

News briefs

Seven further international development projects will be assisted by a \$59 600 grant from the Manitoba government under its 1982-83 \$300 000 commitment for overseas aid. The funds go to the Manitoba Council for International Development, which co-ordinates requests from Manitoba-based agencies to support self-help projects. The province matches the funding, to an approved maximum, of local agencies, and these combined grants in turn are matched by the Canadian International Development Fund. The money will be used for the seven projects being conducted in Haiti, Honduras, Zambia, Swaziland, Bolivia, Philippines and India.

Genealogy digs up the past, medical research looks to the future, but the two are not as far apart as they seem McGill University geneticists have found. The Montreal researchers' discovery of a hereditary form of rickets whose victims mainly originate from the Saguenay region of Quebec, led them into the realm of tracing family connections. The bone-softening disease is treatable if potential victims are identified early enough. Luckily, historian Gérard Bouchard of the University of Quebec at Chicoutimi has been at work establishing a genealogical register of the region. For Dr. Francis Glorieux, director of the genetics unit at the Shriners Hospital, and Dr. Charles Scriver of McGill's Medical Research Council-sponsored group in human genetics, the register promises to be just what the doctor ordered.

Canadian boxer Ian Clyde won the Continental flyweight boxing championship held recently in Miami. Clyde, who remains unranked on the world professional boxing scene, scored a seventh-round technical knock-out over Steve Whetstone to take the title.

The Manitoba Clean Environment Commission has issued a new environmental control order to regulate sulphur dioxide and particulate emissions from Inco Limited's nickel smelter at Thompson. The order maintains existing restrictions for emissions to the air from the 150-metre smelter stack. It also requires Inco to conduct an in-depth two-year study of sulphur containment as a means of significantly reducing sulphur dioxide emissions.

Cam Fella, harness horse of the year in Canada and the United States last year, has been syndicated for \$4 million and



A bit small isn't it? That's the question entertainer Rich Little seems to be asking himself after being presented with an Ottawa Boy's and Girl's T-shirt by Kim and Kerry Prud'homme. A former Ottawa resident and club member, Little was being honoured by the organization for good citizenship. The entertainer was in Ottawa to tour the Rich Little Special Care Nursery for premature and sick infants at the Civic Hospital. Little and Frank Sinatra helped raise nearly \$1 million for the unit at a benefit concert held last September.

will be retired to stand at stud following the 1983 season. Owned by Norman Clements of Toronto and Norman Faulkner of Stouffville, Ontario, the four-year-old pacer won 28 of 33 races last season, taking home more than \$879 000 in prize money.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) has signed a \$9.3-million (US) loan agreement to support a sale by Bombardier Incorporated of Montreal to Cameroun. The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) will provide parallel financing of \$3 million (Cdn) to support the sale. The \$23.4-million (Cdn) sale involves the supply of ten diesel locomotives and spare parts to Régie nationale des chemins de fer du Cameroun (REGIFERCAM), the state-owned railway organization of Cameroun.

A Canadian team took the gold medal at the world junior men's curling championships held in Medicine Hat, Alberta. The Canadian team from Mississauga took time off from university to prepare for the championships and that sacrifice and dedication paid off with their first place finish. The team's precision shot-making in the final game led to a 7-2 win by the Canadians over the team from Norway.

The multiculturalism directorate of the Secretary of State has started compiling a list of ethnic libraries, museums, archives and special centres of ethnic studies. The aim of the project is to bring together as much information as possible regarding resource centres for the use of researchers and others interested in ethnic groups and organizations in Canada. It is hoped that eventually a directory for distribution to all concerned will be devised from the list.

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