

News briefs

Federal grants totalling \$375,000 were provided to 44 Canadian companies in 1981 to encourage innovations in housing technology. The funds were made available under a Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation program which makes grants of up to \$10,000 for the development and demonstration of original products or methods that improve housing and living conditions in Canada.

The Alberta government has provided the Foundation for Canadian Studies in Britain with \$112,500. Alberta is the only provincial government to have contributed to the foundation, set up in 1974 to promote Canadian studies in Britain, and it has done so for two years in a row.

De Havilland Aircraft of Canada Limited, Toronto has sold its tenth DASH-7 aircraft with parts and related services to Air Wisconsin Incorporated, which provides flights between 16 medium-sized communities and major airports in nine U.S. states, including Wisconsin. The federal Export Development Corporation has signed a \$4.8-million (U.S.) financing agreement to support the sale.

British Columbia Hydro hopes to construct a massive, five-dam hydro-electric power project on the Stikine and Iskut rivers in northwestern British Columbia. If approved, the project will include four dams with generating facilities, one of which will be the highest arch dam in North America at 270 metres. The fifth dam would divert extra water from a creek into the main project. The first power from the \$7.6-billion, 2,765-megawatt development will not be needed until 1992, but Hydro estimates the licensing process will take three years and construction a further six years.

Quasar Systems of Ottawa has been awarded a federal contract to develop a computer system to speed payments to Canadian agricultural producers. They will receive \$194,740 to set up a program to get producers reimbursed quickly for losses they might suffer due to circumstances beyond their control.

The federal Energy Supplies Allocation Board will begin testing Canada's emergency oil rationing program to ensure Canadians will not be left freezing by a sudden halt in supplies. The test, to run from February 26 to April 31, will determine the effectiveness of all emergency procedures that would



Canada's High Commissioner to Australia Raymond Anderson (left) presents the 1981 Canadian Award for Journalistic Merit to the winner Bill Guy (centre), foreign editor of the Adelaide Advertiser, while John Lombard (right), president of the National Press Club looks on. The award is presented annually to a journalist in the Australian press, radio or television reporting on international affairs in the Pacific area. It is intended to promote interest in and a better understanding of international affairs.

be implemented in the event of an emergency.

Full-time enrolment in Canadian universities increased about 4.5 per cent (18,000) in 1981-82 to some 402,600 students, according to preliminary figures by Statistics Canada. Provinces which showed the most notable increases in enrolment were Saskatchewan (9.5 per cent), Newfoundland (9.0 per cent) and Alberta (8.0 per cent). Part-time enrolment rose by about 3.5 per cent (9,000) to 251,450 students in 1981-82.

Transit Windsor recently began a commuter service between Windsor and Detroit through the Windsor-Detroit Tunnel. Transit Windsor expects 800,000 riders a year on the tunnel route, the cost of which is being shared by Windsor and the Ontario government. Transit Windsor took over after the 51-year-old service was dropped by the Detroit & Canada Tunnel Corporation.

The Export Development Corporation has signed a \$10-million (U.S.) line of credit agreement with Development Finance Corporation (DFC) of New Zealand to support the sale of Canadian goods and services by various Canadian exporters to New Zealand.

Health and Welfare Canada has approved \$179,495 in funding for nine health research projects through the department's national health research and development program (NHRDP). Pro-

jects funded include studies on infertility, prosthetic devices, diabetes, cancer and brain abnormalities in infants.

Canadians dug ice caves instead of using tents during their recent successful climb to the summit of Annapurna IV in Nepal. Expedition leader Gordon Smith and Roger Marshall, both of Golden, British Columbia, Stephen Langley of Calgary, and Don Serl of Vancouver made the climb on the 7,525-metre peak. Mr. Marshall, Mr. Langley, Mr. Smith and twins Adrian and Alan Burgess of Calgary may be part of a 15-man expedition to Mount Everest, in October. Their Annapurna climb is one of a number of training expeditions.

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