

about the evolution of Quebec as symbolized by a simple rocking chair, won the Grand Prix at the festival. Directed by Frederic Back, an animator with Montreal's CBC Radio Canada, the film has already won several international awards, including last year's Oscar for best animated film.

Two other Canadian winners were: Pierre Veilleux's *Une Ame à Voile* which won a special Jury Prize for its graphic style, depicting with watercolours, pastels and music, a ship on the sea; and Steve Evangelatos of Ottawa won a Jury Prize for "absurdity of concept" in his *Clockwork Lemons*.

Despite being a relative newcomer to the animation festival scene, Ottawa's festival has gained attention since its inception in 1976. France's festival, which first began in 1956, is the oldest. Yugoslavia's festival started ten years ago and Bulgaria's is the most recent addition.

Festival director Kelly O'Brien said the Ottawa festival had brought together Canadian animators who had never met before. The festival was also a forum for discussion of common concerns: technical and computer advances that affect the state of the art, distribution, themes ranging from overt political messages to light exuberant treatments of every day situations and the important issue of funding.

News briefs

Minister of International Trade Ed Lumley recently announced that leather footwear has been added to the Import Control List making it necessary to obtain import permits for all non-rubber footwear imports. The new import quota applies to leather footwear imports from all sources. The level of leather footwear imports has been set at 11.1 million pairs and the quota will run concurrently with the present non-leather quota and terminate on November 30, 1984.

Quebec Environment Minister Marcel Leger and New York Commissioner of Environmental Conservation Robert Flacke, have signed an agreement to coordinate efforts to curb acid rain pollution through the operation of a joint information and research office. Quebec and New York will both invest \$100 000 for the establishment of offices in Quebec City and Rochester. A joint committee made up of seven members, including six representatives of non-governmental

organizations, will monitor the work of the offices.

Petro-Canada International Assistance Corporation, a unit of Petro-Canada, has signed an agreement with Petroleum Corporation of Jamaica to provide assistance in oil and gas exploration to that country. Under the agreement, Canadian companies will provide equipment and technology to Jamaica in the form of management services for drilling onshore and an assessment of Jamaica's onshore and offshore oil and gas potential. On-the-job training will also be provided to Jamaican technical personnel.

Northern Telecom Limited of Montreal has sold a 23.8-kilometre fibre optics system to Barbados Telephone Company for more than \$1.5 million. The company said installation of the system will begin later this year.

Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan recently announced the appointment of the advisory committee provided for in the Meat Import Act, which came into force February 11, 1982 and regulates imports of fresh, chilled and frozen beef and veal. A major role of the committee will be to advise the minister, starting in 1983, on beef import levels.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) and a consortium of seven banks, led by the Toronto Dominion International Bank Limited as agent, have signed a \$63.75-million (Cdn) financing agreement with Turkey, to support a sale of telephone equipment and services by Northern Telecom Limited (NTL) of Mississauga, Ontario.

Health and Welfare Canada has announced the awarding of national welfare fellowships to 15 Canadians. The fellowships, granted through the national welfare grants program of the Department of National Health and Welfare, are intended to help develop and increase personnel resources in teaching, research, policy planning and administration in the Canadian social welfare field. They are valued at approximately \$11 000 each plus tuition and travel expenses and dependents' allowance.

The city of Vancouver will not be 100 years old until 1986 but, a centennial commission is already planning a full year of celebrations. The year 1986 will be marked by a series of celebrations over the 12-month-period to honour the growth of Vancouver during its hundred years. The city itself has some 400 000 residents with a population of more than one million when suburban areas are included.



Eleri Evans, three, and her six-year-old sister Rhian wait with bated breath to quench their thirst. The sisters, dressed in traditional Welsh costumes, struck it rich at an old water pump at the annual picnic sponsored by the Ottawa Welsh Society.

The joint meeting of the American and Canadian societies of animal science was held last month at the University of Guelph in Guelph, Ontario. The meeting was the largest of its type ever held drawing together 2 446 animal scientists from 23 countries. More than 800 papers were presented at the meeting on subjects such as cloning and genetic manipulations of cells, animal welfare and aquaculture.

Teshmont Consultants Incorporated of Winnipeg, an associate of Monenco Limited of Montreal, has been awarded a \$1.1-million (U.S.) contract to act as technical consultant for a feasibility study on a 250-mile HVDC transmission system between Phoenix, Arizona and Lake Mead, Nevada.

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