

## Fire policy for North

The federal government has announced a new forest fire management policy, which will provide more money for fire-fighting activities in the North, improve existing fire-fighting procedures and increase community involvement in forest fire control operations.

During 1981-82, more than \$4.3 million will be available for fighting wildfires in the Yukon, an increase of \$650,000 million over last year's figure. In the Northwest Territories, the fire-fighting budget has been raised by \$3.7 million to total \$9.6 million. The additional funds will be used to improve early fire detection and fire-fighting capabilities, and to train more fire-fighting teams.

The new policy is based on recom-

mendations of the Forest Fire Review Panel, established to investigate northern forest fire management services following the exceptionally bad fire season in the Northwest Territories in 1979. The policy's goal is to restrict forest fire damage "to a level consistent with the present and future needs of the people to ensure the continuation of their enjoyment and use of the renewable resources".

To ensure community involvement in the implementation of the new policy in the Northwest Territories, a fire management program committee has been formed with participation by the Dene Nation and the Métis Association. The committee will assist planning in all aspects of the fire management program and in evaluating its effectiveness.

Three levels of government will spend \$96 million on a broad range of economic and social programs to revitalize central Winnipeg over the next five years. The federal and Manitoba governments and the city of Winnipeg will share equally the cost of 13 different programs that include employment training, creation of a major industrial park and redevelopment of decaying areas of the core.

**Dominion Securities Limited** and A.E. Ames and Company have agreed to combine their operations in a new company to be called Dominion Securities Ames Limited, which will be Canada's largest brokerage house. Combined capital will be about \$50 million. About \$40 million of this will be in shareholders' equity and the remainder in loans.

**The Royal Bank** has opened an office in Bangkok to handle business in Thailand and Burma.

**AECL** has designed a new 950-megawatt nuclear power reactor aimed at boosting lagging international sales. More than half as large again as reactors sold to Argentina, Korea and Romania, the proposed *Candu 950* resembles 750-megawatt reactors at Ontario Hydro's Bruce generating station and those planned for the Darlington nuclear plant.

## News briefs

The federal government is taking steps to reverse the decline in Canadian wild chinook stocks. The changes in the 1981 fishing plan are based on recommendations made by both commercial and recreational fishermen.

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The Ontario government has completed a 26-minute documentary, *Crisis in the Rain*, highlighting the causes and damaging effects of sulphuric emissions which fall to earth as acid rain. The government spent \$100,000 making French- and English-language versions of the film. Copies will be made available to United States television stations, schools and community groups and Canadian consular offices in the U.S.

Health and Welfare Canada is making

available \$578,214 for health research projects in Canada. The money will finance studies into such areas as obesity, diabetes, fetal alcohol syndrome, Down's syndrome and occupational asthma.

The **National Museum of Man** in Ottawa went "on line" recently with the unveiling of a new Telidon terminal set up in the museum's foyer for public use. The museum is the first museum in the world to participate in the development of a data base which can be accessed by Telidon terminal users. The museum, along with the Ontario Education Communications Authority (OECA), created the data base, which will be broadcast in part via television signal to all parts of Ontario along with OECA's regular TV Ontario service.

**Dome Mines Limited** of Toronto has increased its 1981 estimate for capital expenditures on continuing projects to about \$152 million from an estimate of \$85 million last year. The spending estimates cover projects at the gold mines of Dome, subsidiaries Campbell Red Lake Mines Limited and Sigma Mines (Quebec) Limited and development work at the Detour Lake joint-venture gold prospect.

**Bombardier Incorporated** of Montreal says its subsidiary, Heroux Incorporated, has obtained a five-year contract valued at \$25 million for repair and overhaul of landing gear and other components of United States Air Force aircraft. The contract is an extension of the services that Heroux has been providing to the U.S. Air Force for several years.



Wayne Gretzky of the National Hockey League's Edmonton Oilers holds trophy awarded at the NHL's awards luncheon. Gretzky won the Hart Memorial Trophy awarded to the most valuable player in the National Hockey League, for the second consecutive season. The 20-year-old Gretzky was also presented with the Art Ross Trophy for being the league's scoring champion.

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