

News briefs

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau has appointed Ian Christie Clark as Canada's Ambassador and Permanent Delegate to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), effective July 1, 1983. He will replace Pierre Trottier who has held the position since April 1979.

The sales of cigarettes did not increase in 1982 over those of 1981, Health and Welfare Canada has announced. While sales of manufactured cigarettes were down slightly, sales of fine-cut tobacco for roll-your-own cigarettes were up slightly. The net result was that the weight of cigarettes plus cigarette tobacco sold remained nearly constant at about 62 million kilograms. In Canada cigarette sales have increased steadily at 2 to 3 per cent a year for the last 15 years.

New wholesale prices for natural gas in Canadian markets east of Alberta, took effect February 1. As a result, the net increase in the wholesale natural gas price ranges now between 5.4 cents and 5.7 cents a gigajoule, or less than 2 per cent over the prices that were in effect for the previous six months. The amount of the increase varies across the country. A gigajoule is a measure of the energy content of a fuel, and a typical residential consumer of natural gas might use about 130 gigajoules a year for household heating.

Northern Telecom Incorporated, a unit of Northern Telecom Limited of Montreal, has entered into an agreement with Data General Corporation of Westboro, Massachusetts to develop an advanced system for connecting Data General's electronic office work stations through Northern Telecom's digital business communications system — PBX. The companies also will develop products to enable Northern Telecom's Displayphone to function as a work station in Data General's office systems network.

Canadair Limited of Montreal reports Swiss Air-Rescue of Zurich has taken delivery of its Challenger 600 executive jet from the Dornier GmbH finishing plant in Munich. The Challenger will be used as an air ambulance on international medical flights.

Statistics Canada has reported the second consecutive rise in its leading indicators used to forecast the health of the economy, offering further evidence the recession may be nearing an end. The ten composite leading indicators rose by 0.69



Parks Canada

Parks Canada has purchased the Louis-Joseph Papineau House in Old Montreal. The house was the residence of Louis-Joseph Papineau, a member of the Legislative Assembly of Lower Canada (Quebec) in the early 1800s. He was considered a defender of the French Canadian people and was one of the instigators of the 1837 rebellion, although he did not personally take part in the uprising. He is recognized as one of the figures who contributed to the establishment of responsible government in Canada in 1848. In the early 1960s, the house was restored to its 1830 splendour by its owner at that time, journalist Eric McLean. The Papineau house was declared a historic monument in 1968 by the federal government because of its historical and architectural value.

per cent to a level of 109.40 last November, said the government agency. The indicators rose in October for the first time after 15 consecutive months of decline.

Twenty-two Ontario mining equipment manufacturers recently participated in the AIMEX '83 Pacific Rim's major mining trade show held in Sydney, Australia. Ontario's participation in the six-day trade show consisted of a provincial Ministry of Industry and Trade coordinated booth with representatives from mining equipment manufacturers.

The Export Development Corporation has signed a \$18.7-million (US) financing agreement to support a sale by Tecult International Limitée of Montreal to Gabon. The financing of the over-all project will also involve the Canadian International Development Agency. The \$23.3-million (Cdn) sale involves the design and construction of rural electrification and water supply for 12 centres in rural Gabon including generating stations, medium- and low-voltage distribution lines, and a water supply, treatment and distribution network for each centre.

Canadian swimmer Kathy Bald of Nepean, Ontario won a gold medal in the women's 200-metre medley and added a silver in the 100-metre breaststroke to lead Canadian swimmers at an international short-course meet held in Borlaenge, Sweden. Victor Davis of Guelph, Ontario won the only other gold for Canada in taking the 200-metre breaststroke.

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