

tabling is made up of the best people available, 28 people from across Canada of varying backgrounds and experiences, all of whom are vitally interested and concerned about the status of women in our country.

I am appointing as chairman Dr. Kate Cooke, who has been chosen because of her excellent understanding of the problems of women in all walks of life, because of her ability to work with and communicate with people of varying backgrounds and concerns, and because of her "in-depth" knowledge of the situation of women in Canada at the present time. Dr. Cooke has a Ph.D. in sociology and is presently with the Department of Regional Economic Expansion. She will be taking leave of absence from the Government to fill this position. The two vice-chairmen will be appointed after the Council has met.

#### Amendments to Labour Code

I would like to take this opportunity to inform the House that as well as setting up this Advisory Council on the Status of Women, the Government is taking other actions to improve the position of women in Canada. I will be introducing, in the very near future, a bill to amend the Canada Labour Code (Fair Employment Practices). The purpose of this bill will be to amend the act so that discrimination on the grounds of sex, age and marital status will be added to other prohibited grounds of discrimination by employers and unions coming under federal jurisdiction. Honorable Members may recall that a bill to this effect was introduced in the last Parliament; however, there was insufficient time for debate and it died on the order paper. The bill that will be introduced in the near future will contain a number of improvements, specifically in regard to pension and insurance schemes....

#### Fine wine from fair province

Quebec's first major wine-making facility — a \$3-million investment by Vins Calona Inc. — was recently inaugurated at the St. Hyacinthe Industrial Park. Tapping the first keg, Mr. Gaétan C. Morissette, chairman of the board of Standards Brands Limited, opened production of 13 wines: two table

wines, four dessert wines, four all-occasion wines and three sparkling wines.

The plant has a processing and storage capacity of 1,000,000 gallons (4,545,900 litres), roughly one quarter that of the original Calona Wines Limited plant in Kelowna, British Columbia, founded in 1931 by the Capozzi family and acquired by Standard Brands in 1971. Present equipment makes it possible to bottle half a million gallons (2,272,950 litres) a year.

Vins Calona hopes to market all the brands and sizes produced in Kelowna — at present, 41 wines in bottles ranging from 13 ounces (.3694 litre) to 160 ounces (4.55 litres).

Although wine-making is a highly competitive industry, Vins Calona decided to establish itself in Quebec because of the popularity of wine in this province, and in St. Hyacinthe in particular because of the stability of the region as well as the ready availability of the raw materials — apples, cherries, raspberries, blueberries, sugar.

#### Sales and potential

Some 5,840,000 gallons (26,543,056 litres) of wine, worth \$59,635,000 were sold by Quebec Liquor Corporation outlets in 1971-72 compared to 4,739,000 gallons (21,543,020 litres), worth \$46,841,000 in 1970-1971. Forecasts call for an increase of 15.2 per cent in wine sales in 1972-73.

Total wine sales in Canada were approximately 17,000,000 gallons (77,280,300 litres) in 1971-1972, of which 13,000,000 gallons (59,096,700 litres) were domestically produced.

The future potential of the market is suggested by these comparative figures: annual wine consumption in Canada is two-thirds of a gallon (3.03 litres) per inhabitant, while it is 20 gallons (90.0 litres) *per capita* in Europe as a whole and 33 gallons (150 litres) *per inhabitant* in France.

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