

this regard.... Thus, initiatives such as yours for this award, the assistance to Irish universities and, very importantly, the lead you have taken in setting up the Business Fund for Canadian Studies in the United States will be of help to Canada as they contribute directly to developing an informed, sustained interest in our country among current and future leadership groups in other countries."

The first recipient of the award is expected to be announced at the ICCS's International Symposium on Canada, to be held at the University of British Columbia from June 1 to 3, 1983.

Further information on the award may be obtained by writing to the International Council for Canadian Studies, 1750 Finch Avenue, East, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada M2J 2X5.

Baseball Hall of Fame

The formation of a Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Toronto, to honour people connected with 150 years of baseball in the country, was announced recently by a group of businessmen and baseball devotees.

The hall will be temporarily located in Toronto's Canadian Sports Hall of Fame but officials hope to move to a permanent site within a year. The first vote on inductions is expected to be in January 1983 with an induction ceremony slated for next spring.

President of the group Bruce Prentice said the hall was established "to honour Canadians and any others who have contributed to baseball in the nation and to preserve the history and artifacts of the sport".

Initially, the hall will induct a maximum of three players and two builders each year. They will be picked by a selection committee headed by Toronto sportscaster Fergie Oliver, a former minor league player. The committee will also welcome suggestions from fans and has a contingency plan to print special ballots to encourage fans to take part in the nomination process.

Players will be admitted three years after their induction except in the case of "a particularly outstanding achievement that warrants special recognition".

There have been 143 Canadians who have played major league baseball, which will give the founders no trouble finding Canadian major leaguers to honour. Among those who will be considered are:

Ferguson Jenkins, the Chatham, Ontario hurler who has compiled 278 major league wins; Goodie Rosen who played with the Brooklyn Dodgers in the 1940s and once hit .300; and John Hiller who was one of the dominant relief pitchers of the early 1970s and the 1973 comeback player of the year.

There have been 62 Canadian pitchers in the majors, 30 outfielders, eight first basemen, 11 second basemen, eight shortstops and three third basemen.

Soviet Minister of Agriculture concludes 11-day visit to Canada

Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan and Minister of Agriculture for the Soviet Union Valentin Mesyats wound up discussions in Ottawa on October 28.

Mr. Mesyats had been in Canada with a Soviet delegation for an 11-day visit at the invitation of Mr. Whelan. They attended the first session of the Mixed Canadian-Soviet Commission on Co-operation in Agriculture and visited major agricultural areas of the country.

The Mixed Commission was established by an agreement on agricultural co-operation signed mutually last year.

Both sides reviewed progress of exchanges which have taken place since the signing of the agreement. The rules of procedures for the Commission were discussed and approved. As well, the representatives of the two countries approved a long-term program of agricultural co-operation and exchange of agricultural specialists in 1983-84.

They agreed that co-operative research would concentrate on seed crops, plant pest control, animal pest and

Among those who may be included who have contributed to baseball but have not played in the major league are: Nellie McLung, a firebrand champion of women's rights, who was a regular with Manitoba's Prairie Socials, a predominantly male squad, during the 1880s; and Dummy Jackson who played in the Cape Breton Collier League during the 1930s when it was the "C" league of the minor league baseball system and composed almost entirely of Americans.

disease control, dairy and beef cattle breeding, agricultural mechanization and storage techniques.

The two ministers signed a protocol reporting on the results of the first session. "The session was very constructive and I look forward to future meetings," said Mr. Whelan.

While in Canada, Mr. Mesyats visited southern Ontario, accompanied by Mr. Whelan, to meet with Canadian companies interested in exporting agricultural products to the Soviet Union. He also toured the wine-producing area of the Niagara Peninsula and agricultural facilities near Windsor, Ontario. In Saskatchewan and Alberta, Mr. Mesyats' visit included several large beef and grain farms and Agriculture Canada's Lethbridge Research Station in Alberta. Mr. Mesyats also had the opportunity to meet with Senator Hazen Argue to discuss the grain trade between Canada and the Soviet Union.

The Soviet delegation concluded its visit with a tour of farms and agricultural facilities in the Montreal area.



Soviet Agriculture Minister Valentin Mesyats (left) and Canadian Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan sign co-operation protocol.