

News briefs

Energy, Mines and Resources Canada will participate in feasibility studies for a proposed forestry complex in Upper Gatineau in Quebec. The \$205,000-study in which the federal government is involved constitutes a detailed engineering and economic evaluation of a mill and forest residue as the main source of energy for the proposed industrial complex.

De Havilland Aircraft of Canada Limited, Toronto has announced orders for four DASH-7 airliners and options on two more from Atlantic Southeast Airlines, a U.S. commuter operator based in Atlanta, Georgia. The value of the order, with spares, for the 50-seat, four-engined aircraft is about \$35 million.

Independent review and advice on fisheries and marine research will be provided by the newly-created Fisheries and Oceans Research Advisory Council which met recently for the first time in Ottawa. The first task of the council will be to provide recommendations to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans on the department's research activities. The council is made up of 25 members representing scientists, fishermen, the fishing industry, academic institutions and the public.

The federal and Manitoba government have signed a ten-year contract for the use of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. It replaces a five-year agreement which expired last March 31. The RCMP has been contracted by the province to continue its role as the provincial police force in Manitoba. The RCMP presently acts as the provincial police force in all provinces (except Ontario and Quebec) and in the Yukon and Northwest Territories. This law enforcement agency also acts as the police force in over 200 municipalities in Canada — including 24 in Manitoba.

Three Canadian members of Parliament recently returned to Canada after viewing Salvadorean refugee camps on the Honduras-El Salvador border. Warren Allmand, Liberal MP for Montreal Notre-Dame-de-Grace; Benno Friesen, Progressive Conservative MP for the British Columbia riding of Surrey-White Rock-Delta and Dan Heap, New Democratic MP for Toronto Spadina looked at conditions in the camps and proposals to move the camps further inside Honduras.

The Donner Canadian Foundation has approved a grant of \$200,000 to the Uni-



Skiing enthusiast George Bovin pulls Nancy Hansen along in a "pulk" as part of his program to teach the disabled to ski. With help from the South Ottawa Kiwanis Club, Bovin started the Ottawa Association for Disabled Skiing, this winter. Disabled skiers use a pulk, a tub-like device with runners, that was bought with a \$500 donation from the Kiwanis club. "With a little training, they can get down the hill by themselves," said Bovin.

versity of British Columbia's Native Indian teacher education program. The grant will be used towards program expansion in Prince George and Vancouver. The program which started in 1974 has graduated 38 degree students and another 17 are teaching with educational certificates after completing three years of the four-year degree program.

Canadian oil drilling increased as 74 more oil and gas drilling rigs went into operation recently. Western Canada added 72 rigs alone to the five offshore rigs in eastern Canada, bringing the total to 252 rigs across Canada.

The Export Development Corporation has signed a \$5-million (U.S.) loan agreement to support a sale of Canadian built locomotives to the Republic of Ivory Coast. The transaction consists of the sale of 5 Model GT 22 LC Diesel Electric locomotives by General Motors Market Development Limited (GMMD) to la Régie des chemins de fer Abidjan-Niger (RAN).

There will be full indexation of family allowances for 1982, the federal government has announced. The Family Allowances Act provides for annual increases of payments in January of each year to reflect increases in the cost of living. Effective in January, the federal government family allowances paid monthly for children under 18 will rise to \$26.91 from \$23.96 in most provinces and in the territories.

Atomic Energy of Canada Limited will expand its Quebec operations with a larger staff and a new nuclear research centre. The corporation plans to open the research centre in Varenne, Quebec sometime in 1983-84. Research will focus on fuel cycles of the CANDU reactor and nuclear fusion.

Harry Fritz of Toronto defeated Jorge Andrew of Venezuela 16-14, 11-9, 9-11, 4-6, 11-9 in the opening match of first round Davis Cup recently. The six-hour, 100-game match was one of the longest tennis matches ever, just 23 minutes shy of the record set in 1967. The match set a Davis Cup record for the most games played in singles, surpassing the mark of 86 set in 1970.

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