

News briefs

Prince Charles will visit Canada from April 1 to 7 to carry out engagements connected with the United World College of the Pacific (Pearson College), Victoria; the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, Yellowknife; the Royal Winnipeg Rifles, Winnipeg; and the Royal Regiment of Canada, Toronto. The prince will also go to Ottawa, where he will visit Governor-General Edward Schreyer.

Shipments of pulp and paper should reach 22.8 million tons in 1979, up 2.8 per cent compared with figures for 1978, according to a forecast by the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association. Strong demand and the devalued Canadian dollar combined to produce an estimated 10.5 percent growth in shipments.

Petro-Canada has reached agreement with the Venezuelan state oil company on a series of technical and research programs to be conducted jointly. Preliminary expenditures of about \$3 million could lead to further investment of \$60 million to \$80 million in the pilot project.

The Federal Government will contribute \$500,000 to the Canadian Olympic Association to help send some 500 Canadian athletes to the 1979 Pan American Games in Puerto Rico.

Manitoba will allot grants totalling \$2,029,425 to 14 school divisions to cover the costs of French instruction programs provided during the 1978-79 academic year. The funds are for two types of program: for students whose mother tongue is French; or immersion programs for English-language students whose parents wish them to have an education given in the French language. The provincial grants, being made for the fourth year under a grant system approved by the legislature, are partly recoverable from the federal Secretary of State under the Federal-Provincial Agreement for the

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Promotion of Bilingualism in Education.

Life-style Awards have been presented to 42 Canadians by Health and Welfare Minister Monique Bégin in recognition of their contribution to the development of healthy life-styles in their communities.

Gordon Gibson of Vancouver, former leader of the British Columbia Liberal Party and a member of the Legislative Assembly of that province, is the new national director of the Liberal Party of Canada and adviser to the Prime Minister.

Ontario will pay up to \$500,000 towards the design and evaluation of the heat-from-garbage plant that Toronto hopes to build in the downtown area. The plant would be capable of burning an estimated 700,000 tons of garbage a year — about a third of the city's projected waste output in the 1980s.

Canadian National Railways had a profit of about \$136 million in 1978, compared with \$28 million in 1977. Robert A. Banteen, president and executive officer, said about \$60 million of the 1978 profit rise reflected savings in interest charges, made possible by the CN recapitalization bill passed by Parliament last June.

The Federal Government has approved a \$1.9-million *Anik B* communications project for the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada. Members of the organization will produce television programs in Inuktitut (the language of the Inuit), broadcast with the help of the satellite, launched in December. ITC is now beginning a training program under the tutelage of the National Film Board.

Canada's economy is expected to grow moderately in 1979, but at a slightly lower rate than in 1978, according to a semi-annual world trade forecast, *Business America*, published by the Department of Commerce. The forecast predicts real GNP growth in 1979 of 3 per cent, down from 3.5 per cent for 1978.

Most manufacturers, including export-oriented firms, anticipate little change in their output in the 1979 first quarter from the 1978 fourth quarter, according to a survey of manufacturers conducted in early January by Statistics Canada. About 55 per cent of the manufacturers expected first quarter output would be "about the same", while 28 per cent expected higher production and 17 per cent lower production.

Indonesia and Canada have signed an agreement on the prevention of double taxation.

The Canadian National Sportsmen's Dog Show will run from March 17-18 and from 21-25, at Exhibition Place, Toronto. Over 5,000 dogs are expected to compete. Judges are chosen from the United States and Canada.

Farmers' total cash receipts from farming operations in all provinces except Newfoundland totalled \$10,921.4 million during the January-to-November period of 1978, compared to \$9,404.3 million realized during the same period of 1977. These estimates include: cash receipts from the sale of farm products; Canadian Wheat Board participation payments on previous years' grain crops; cash advances on farm-stored grains in Western Canada; and deficiency payments made by the Agricultural Stabilization Board.

The rate of growth in jobs in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick was better than 6 per cent in 1978, compared with an average growth of 4 per cent in the rest of the country. More persons moved into the two provinces than moved to other parts of Canada, continuing a trend that first developed in 1971 and 1972.

The U.S. and Canada have negotiated a resolution of a trade problem originating from the six-month extension by Canada of quotas on certain items of apparel. The Federal Government has agreed to reduce duties on \$88.5-million worth of textiles goods imported from the U.S.

New motor vehicles sales totalled 95,948 in November, down 10.9 per cent from 107,291, recorded in November 1977.

Labour income totalled a seasonally-adjusted \$11.36 billion in November, up 1.2 per cent from \$11.22 billion in October, Statistics Canada reports.

Premier Frank Moores of Newfoundland has submitted his resignation as leader of the Progressive Conservative party but will continue to head the government until a leadership convention is held, March 16 and 17. He will then "retire from public life entirely".

The number of graduate lawyers of Indian or Métis ancestry in Canada has increased from four to 31 since 1973, when the University of Saskatchewan introduced its annual summer program of legal studies for native people. Ten more are expected to graduate next spring from law schools across Canada. Most of them completed the summer program in Saskatoon, which is administered by the university's Native Law Centre.