



These bisque-head dolls in the Glenbow Museum exhibition, *Dolls: Most Prized Possessions*, are only two of the 130 dolls of many varieties spanning 200 years, that are delighting visitors of all ages during the Christmas season.

hockey sweater by mistake. Maurice (Rocket) Richard's, uniform, "number 9" highlights the display. The recently published colour-illustrated book, *The Hockey Sweater*, is also available.

At the Provincial Museum of Alberta in Edmonton, the Christmas program illustrates some of the customs and traditions of seven ethno cultural groups — Dutch, English, French, Germans, Italians, Scandinavians and Ukrainians — that have made Alberta their home. The special exhibits and tours are highlighted by music, singing, folk dancing, craft demonstrations and traditional desserts served in the cafeteria.

A castle tour

A unique Victorian experience awaits those who partake of one of the special tours at Dundurn Castle, once the Hamilton, Ontario home of Sir Allan MacNab who was prime minister of the united provinces of Canada in 1854-56. Christmas activities at the castle include: candlelight tours which feature an evening tour through the decorated castle; choral music and treats from the kitchen; evening tours when cider and cookies are served; family tours; a band concert; and Hogmanay celebrations complete with piper and highland dancers.

Visitors to Dundurn Castle's popular evening Christmas tours are treated to an unusual, elegant view of the mansion: candles glowing in the dining room, choirs singing and tables set for Christmas dinner. Scotch eggs, oatcakes, bridies, mincemeat tarts and ginger cakes are among the delicacies served to visitors in the basement kitchen on these tours.

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News briefs

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) announced that it has provided financing of \$23.4 million (US) to support a sale by Bombardier Inc. and training and technical assistance services by Tecscult International Limitée, Montreal, Quebec, to l'Office du Chemin de Fer Transgabonais of The Republic of Gabon. The project involves the sale of eight locomotives, 12 diesel engines and spare parts by Bombardier Inc. as well as training and technical assistance services to be provided by Tecscult International Limitée, Montréal, Québec.

A routine aircraft testing program was concluded early in November at the Canadian Forces Base in Cold Lake in Alberta, under the terms of an agreement between Canada and the United States. The project involved the testing of two AV-8B (*Harrier*) aircraft operated by the United States Marine Corps. Testing of the *Harrier* jets was the only new project that the US carried out on Canadian soil in 1984.

Cegelec Industrie Inc. of Laprairie, Quebec, has been awarded a contract by China for the supply of high-voltage circuit breakers. The contract, of which the first

Toy collectors on bikes



Andrew Caple, a 25-year-old computer software designer in Ottawa, Ontario, dressed in a Santa Claus suit to help collect toys for the Salvation Army to distribute to needy children. Mr. Caple was one of about 100 bikers who canvassed the city before Christmas looking for new and used toys. He's a member of A Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education, a group attempting to change the image of bikers.

part is worth \$1.4 million (Cdn), will be processed in stages.

Canada and Haiti have recently signed a reciprocal employment arrangement. Canada now has 17 such written arrangements, the others being with Australia, Barbados, Britain, Colombia, Denmark, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Israel, Jamaica, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, the Philippines, Sweden, and the United States. The arrangements facilitate employment by removing some legal obstacles to employment. Dependants who obtain work must pay local taxes and social security deductions.

Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario and the University of Edinburgh in Scotland recently held a simultaneous joint seminar, which included the world's first video conference satellite link between two major universities. The seminar was the first in a series of five annual programs entitled *Technology, Innovation, and Social Change*. The seminars are being sponsored by the Centre for Canadian Studies at the University of Edinburgh, and the Institute of Canadian Studies at Carleton University. Northern Telecom Limited of Mississauga, Ontario provided a grant to cover general conference costs, the satellite link and the purchase of equipment for the initial seminar.

Youth Training Option (YTO), a pilot program to provide training and work experience for young people, was announced recently by Minister of Employment and Immigration Flora MacDonald. YTO will provide a combination of classroom and on-the-job foundation training designed to help young participants make the transition from school to work. Miss MacDonald said that \$27 million will be released to cover the costs of training 3 000 to 4 000 young women and men.

The 73-member, barbershop singing group from Dominion Chalmers United Church in Ottawa recently placed first at the annual Harmony Incorporated convention in Providence, Rhode Island, US. The victory represents the third win for a Canadian chorus since the competition began 25 years ago.

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