

International archives week

International Archives Week was celebrated across Canada November 1-8 with local archives presenting exhibitions, open houses, publications, and special events.

The International Council on Archives, the world-wide organization for archives, has designated the autumn of 1979 for Archives Week to be held in each of the 112 member countries at different times during that period.

In Ottawa, the Public Archives of Canada organized an open house — the first time since the opening of the building in 1967. Visitors were invited to see a sampling of the millions of items which constitute "our collective memory": maps, architectural drawings, films, photographs, books, manuscripts, machine readable archives, records of the Federal Government, prints, posters, drawings, paintings, and medals. In addition, the Reprography, Records and Picture conservation areas of the Archives showed how specialists reproduce, restore, and preserve historical material.

As part of the week's activities, the Public Archives organized a national conference on records management and hosted a conference on the development of standards for building a computerized inventory of iconographic works of art from November 1-3.

Grey Cup stays in the West

For the second year running, Edmonton Eskimos beat Montreal Alouettes to win the football championship of Canada in Olympic Stadium, November 25. The final score was 17-9.

The sixty-eighth Grey Cup final was fought before 65,113 fans, including Prime Minister Joe Clark. The Eskimos have won the Cup for the third time in the five times they have played the Alouettes in these championships in the past six years.

Montreal players, however, swept the individual honours announced at the end of the game. David Green ran 142 yards on 21 carries and was named the outstanding offensive player of the game. Alouette middle-linebacker Tom Cousineau was chosen top defensive player of the game, while field-goal kicker Don Sweet, who accounted for all Montreal's

points, was named the most outstanding Canadian.

Montreal Alouettes also dominated the statistics with 21 first downs and a total offence of 318 yards, compared to Edmonton's 16 first downs and 280 yards in total.

Though Canadian and U.S. football players wear similar outfits on the field, there are significant differences in Canadian and U.S. football. In the Canadian league the field is longer and wider, and there is one extra player in the 12-man team. Rules differ too: only three downs are allowed to gain ten yards (as opposed to four in the U.S. game) and because a single point is awarded for a kick over the goal line there is much emphasis on long punts.

From the 55-Yard Line is a viewer's guide to Canadian professional football which gives an illustrated summary of its history and development. It is published by the Canadian Football League, Suite 1800, 11 King Street West, Toronto M5H 1A3.

Stamps feature Canadian aviation

Canada Post issued four stamps and a special limited-edition souvenir stamp pack commemorating Canadian aviation on November 15.

The stamps, the first of a new series, feature flying boats. Two of them are 17-cent stamps used in first class domestic postage, while the other two are 35-cent stamps used for international letter mail.



One of the 17-cent stamps depicts a Curtiss HS-2L in the silver and yellow colours of the Ontario Provincial Air Services, as it was employed on forest fire patrols in the 1920s. Its modern counterpart, the Canadair CL-215 "Water Bomber", is shown on the other 17-cent stamp, releasing its load of water and fire-retarding chemicals over a raging forest fire. This aircraft has the red and yellow



finish of the aircraft operated by the province of Quebec.

The Vickers *Vedette*, carrying its 1930s Royal Canadian Air Force colour scheme of red and white hull, yellow wings, and red, white and blue rudder stripes, is portrayed on one of the 35-cent stamps in its photographic survey role. The other 35-cent stamp shows the *Canso* aircraft in which Flight Lieutenant David Hornell of Mimico, Ontario, won the Victoria Cross. Painted in Coastal Command white, the aircraft flies above a surfaced U-boat.

The aircraft paintings are by Robert Bradford, aviation artist and curator of the Aviation and Space Division of the National Museum of Science and Technology.

The souvenir stamp pack, containing the first set of four stamps on a stamp page with clear mounts, includes seven vintage photographs of the flying boats, along with historical text by Robert Bradford.

Canada signs international air borne pollution accord

Canada was one of the countries to sign the first international convention on long-range transboundary air borne pollution at an environmental protection meeting held in Geneva, November 13.

While the accord is not as extensive as the one being sought between Canada and the United States, it encourages signatories to undertake research and exchange scientific information to help improve transboundary air quality.

The meeting was held under the auspices of the United Nation's Economic Commission for Europe, a 36-nation regional grouping, which includes Eastern and Western Europe and North America. The convention, signed on behalf of Canada by Environment Minister John Fraser, is also expected to be signed by most member countries.