation of a national service for the handicapped. It recommended that the new service conduct a survey of collections and services available to the handicapped.

The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce has applied to engage in leasing real and personal property in the US commencing in 1983. The leasing activity would be aimed at a broad range of medium-sized transactions with companies that have annual sales of between \$20 million and \$100 million a year and would be done through a new subsidiary, Canadian Imperial Leasing Incorporated.

General Motors of Canada Limited has won a contract worth between \$625 million and \$1.3 billion to build light armoured vehicles for the US military. Under the terms of the contract, GM's London, Ontario diesel division plant will produce some 950 of the vehicles for the US army and marine corps over five years.

Two Canadians have received Carnegie Hero Fund awards for acts of bravery. William T. Boulding of Toronto and Fernand Ouellet of Ste-Marthe-du-Cap-de-la-Madeleine, Quebec each received \$2 000 in an awards ceremony in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mr. Boulding, a school crossing guard, was seriously injured when he pushed two schoolgirls away from a speeding car and Mr. Ouellet saved a woman from drowning during a snow-storm at Trois Rivières by crawling on a piece of ice and pulling her to safety.

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