

## News of the arts

employment in Canada. "Such a measure," the minister said, "will undoubtedly have a beneficial effect on the domestic labour market. For example, in 1977 just over 1,000 entrepreneurs were admitted to Canada. They accounted for less than 1 per cent of the total immigration movement, but the \$207 million they brought with them to invest in employment expansion in Canada represents 28 per cent of all the funds brought in by immigrants last year."

### Venezuelan mission

A Venezuelan trade mission was in Nova Scotia recently to hold exploratory trade talks with several companies.

Roland Thornhill, Nova Scotia's Development Minister, says he is confident opportunities will result from the private discussions between Nova Scotia firms and the Venezuelans.

Companies involved in the talks include National Sea Products Ltd. of Halifax; the Halifax consulting firm of Corere; H.B. Nickerson and Sons Ltd. of North Sydney and Atlantic Canada consulting group, and Canovex, a fisheries-related consortium. Fishing equipment manufacturers also took part in the discussions.

### One "Bras d'Or" for sale

The Defence Department is looking for a home for the \$53-million *Bras d'Or* hydrofoil (right), which may soon be scrapped.

The 46-metre research ship, once considered to be the fastest in the world, will soon be turned over to the Crown Assets Disposal Corporation for sale, intact or in pieces, because the Government does not intend to go ahead just now with a plan to build up a naval hydrofoil fleet.

The cost of maintaining the vessel and transporting it from Halifax has so far discouraged potential buyers. The Department has approached the Alexander Graham Bell Museum in Baddeck, Nova Scotia, the Ontario Place exhibition in Toronto and the Canadian National Exhibition without any luck.

Commander Don Lory, an aide to Defence Minister Barney Danson, says the corporation may well consider donating the ship to a museum. The Defence Department spends about \$30,000 a year painting, maintaining and guarding it.

The 210-ton vessel was swept by fire

### Yukon's first party election

The Progressive Conservatives elected 11 members to the Yukon's 16-seat Legislative Assembly in the election on November 20, giving the party a majority in the territory's first election fought on party lines.

Conservative leader Hilda Watson, however, lost in her own riding to Liberal Alice McGuire, one of the first two native Indians to be elected in the territory.

The Liberals won two seats and the New Democratic Party won one. Two independents were elected.

The Yukon and neighbouring Northwest Territories are governed by Ottawa-appointed commissioners and executive committees working in conjunction with the elected councils. Each committee is akin to a provincial Cabinet, setting policies and directions for government departments. The Conservatives will select the four members of the executive committee.

They will not, however, have a free hand, since the Commissioner remains the head of the government and has the power, through the Northern Affairs Minister in Ottawa, to veto legislation passed by the Council.

### Canadian vacation travel

The twelfth in a series of annual surveys describing Canadian vacation travel habits has just been completed for the Canadian Government Office of Tourism (CGOT). *Vacation Travel by Canadians in 1977* analyzes the results of a national survey of the population.

Among other tourism sponsors sharing in the project were the United States Travel Service and the Manitoba Department of Tourism.

The most recent edition reveals that just over half of Canadians took vacation trips in 1977 (56 per cent), and that there is a growing trend among those who travel to take a second and third trip — netting a full 10 percent increase in the number of vacation trips over those in 1976 — to 8.4 million in 1977.

For some markets the study shows both vacation packages and trips by air charters increased in popularity during 1977.

Despite the trend towards splitting vacations and taking second and third trips, the study shows that the average duration of a trip increased from 1976 to 1977, from 12.6 nights to 13.2 nights. Average trip expenditures also rose.



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while under construction in the mid-1960s, delaying delivery for some years. Cracks later developed on the foils, the skis on which the hydrofoil rides.

Department spokesmen say that money spent on the *Bras d'Or* was not wasted, since computers, engines and aluminum structural material used in the navy's

DDH-280 class destroyers originated with the hydrofoil.

A Canadian hydrofoil fleet is still possible. Research continues in Halifax and officials with the Department say hydrofoils may follow the next generation of conventional frigates now on the drawing boards.