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will increase by 22 per cent.

A special four-year allocation of \$350 million is being made to promote industrial restructuring and manpower retraining and mobility in areas of particular need.

Departments will have to meet rising demands for services with few increases in person-years apart from identified purposes such as the census.

Economic and fiscal outlook

Output of the economy is expected to decline by about 1 per cent in 1980 and grow by about the same amount in 1981 in the face of international economic difficulties, continued high inflation and higher interest rates. Real growth rates of

about 4 per cent are expected to start in late 1981.

A continued advance in the consumer price index of around 10 per cent is expected as higher food and energy prices are absorbed. The budget strategy will promote a gradual decline after 1981.

Under the impact of new energy taxes, budgetary revenues are expected to rise by 17.1 per cent in 1981-82 to \$52,935 million, and budgetary expenditures by 12.3 per cent to \$66,640 million.

The budgetary deficit is expected to decline from \$14.2 billion this fiscal year to \$13.7 billion in 1981-82 and then decline more rapidly in the following two years. Declines in cash requirements would be larger, to \$11 billion in 1981-82 and to \$8.4 billion and \$7.2 billion in the two subsequent years.

News briefs

Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan has announced that this year's Agricultural Outlook Conference will be held in Ottawa, December 8 and 9. The conference brings together heads of the federal and provincial departments of agriculture and representatives from farm organizations, universities, consumer groups, agribusiness and other government departments to discuss agricultural prospects for the coming year. Speakers will discuss general economic trends, the world agricultural and food outlook, Canadian agricultural and food market prospects in 1981, expected farm costs and incomes, and other issues important to the agriculture and food sector.

Federal approval has been given to Canadian Marine Drilling Limited (Canmar), a subsidiary of Dome Petroleum Limited, for the construction of their first artificial island for exploratory drilling of oil and gas in the Beaufort Sea. The artificial island, the eighteenth one

constructed in the Beaufort Sea over an eight-year period will be constructed in 27 metres of water in the dynamic ice zone; it is expected to be ready next year. Its primary purpose will be to provide a secure platform for exploratory drilling. On completion of exploratory drilling at the site, the island will be dismantled.

The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council has announced that 100 research fellowships for tenure in Canadian universities have been awarded. The 100 award winners were selected from among a field of 350 applicants nominated by Canadian universities. The awards, valued at up to \$23,500 each year, plus an annual research grant of up to \$10,000, will enable fellows to devote most of their time to research for up to five years.

Canadian George Zeeman recently placed first in the International Carpentry Contest against 39 other entrants in Cleveland, Ohio. He represented British Columbia in the contest, staged annually by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters for apprentices from across the United States and Canada. Mr. Zeeman was one of five Canadian contestants and the first Canadian to win the championship.

Secretary of State Francis Fox recently announced that grants totalling \$77,560 have been awarded to the Canadian Federation of Civil Liberties and Human Rights Associations. The grants will help the organization in promoting and distributing information and material on human rights to voluntary organizations and to the general public.

An agreement that will lead to a \$300-million investment in the Berland-Fox Creek area, 250 kilometres northwest of Edmonton has been signed between the Alberta government and British Columbia Forest Products Limited of Vancouver. BCFP will build a pulp-paper plant and two sawmills as part of a project to harvest up to 37 million cubic feet of timber a year from 7,720 square kilometres of forest and create about 1,000 jobs.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) has announced the conclusion of a \$7.4-million (U.S.) financing agreement in support of exports by Stelco Incorporated of Hamilton to the United States. The sale should generate 328 man-years of employment at Stelco's plants in Ontario. Stelco Inc. is Canada's leading steelmaker, producing 35 per cent of Canada's annual steel production. Sales in 1979 amounted to \$2.1 billion (Cdn.).

Health and Welfare Minister Monique Bégin has announced that projects involving 176 senior citizens groups across Canada will receive federal contributions totalling \$1,033,447. A total of 22,669 participants are directly involved. The funds are made available through the department's New Horizons program.



Getting away from it all in the city is not always possible, but in Calgary the residents are enjoying the Devonian Gardens, a hothouse atop Calgary's Toronto Dominion Square complex. The gardens feature more than a kilometre of pathways and special ramps for the handicapped, and a 5,000 square-foot pool that doubles as a skating rink in the winter.

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