

## New Brunswick wins competition

An all out effort by the citizens of St. Stephen, New Brunswick has led to a first place finish in an international competition to cut municipal electrical consumption, reports Jeff Passmore in December's *Canadian Renewable Energy News*.

The contest, October 22-25, involved six communities in New England and five in eastern Canada. The 5,400 residents of St. Stephen reduced electrical use by 17.5 per cent during the monitoring period and Monterey, Massachusetts, the second place finisher, recorded a 15.6 per cent cut.

Residents postponed baking, turned off water heaters, shared pot luck suppers, burned candles and fired up wood stoves.

"All of a sudden everybody in St. Stephen had something in common. People asked each other how much insulation they had and how much they were going to put in and local stores had sales on energy conservation products," said Maria Kulcher of the St. Stephen Chamber of Commerce.

Kulcher says the contest will result in long term energy saving for St. Stephen. "People learned a lot about what they could do as a result. For many, it was their first introduction to conservation. Now they can turn off their water heaters for 24 hours at a time and many discovered automatic control thermostats."

## Stamp honours founder of hospital

A postage stamp honouring Dr. Emmanuel-Persillier Lachapelle, co-founder of Notre-Dame Hospital in Montreal, was issued recently by Canada Post.

"Dr. Lachapelle is being recognized for his contribution to medical education and to public health service in the province of Quebec," said Postmaster-General André Ouellet.

Emmanuel-Persillier Lachapelle, who was born at Sault-aux-Récollets on December 23, 1845, became a prominent physician in Quebec. Dr. Lachapelle was a shrewd administrator and devoted community leader and in 1887, the Saint-Jean-Baptiste Society elected him president.

Dr. Lachapelle was the driving force behind the founding of Notre-Dame Hospital in Montreal in 1880. For many years he was administrator of the hospital, which offered teaching facilities to medical students and served the residents of Montreal's rapidly growing east end. Today it is North America's largest francophone medical centre.

Dr. Lachapelle died in Rochester, Minnesota, in 1918. The stamp featuring his portrait was printed in a rich duotone, and was designed by Jean Morin Designers of Montreal.

## Sportfishing scrutinized in book

An examination at sportfishing in Canada by Canadian conservationist and author Roderick Haig-Brown is now available under the title *Bright Waters, Bright Fish*.

The manuscript for the book, sub-titled *An Examination of Angling in Canada*, was completed by Roderick Haig-Brown just before his death in October 1976.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans commissioned Haig-Brown to write the book to convey both to the general public and anglers a fuller understanding of the philosophy and contribution of recreational fisheries to the enjoyment of life and to promote the wise use of fisheries and the environment in Canada.

In preparing the text, Haig-Brown was supported by provincial and territorial sport fishing agencies, assuring that his study achieved a comprehensive and authoritative coverage of the vast sweep of Canada's sport fisheries from coast to coast.

With experience of the great outdoors gained in his early life as a logger, fisherman and trapper in British Columbia, Haig-Brown wrote more than 20 books, beginning with *Silver* in 1931, which have delighted nature lovers throughout the world.

Haig-Brown served as a magistrate in British Columbia for more than 30 years

and was an active member of many regional, national and international organizations related to conservation, including the International Pacific Salmon Fisheries Commission.

*Bright Waters, Bright Fish* is a co-publishing venture of the federal government with Douglas and McIntyre Limited of Vancouver, in association with the British Columbia Wildlife Federation. The book has more than 50 colour illustrations, as well as a number of original watercolours and drawings by artist Robert Fish.

A French-language version of the book under the title *De poissons vifs sur champ d'écume* is also available.

## Top athletes named

Hockey player Wayne Gretzky, golfer Sandra Post and the Montreal Expos baseball team have been named Canada's top athletes for 1980 by *The Canadian Press*.

In the annual year-end poll conducted *The Canadian Press*, sportswriters and broadcasters made Gretzky the overwhelming choice for male athlete of 1980. Gretzky will receive the Lionel Conacher Award, which honours Canada's male athlete for the first half century.

In his first season in the National Hockey League, Gretzky, who plays for the Edmonton Oilers, won the most valuable player award and the most gentlemanly player award. He also tied for the scoring lead and was not named rookie of the year on a technicality — he had played as a professional in the World Hockey Association. All this was achieved before he reached his twentieth birthday.

*The Canadian Press* named golfer Sandra Post Canada's woman athlete for 1980. The win was the second in a row for Post, who also won easily in 1979 when she earned almost \$180,000. This year, despite cutting back on her schedule and a drop in earnings to \$105,350, she still remained the favourite of the voters in the poll. Post, 32, will receive the Bobbie Rosenfeld Award, established in honour of Canada's female athlete of the first half century.

For the second year in a row the Montreal Expos, who finished second in the National League were named Canada's team of the year. They received more than half of the first place votes of the sportswriters and broadcasters polled

