

## News briefs

Canada posted a \$4.6-billion turnaround in automotive trade with the United States in 1982, according to Statistics Canada. The surplus in vehicle trade more than doubled to a record \$7.4 billion from \$3.2 billion in 1981. Combined with a \$300-million reduction in the perennial deficit in auto parts trade, Canada moved to a \$2.9-billion surplus from a \$1.7-billion deficit in 1981.

James Johnson Macdonell, whose seven diligent years as Canada's auditor-general earned him the title of the taxpayers' best friend, died in Ottawa, March 22 at the age of 67. Mr. Macdonell, who came to the job of watchdog over federal government spending in 1973 from 35 years in private industry, retired from the post in 1980.

The University of Moncton has opened its Manufacturing Technology Centre in Moncton, New Brunswick. The centre is part of the New Brunswick government's effort to promote computer aided design and manufacturing. The centre is expected to assist manufacturers in applying new technologies to their operations.

The federal government will provide \$1.2 million to fund the renewal of 18 employment projects in British Columbia. Of the 18 projects — part of the federal Outreach program — seven are designed for natives and three for women. Others focus on senior citizens, youth, physically disabled, ex-convicts, and residents of isolated communities.

Trade missions organized by the Ontario Ministry of Industry and Trade recently travelled to Cuba and Japan. The mission to Cuba was the first Ontario health-care mission to that country, and, with 14 manufacturers attending, was bigger than any of the six previous missions to Cuba. In addition, four manufacturers attended the three-day Houseware Products Show sponsored by the Ontario government at the Canada Trade Centre in Tokyo, Japan.

Minister of State for International Trade Gerald Regan recently signed a \$24-million (US) financing agreement to support the sale of petroleum storage facilities to the Republic of Kenya by Lavalin International Inc. of Montreal. The \$39.4-million (US) sale involves the engineering, procurement and construction of additional petroleum storage capacity at the existing marine terminal in Port Reitz near Mombasa.



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*The featured performance — federal Mines Minister Judy Erola and Tom Lamothe, ham it up at the Kidney Foundation of Canada's gala presentation of Swamp Lake on Parliament Hill. The event was a foundation fund-raiser.*

The board of directors of the Export Development Corporation has approved export credits insurance and export financing transactions supporting potential sales of \$216.8 million to four countries. Export sales which will result if sales are finalized will create or maintain an estimated 8 559 person-years of employment in Canada and will involve 28 exporters and major suppliers.

Researchers at the University of British Columbia will receive \$1.125-million federal funding to support Canada's first comprehensive Diagnostic Imaging Research Centre. The centre brings together teams of scientists, clinicians and research personnel, and a complete array of diagnostic imaging systems and techniques, including computerized tomography, positron emission tomography (PET) and nuclear magnetic resonance imaging (NMR). The venture will allow for evaluation of clinical efficacy, effectiveness for research purposes, and impact on patient care, of imaging techniques.

The Alberta government is proceeding with plans to start a \$200-million venture capital fund, Economic Development Minister Hugh Planche has announced. Venture company loans will be \$1 million minimum to any person or any business with a unique idea "of benefit to Alberta".

Canadian fighters Shawn O'Sullivan and Willie deWit both won world amateur boxing championships recently in Reno, Nevada. O'Sullivan added the world amateur boxing championship to his Commonwealth Games and World Cup gold medals with a comeback over defending champion Aleksandre Koshkin of the Soviet Union in the light middleweight title bout. deWit, a native of Grande Prairie, Alberta, claimed the heavyweight gold medal with a decision over defending champion Aleksandre Yagubkin also of the Soviet Union.

The federal government has announced an aggressive campaign to increase the consumption of fish and seafood in Canada. The new program has been developed to stimulate sales of fish and seafood in the food service industry. It has been designed to specifically assist menu-planners, cooks and buyers and stresses that fish is today's most versatile dish. This follows the successful 1982 November Fish and Seafood Month campaign which was aimed primarily at the retail sector.

An Ottawa area entrepreneur is planning a novelty souvenir for visitors to Ottawa. Bill Montaigne is producing a cassette tape describing the history and highlights of the city. Montaigne, who sells and produces tapes, said he saw a need for a homegrown product which would give a realistic insider's view of the area.

Canadian ski jumper Horst Bulau of Ottawa finished up the World Cup ski jumping season in second place behind Finland's Matti Nykanen. Bulau's placing represented the best season ever by a Canadian jumper. The Canadian jumper finished third in the over-all World Cup standings in both the 1980-81 and 1981-82 seasons.

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