

Island's entry into Confederation, will also visit Ottawa to participate in the one-hundredth birthday celebrations of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and she will also visit Toronto and Kingston.

The presence of the Queen at the opening of the Commonwealth Conference would "not be a royal visit in the accepted sense of the word", said an External Affairs spokesman, but rather a "business trip".

GASOLINE CLEAN-UP

Regulations governing the lead content of gasoline were proposed recently by federal Environment Minister Jack Davis.

Issued under the Clean Air Act, the regulations would require that, after January 1, 1974, no gasoline manufactured or imported for use or sale in Canada should contain more than 2.5 grams of lead in each Imperial gallon. The Minister invited all interested parties to submit representations on the proposals to Environment Canada.

"These proposals are directed towards protecting the health of the public," Mr. Davis said. "We do not consider present levels of lead in the ambient air of Canada to be dangerous. However, we are concerned about the potential long-range effects of increasing levels of lead in the urban environment. Acting on the advice of the National Health and Welfare Department, Environment Canada will follow a course of prudence about lead levels in the urban environment."

Lead is a toxic substance absorbed by ingestion or inhalation. Since few opportunities remain to control further the lead content of food and water, control of atmospheric sources now assumes primary importance. A major source of atmospheric lead is the combustion of leaded gasoline in automobile engines.

"The proposed regulations represent only the first step in controlling the lead content of gasoline," Mr. Davis said. "We expect to take further measures to reduce permissible levels in the years subsequent to 1974."

"In taking these steps, Canada joins with other major Western industrialized countries, who are concerned about the potential effect of this problem."

CANADIAN BOOKS BOOST

The Canada Council's new \$1,092,500 program of assistance for the publication, translation and purchase of Canadian books announced recently by the Council's director, André Fortier, marks a radical expansion of the Council's previous action in this sphere.

For the first time, Council assistance will be extended from literary and scholarly works to quality books in all fields except textbooks. This is also the first time that the Council has made grants to the publishers based on their whole publishing program.

Block grants totalling \$377,500 have been made to 49 Canadian publishers to support their 1972 book-publishing programs. Within general guidelines, publishers can apportion the funds at their discretion to offset publication deficits on books by Canadian authors. The grants were awarded on the basis of Canadian ownership, publishing performance and plans, and marketing facilities.

A sum of \$215,000 will be available to publishers for the translation of Canadian books. Grants will be made for English-French and French-English translations done by Canadian translators. This program extends Council assistance for translation to books by Canadians in all fields except school textbooks.

Under a new book-purchase program, administered by the Council in co-operation with the Departments of the Secretary of State and of External Affairs, \$500,000 will be used this year to buy Canadian works for free distribution in Canada and abroad. About two-thirds of the books purchased will be distributed to embassies, foreign universities and cultural centres in kits of 200 to 300 titles; the remaining one-third will be made available to groups and organizations in Canada.

Funds for the expanded programs were provided to the Canada Council under the Federal Government's book publishing policy, announced last February. The programs will be maintained in coming years.

According to Mr. Fortier the purpose of the new programs is to support and encourage the publication and translation of more Canadian books, providing authors with a better market for their work and the public with greater access to books written by Canadians.

Early in 1973, the *Canadian Weekly Bulletin*, which is 27 years old, will receive a facelift and new name - *Canada Weekly*.

The design will change during January and later, when the Department moves into its new headquarters, where suitable equipment will be available, a folded format will be introduced, which will complete the transformation.

Like the *CWB*, *Canada Weekly* will contain background information and feature articles on Canadian affairs; as in the past, it will not attempt to compete with daily newspapers.

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The French version of the *CWB*, *Bulletin hebdomadaire canadien*, will be known, after the end of 1972, as *Hebdo Canada*.

Comments from readers are welcome -
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