

to function in English in some of their activities and, in addition, allows professionals from other provinces to function in Quebec without a working knowledge of French if they are employed by one client.

The native people of northern Quebec – Inuit and Indian – may have their schooling in English under the new bill. This was a provision in the agreement for the development of the James Bay hydro-electric project, but had not been included in Bill 1.

The provincial government brought in the new bill to end hearings of a committee convened to hear briefs on Bill 1. Some 200 groups were still to report when hearings ended.

New chancery in Washington

The Canadian Government is seeking the purchase of land on Pennsylvania Avenue for a new embassy chancery in Washington. Subject to approval by the Council of the District of Columbia the new Canadian embassy will be located in the area being redeveloped by the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation between the Capitol and the White House. The property is on the northwest corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and John Marshall Place opposite the National Gallery of Art.

The Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation passed a resolution recommending use of the site for a new Canadian chancery on June 23. The resolution will be presented to the Mayor and the D.C. Council; if the Council consents to make the land available to the Corporation the latter will offer the land for re-sale to the Canadian Government.

The new chancery could accommodate all the divisions of the Canadian embassy which are currently housed in three separate buildings.

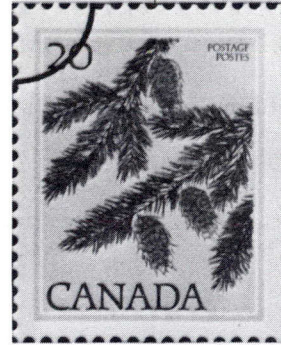
Tree stamps

The Post Office Department will issue new 15-cent, 20-cent, and 25-cent stamps on August 8 each depicting a Canadian tree.

The 15-cent stamp portrays the trembling aspen, a member of the poplar family, which grows throughout the forested areas of Canada. The Douglas



Aspen



Fir



Maple

fir, a tree native to the Pacific coast, appears on the 20-cent stamp. The 25-cent stamp, used for international mail, depicts Canada's famous sugar maple.

The sugar maple, one of the tallest, broad-leaved trees in Canada, sometimes reaches a height of 130 feet and a diameter of four feet. It grows in the

Great Lakes-St. Lawrence and Acadian forest regions, thriving in deep, fertile, moist, well-drained soils where there is lime in the substratum. The tree is prized for its great beauty, especially in autumn when the leaves turn red, yellow or orange. The plant, main source of Canada's well-known maple syrup, is a valuable hardwood.

Radioactive waste disposal

A study on safe, long-term storage of radioactive waste, commissioned by the Federal Government should be completed by September, announced Energy Minister Alastair Gillespie on June 27.

"We have commissioned this independent analysis to facilitate a better understanding of the radioactive waste-disposal problem," Mr. Gillespie said.

"I hope we can give it wide distribution for comments from other levels of government, public utilities and the general public."

Dr. Kenneth Hare, professor of Geography and Physics and director of the Institute for Environmental Studies at the University of Toronto, and former president of the University of British Columbia, will chair the study group. He will be joined by Dr. A.M. Aikin, an expert in chemical engineering, nuclear-fuel development and CANDU technology, and a former vice-president of administration and planning for Atomic Energy of Canada Limited; and Dr. J.M. Harrison, an internationally-recognized Canadian geologist who recently was Deputy Secretary-General for Science of UNESCO.

The team will look at the nature and amounts of radioactive wastes that are likely to be developed in the spent fuel of Canada's foreseeable nuclear-power program and will outline the

alternatives that may be available for the safe storage of such wastes.

Mr. Gillespie emphasized that no approval had been given to any proposals for either reprocessing or the development of advanced fuel cycles in the CANDU reactor. He also noted that the Federal Government was discussing a formal agreement on a program for managing radioactive wastes with the province of Ontario.

Military to honour Queen's visit

Queen Elizabeth, as part of her silver jubilee activities, will arrive in Ottawa on October 14 in a Canadian Forces *Boeing CC-137* aircraft for a five-day visit, and will be greeted by an honour guard from the Royal Military College, St. Jean, Quebec, a 21-gun salute and a military band.

Also planned is a 100-man honour guard to attend the Queen on October 15 during ceremonies at the Cenotaph in Ottawa, and on October 18 when she opens Parliament. A mass fly-past of Canadian Forces aircraft is also scheduled for that day.

The Queen will leave Canada at noon, October 19 for Nassau in a Canadian Forces *Boeing CC-137* aircraft, attended on departure by an honour guard from the Royal Military College, Kingston, Ontario.