

News briefs

Donald Macdonald, former Liberal Cabinet minister, has been reappointed chairman of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC). IDRC is a public corporation which supports research designed to adapt science and technology to the needs of developing countries.

Canada appears well-positioned to take advantage of new opportunities in the changing world metal mining scene, the Bank of Nova Scotia says in its monthly review. The relatively bright outlook for mine development and for new metal processing installations in Canada is partly due to the abundant energy potential, proximity to the United States market, and well-established ties with Japanese and western European customers.

Avenues of co-operation in economic development and tourism were explored recently during a two-day meeting of Manitoba and North Dakota officials in Winnipeg. The American group heard speakers from the Manitoba Department of Economic Development and Tourism. They toured the Enterprise Development Centre and the Industrial Technology Centre in Winnipeg and the Canadian Food Products Development Centre at Portage la Prairie.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) has announced the conclusion of a \$260,000 (U.S.) financing agreement to support the \$316,896 (U.S.) sale of construction equipment by Frederick Parker (Canada) Limited of Scarborough, Ontario, to Ingenieros Civiles Contratistas Generales S.A. of Lima, Peru. The transaction involves the sale of a crusher, generator set, and spare parts for use in various road construction and maintenance contracts in Peru.

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Chief Jim Shot Both Sides (right) and his wife Rosaline pose in ceremonial dress during a recent visit to Sydney, Australia. Chief Shot Both Sides, the retired head of the Blood Indian Tribe of Alberta, visited Australia to meet with Aborigines and discuss their development and matters of mutual interest. The invitation to visit that country was made to the Chief in 1979 during a visit by Australian officials to the Blood Indian reserve near Standoff, Alberta. The trip to Australia was a retirement gift to the Chief from his people. During his visit, Chief Shot Both Sides met with Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser and officiated at a number of functions in Australia. He also visited Darwin, Alice Springs and Armidale.

The Ontario government has introduced stiffer laws for drivers in the province. Under the new regulations, newly licensed drivers in Ontario will face two one-year probationary periods and a tougher demerit point system before earning a permanent driver's permit. The regulations also close a loophole that prevented many drivers from automatically losing their licences after earning 15 demerit points.

Seventeen Micmac and Malecite students received bachelor of education degrees from the University of New Brunswick (UNB) at the school's May convocation. This group of graduates constituted the largest number of New Brunswick Indian students ever to graduate from UNB in a single year and will dramatically increase the number of Indian teachers in the province. The stu-

dents graduated from a four-year program instituted at UNB in 1977 especially for Indian students in the province.

Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro-Electric Corporation of St. John's has been authorized to build a \$287-million hydro-electric station at Cat Arm, on the Great Northern Peninsula, provincial Energy Minister Leo Barry has announced. He said work will begin in June and the plant is expected to be in full production by late 1984. The development will produce about 799-million kilowatt hours of electricity annually, displacing 1.1 million barrels of oil used for electrical generation. Mr. Barry said the Cat Arm production is needed for the period between 1985 and 1987.

Air Canada has signed an agreement with Heath Tecna Precision Structures Incorporated of Kent, Washington, for 39 interior conversion systems as part of an over-all modernization program for the airline's fleet of DC-9 aircraft. The new interior will feature the largest amount of passenger luggage stowage space available for standard body aircraft; sculptured sidewalls and ceiling panels; softer indirect lighting; and more comfortable seats which are identical to those of the new Boeing 747, to be delivered to Air Canada in the fall of 1982.

Carolyn Mines Limited of Vancouver is aiming for the start-up of its 1,500-ton-a-day gold mine near Hope, British Columbia at the end of July. Milling the ore, averaging 0.141 ounces of gold a ton, is designed to produce 200 ounces of gold a day.

The federal government will provide additional financial support to the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission in the construction and operation of the Point Lepreau Nuclear Power Station. Construction of the 630-megawatt unit was begun in 1974. Based on 1975 project cost estimates of \$684 million, the federal government through Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL) agreed to provide loans covering 50 per cent of the estimated construction costs, with a maximum of \$350 million set on the commitment.

Pat Messner of Ottawa, the 1979 world women's water ski slalom champion has announced her retirement from amateur competition. Miss Messner, 27, will concentrate on professional water ski tournaments and teaching and coaching competitive and recreational water skiing as well as kayaking and windsurfing.

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