

62 works from the Central Museum of Weaving, Łódz, Poland; an exhibition of etchings by the Tiepolos (Giambattista, Giandomenico and Lorenzo) from the Cooper-Hewitt Museum of Design, New York; and German expressionist prints from the McMaster University collection, (Hamilton, Ontario).

Also presented will be the work of two contemporary Canadian artists: James B. Spencer in an exhibition entitled *Waves and Mountains*, and Albert Dumouchel whose display, *The Artist as Printmaker*, includes some 60 works by this distinguished artist, who died in 1971.

Drawings, prints, manuscripts and posters; photographs, models and sketches in *Towards a New Theatre*: Edward Gordon Craig and *Hamlet*, illustrate Edward Gordon Graig's contribution to the development of theatre design. The exhibition highlights the *Moscow Hamlet*, produced at the Moscow Art Theatre in 1912. Materials were borrowed from England, Europe, the United States and Canada.

### Skate Canada '75

Skaters in the men's and ladies' singles and ice dancing from 14 countries, including Canada, will compete in the third annual Skate Canada competition in Edmonton, Alberta, from October 23 to 26.

Canadians competing will be: (men's singles) Toller Cranston, Toronto; Ron Shaver, Galt; Kevin Hicks, Windsor (all Ontario); (ladies' singles) Kim Alletson, Ottawa, Ontario; Susan MacDonald, Vancouver, British Columbia; Camille Rebus, Edmonton, Alberta; (ice dancing) Barbara Berezowski and David Porter, Toronto; Susan Carscallen and Eric Gillies, Toronto; Lorna Wighton, Don Mills and John Dowding, Oakville (also Ontario).

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### Caribbean seasonal workers program

The Caribbean Seasonal Workers Program will be extended to include seven islands of the Eastern Caribbean effective in January. The islands are: Grenada; the five West Indies Associated States of Antigua, Dominica, St. Christopher-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent; and Montserrat.

The change is simply a geographic extension of participation and will not have any direct bearing on the number of workers coming to Canada; that will continue to depend entirely on demand in Canada for seasonal workers and on their availability.

### Old age pensions rise

Increases in old age security pension and guaranteed income supplement payments, effective October, have been announced, representing the eighth quarterly escalation based on the cost of living, as provided for in the Old Age Security Act.

The new monthly total at the single rate for persons receiving both the basic old age security pension and the maximum guaranteed income supplement will be \$219.96.

For a married couple both pensioners, the combination of the basic pension and the maximum supplement will provide \$419.62 for the couple monthly.

The basic old age security pension will rise to \$129.28 from \$125.76.

The maximum guaranteed income supplement for a single person, or a married person whose spouse is not a pensioner, will go up in October to \$90.68 from \$88.21. The maximum supplement for a married couple, both pensioners, will increase to \$80.53 each from \$78.34. Added to the basic pension, this will give each married pensioner \$209.81 monthly.

### Spouse allowances

First payments in the new spouse's allowance program will also be made in October, with the maximum payment of \$209.81 comprising an amount equivalent to the basic old age security pension and an amount equivalent to the maximum guaranteed income supplement at the married rate. The maxi-

mum spouse's allowance will be reduced in accordance with the combined income of the couple.

The spouse's allowance may be paid to the spouse of an old age security pensioner if that person is between 60 and 65 years of age and has fulfilled the residence requirements. This new program was designed to provide relief in situations where two persons would otherwise have to live on one pension.

### Farmers looking more to crop insurance

About 55 per cent of the eligible farmers in Canada now carry crop insurance, with 101,756 users this year compared to 84,781 last year.

Premiums paid by governments and farmers this year totalled \$87 million for \$995 million of coverage.

"The state of the economy has created an awareness of the risk involved in farming," says G.M. Gorrell, Agriculture Canada's crop insurance division director. "The capital investment at stake is high. So is the cost of production and the final product price. Crop insurance guarantees the farmer some return on his investment."

This type of insurance has been available for 16 years, with Manitoba the first province to make use of it. In most provinces, the Federal Government and the farmers share the premiums equally, the province paying administration costs. In Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Quebec, the federal and provincial governments share the other 50 per cent.

Saskatchewan farmers bought most insurance last year, with 39,000 of them buying \$415-million worth of coverage. Alberta was second with 19,000 farmers putting \$200-million coverage on their crops. Ontario was third, with 16,000 farmers buying \$160-million coverage; and Manitoba was fourth with more than 14,000 farmers taking out \$120 million in coverage.

Last year substantial indemnity payments were made in all provinces, with autumn frost being the major cause of loss. Only in British Columbia, Alberta and Quebec did premium income exceed the amount paid in claims. The difference was met from reserve funds and through loans from the provincial and federal governments.