

News briefs

Eighty-four-year-old Greta Steeves of Sussex, New Brunswick placed a wreath at the War Memorial in Ottawa on Remembrance Day, November 11, in honour of Canada's war dead. As the Silver Crossmother, Mrs. Steeves, who lost two sons during the Second World War, laid the wreath for the thousands of other mothers whose sons died during the First and Second World Wars and the Korean conflict of the 1950s. The War Memorial was built to commemorate the death of 61,000 men and women who died for Canada in the 1914-1918 war. It also honours the 42,000 who fell in the Second World War and the 300 who died in Korea.

Kaiser Resources Limited of Vancouver says 1981 thermal coal deliveries to members of the Elkraft Power Group in Denmark will be increased by 100,000 metric tons over 1980 levels to a total of 300,000 metric tons. This increase is part of an agreement in principle to supply to the Danish companies about 4 million metric tons of thermal coal from 1981 to 1989, the company said. Kaiser said the transaction provides for the annual delivery of 300,000 metric tons of thermal coal for the first three years.

The Royal Bank is stepping up its British retail banking activities in the latest move by North American banks to compete in the British personal banking market. The Royal proposes to have 100 branches in operation in five years. Its subsidiary, Western Trust and Savings, offers services such as cheque accounts which pay interest on credit balances, as well as loans up to £6,000, at rates of interest comparable to those charged by the clearing banks.

Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan has announced that Agriculture Canada

is no longer requiring DES (diethylstilbestrol) certification for U.S. meat animals and products imported into Canada. Canada has required DES certification of U.S. meats and meat products since August 2, 1974.

The North American Soccer League has announced that its 1981 Soccer Bowl will be held in Toronto, September 26. Toronto, a member of the league since 1967, becomes the first Soccer Bowl venue outside the United States.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) has concluded a \$4.4-million (U.S.) financing agreement to support the sale of \$8.65-million (U.S.) worth of components by McDonnell Douglas Canada Ltd. of Malton, Ontario, to Pacific Southwest Airlines (PSA) of the United States. The components will be incorporated into four DC-9 Super 80 Aircraft which PSA has purchased from McDonnell Douglas Corporation of the United States. The transaction will create 304 man-years of employment at McDonnell Douglas Canada Ltd.

Whistler Mountain will be the site of a 1982 World Cup downhill ski race awarded by the Federation Internationale de Ski (FIS). The agreement among the FIS, Molson Breweries Ltd. and the Canadian Ski Association was reached at a meeting in Switzerland, race organizers said in a news release. Whistler Mountain is about 90 kilometres (56 miles) north of Vancouver.

Seven British Columbia airline com-

panies were merged by the Jim Pattison Group to form Air B.C. Ltd., board chairman Al Michaud has announced. The seven companies acquired over the past 18 months include: Airwest Airlines Ltd., Pacific Coastal Airlines Ltd., Trans-Provincial Airlines Ltd., Gulf-Air Aviation Ltd., Haida Airlines Ltd., Island Airlines Ltd., and West Coast Air Services Ltd.

Details of a \$10-million program aimed at reducing Ontario's industrial energy bill were introduced in the legislature recently by provincial Industry Minister Larry Grossman. The program provides direct financial incentives for companies to convert existing oil-consuming equipment to alternative fuels, implement waste heat recovery and install energy controls. Mr. Grossman said the government would contribute 50 per cent or up to \$1,000 to small firms for energy-saving implementation plans.

A Canadian designer has come up with the answer to one of the problems faced by lovers during Canada's cold winters. They are called Lovers' Mitts and they are for those who do not want to resort to barehand-holding during the chilly months or those who find holding hands through gloves is not much fun. It is not a pair of mitts that is being promoted by Toronto designer Linda Lundstrom, but three mitts. The trio of mitts includes a standard left hand, a standard right hand and a specially-designed middle mitt that lovers will wear together holding hands inside it.



Erwin Smolianski, a foreman at the Assiniboine Park Zoo in Winnipeg, cuddles Babe, a 12-day-old camel, weighing 80 pounds. Both mom and Babe are doing well.

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