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schools, that, until now, had belonged either to the Federal Government (eight in all) or to Quebec (13).

The Inuit's native language of Inuktitut will be taught in the first few years of elementary school. The commissioners and the parents' committees will determine the rate at which French or English, depending on the community, is introduced as a language of instruction. The purpose of this is to allow young Inuit to pursue their studies in schools in the South if they so desire.

There are 110 teachers in the Kativik School Board, 60 of whom are Inuit. The school board's funding is provided by the Federal Government (25 per cent) and by the province (75 per cent).

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News briefs

Governor-General Jules Léger says Canadians have good reason to be optimistic about their country. "The country, I think, is pretty sure of itself," he said, noting that his travels throughout Canada this summer had been most encouraging. "You have the impression the country is normal in many senses of the word. That is what I bring back with me to Ottawa."

Ontario children with severe learning disabilities will be able to attend a provincially funded boarding school in Milton, Ontario starting next January. The school, the first to be financed by the province, will start off with about 18 students and expand to a maximum of 40. Part of the school will become a training centre for special education teachers. At present, there are 142 children enrolled in U.S. institutions whose stay is paid for by the province.

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The 35-foot steel-hulled yacht *J.E. Bernier II* took shelter from an Arctic storm on August 20 after conquering the Northwest Passage. "We are in the St. Lawrence Islands, 40 miles from the coast of Siberia," said Captain Real Bouvier in a radio conversation. "It's the first bad weather we've had in 1,600 miles." He said he expected to land in Vancouver, British Columbia on October 15, ending a trip from Montreal, Quebec that has taken three summers. "We have even been to Russia, coming down the Bering Strait. We will be going to Valdez, Alaska, and Prince Rupert, British Columbia on the way to Vancouver."

Sales of alcoholic beverages for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1977 reached \$3,688 million, up \$281 million (8.2 per cent) from figures for the previous year. Sales volume decreased marginally. Imports decreased to \$164 million from \$170 million while the value of exports increased to \$257 million from \$256 million. Provincial government revenues from the sales rose 12.7 per cent to \$1,155 million.

The **Canadian International Development Agency** has announced that Canada will contribute an extra \$1 million in wheat flour to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA). This is in addition to the \$2.5 million in wheat flour and \$1.65 million in cash already announced for 1978. Canada has had a standing commitment to UNRWA since 1950. Total contributions so far amount to over \$45 million.

Construction is about to begin in Windsor, Ontario on what is considered to be the first major social-housing project in Canada to be financed by private rather than government funds. The project, occupying a city block, will accommodate senior citizens' apartments, commercial/retail space and community services' facilities. It will be completed in early 1980. The Federal Government's Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation will contribute "interest reduction assistance" and a loan of \$1,043,237 at 10 per cent over 35 years.

The **Export Development Corporation** is making a \$1.267-million loan to support the \$1.490-million sale of Canadian-made oil and petrochemical valves to the Soviet Union. The sale represents about 50 man-years of employment for F.S. Valve Corporation Ltd. of Baie d'Urfé, Quebec and six major suppliers, mainly in Quebec.

The **Department of National Revenue** plans to import ethno-cultural costumes for use in multicultural displays and festivals. When the new regulations come into effect, the importer will continue to pay the appropriate customs duty on the goods, but will be eligible to apply for a refund of 99 per cent of the expense, provided he can satisfy the Department that the costumes were not put to commercial use.

A **conference for representatives** of government, industry and consumer service agencies, such as the Better Business Bureaus and the Consumers' Association of Canada, will be held in Ottawa on October 16 and 17, says Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs Warren Allmand. The minister expects the meeting to provide a basis for a program of improving consumer aid activities in Canada.

The **effects of burying nuclear wastes** in groundwater will be studied by the Environment Department in response to proposals from Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. for disposing of highly radioactive spent fuel. The studies will cover the chemistry of the water, and the rate and direction of its movement. The cost of the program, which will take several years to complete, will reach \$386,000 this year.

The **all-items consumer price index** for Canada (1971=100) advanced 1.5 per cent to 177.7 in July from 175.1 in June. As a result, the 12-month rise from July 1977 to July 1978 stood at 9.8 per cent, up from 9.2 per cent the previous month. The food index advanced by 4.0 per cent while the all-items-excluding-food-index increased by a moderate 0.4 per cent, to which higher shelter costs and increased hotel/motel charges made the largest contributions.

A **loan of \$15.88 million** by the Export Development Corporation (EDC) and the Bank of Montreal will support the sale of \$18.33 million in Canadian-built equipment and services for a coal-fired steam generating plant in Thailand. EDC chairman and president John A. MacDonald, who said the sale would maintain some 345 man-years of employment for Canadian suppliers, noted that the project was an ongoing part of Thailand's Fourth National Economic and Development Plan scheduled between 1977 and 1981.

Canadian Gilles Villeneuve finished third in the Austrian Grand Prix in Zeltweg, Austria on August 13.