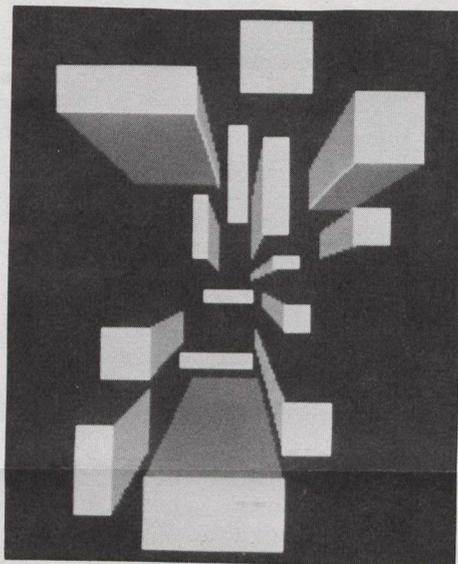


The Department of Communications is planning a series of major Telidon demonstrations in the United States and Britain. In Britain, Canada will participate in Viewdata/80, a video-text technology conference, to be held in London March 26-28. Canadian delegates to the conference will present technical papers and demonstrate the Telidon system. In the U.S., demonstrations will be organized in four cities for members of the telephone, cable, broadcast and newspaper industries, between February and May. The demonstrations will take place in San Francisco, February 25-29; New York, April 19-May 9; Dallas, May 16-22; and Chicago, June 13-20.



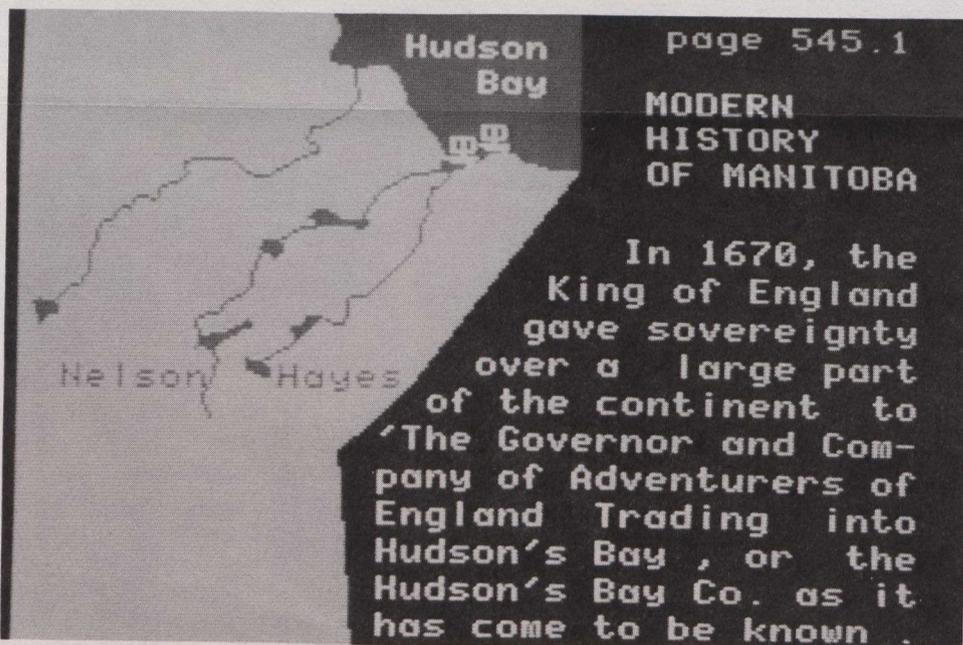
Graphics are also produced by the system.

be explored will include curriculum-linked information and illustrations, bibliographies, course descriptions, career information, TVOntario program listings, lists of support materials and home viewer questions. More general information services to be assessed will probably encompass the news, weather and travel information, entertainment and other guides, referral services and similar "classified" listings.

Operational Telidon systems would allow users equipped with a small electronics package and hand-held keypad, hooked to an ordinary TV set or colour

TV monitor, to retrieve a potentially unlimited number of pages of information. Telidon terminals could also eventually be used for person-to-person or group communications and to enable remote performance of complex information-processing tasks.

The Federal Government has committed \$9 million over the period 1979 to 1982 for other field trials and development and exploitation of Telidon by Canadian industry. Other trials, scheduled for later this year, will feature distribution of Telidon via telephone, fibre-optic cable and conventional cable television systems.



Thirty-five pages of Telidon text and graphics are now being experimentally broadcast in a continuous cycle by TVOntario, OECA's educational television network.

Wheat sale to Brazil

The Federal Government has signed an agreement to sell between 110.1 million and 143.1 million bushels of wheat to Brazil by 1982.

The agreement calls for the Canadian Wheat Board to provide 73.4 million bushels this year and 18.4 million bushels a year in 1981 and 1982. An additional 11 million bushels a year may be shipped if mutually agreed.

Canadian and Brazilian officials will meet periodically to negotiate specific contracts covering grades, prices and shipping schedules.

Mild weather eases oil demand

Supplies of oil products will continue to remain tight but manageable through the rest of the winter, the National Energy Board has announced in a recent statement regarding short-term product supplies.

The mild weather experienced country-wide so far this season has reduced demands for heating oil. The Board cautioned, however, that there were still the following uncertainties with respect to both crude oil and oil product supply:

- Conventional light crude oil is being produced at capacity, so that no extra productive capacity exists to replace any shortfalls which may occur.
- Reductions in supplies of foreign crude from traditional sources in 1980 have not wholly been replaced by planned imports.
- Fulfillment of companies' refining programs depends on no upsets in plants, particularly during spells of extreme cold when product inventories must be drawn down sharply.

The Board noted that some companies had recently made timely imports of light oil to the east and west coasts and said that encouragement was being given to refiners in Ontario and Quebec to process more heavy domestic crude oil whenever possible.

For the most part, the Board was satisfied that refiners were responding well in meeting supply obligations. Their task could be eased by public restraint in oil consumption. If the oil industry suffered no major disruption, oil product supplies should be adequate through the remainder of the winter season, said the Board.