

News briefs

Premier René Lévesque announced recently that the Quebec government plans to spend \$170 million in the next five years to develop waterside parkland in the Montreal region. The proposed park is the first concrete result of a \$44-million feasibility study, begun in 1980, to increase recreational uses of Montreal-area waterways, control flooding and develop the hydroelectric potential of the Lachine rapids on the St. Lawrence River.

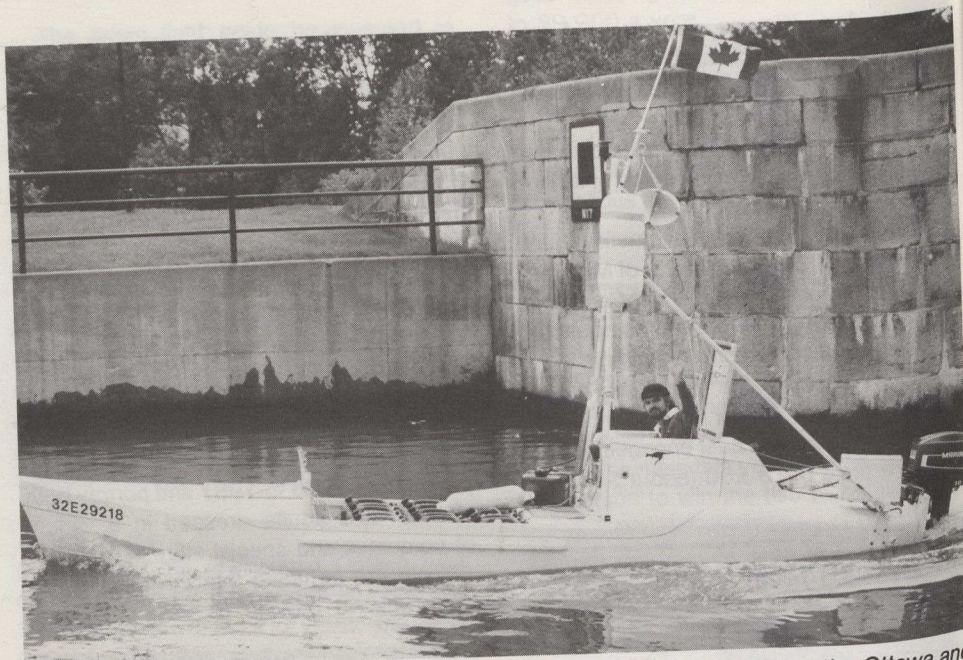
Northern Telecom Canada Limited and the Atlantic Provinces Council on the Sciences recently announced the creation of an annual award for outstanding teachers of science, engineering, and technology in Atlantic Canada. The APICS/Northern Telecom Science Teaching Award consists of a silver medal designed by Peter Cullman of Toronto and \$5 000.

Commonwealth finance ministers held their annual meeting in Toronto in September prior to the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, which were held in Washington the following week. Special points of focus at the Toronto meeting were two Commonwealth reports — one by a Commonwealth Consultative Group on global economic issues and the other by an expert group on debt.

The Ontario government is planning to open a new trade and investment office in Singapore to join the provincial industry and trade ministry's Hong Kong and Tokyo bureaus in serving the Asian Pacific region. The Singapore office, which is expected to open before the end of the first quarter of 1985, will initially concentrate on export development and investment promotion in Singapore and Malaysia, then gradually expand coverage to other countries in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) — Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines and Brunei.

Canada's new customs brochure, entitled *A Guide to Canada Customs for Meetings, Conventions, Exhibitions and Trade Shows of American Organizations*, highlights recent changes to customs procedures that make it easier for US groups to hold meetings in Canada. The 12-page brochure was produced as a result of an order-in-council providing tax-exempt and duty-free entry for convention materials, promotional printed matter, awards and giveaway souvenirs, and temporary entry for audio-visual and office equipment brought into Canada by US groups holding meetings in the country. The brochure sets out

Down to the sea in a home-made boat



Pierre Four of Ottawa, Ontario recently travelled 1 500 nautical miles along the Ottawa and St. Lawrence rivers to St. John's, Newfoundland, in a six-metre motor boat he hand-crafted. It was the practice run for Mr. Four and his boat, the Paraffin, of his planned solo crossing of the Atlantic Ocean in the spring, when he hopes to set a record. In an attempt to make the trip as close to the actual Atlantic crossing as possible, Mr. Four only set out with 341 litres of fuel, 68 litres of water, 17 marine charts and some meat sandwiches. He travelled 16 hours a day and dropped anchor when he needed to sleep.

the new policies and procedures for both customs officers and meetings organizers, ensuring consistent applications of the new legislation at all points of entry to Canada, as well as simplifying border-crossing formalities. Copies are available from Canadian consulates general in the US and the Canadian embassy in Washington, or in Canada by calling (collect) (613) 993-7021.

Canadian exports hit a record level of \$10.2 billion at the end of August as sales for the month climbed 3.9 per cent, or \$385 million. Exports to the US, Canada's largest trading partner, climbed by \$625 million to \$7.8 billion — an increase of 8.6 per cent for the month.

CB Media Ltd. of Toronto will begin publishing a consumer-oriented magazine, *Your Money*, in January. The bi-monthly magazine will describe how people can further their own goals through more effective earning, saving, spending and investing.

Six Canadians — Gordon Happy, who has worked as deputy director of telecommunications for the Department of External Affairs, and Majors Wayne Thompson, Pierre Lamontagne, Denise Robichaud, Jean-Paul Roy and Suzanne Drapeau — were recently named members of the Royal Victorian Order. The Canadians were honoured by Queen Elizabeth in a Winnipeg ceremony on the last

day of her Canadian visit. All those receiving the awards have worked on royal visits.

The Canadian equestrian team captured the Nations Cup over the Olympic gold medallist United States squad and the Olympic silver medal British team at the one hundred and first National Horse Show in New York. Mario Deslauriers of Bromont, Quebec, on *Aramis*, and Gail Greenough of Edmonton, on *Mr. T*, obtained perfect scores in the second of four rounds and teammate Ian Millar of Perth, Ontario, had only a three-quarter time fault in the first round. The Canadian victory upset a tradition of dominance by the US team, which had won the Cup 28 out of 30 times.

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