

not absorbed into other departments or transferred to other locations will receive compensation and pension benefits, etc., which will cost the company an estimated \$13 million.

The first catalogue printed by Eaton's appeared in 1884 — a 32-page folder describing merchandise available in the store. The catalogue sales operation, however, became a separate entity later. The University of Toronto Press published in 1969 pages of past Eaton's catalogues under the title of *A Shopper's View of the Past*. Old editions of the catalogue included items such as "ostrich plumes" for \$1.25, "granny's gift box crackers" for 15 cents and, in 1901, a rocking chair for \$1.25. A reproduction of the same chair in the 1976 spring and summer catalogue was priced at \$209.95.

Eaton's traditional guarantee, "goods satisfactory or money refunded", probably the first in Canada, is attributed to the faith customers placed in ordering merchandise by mail.

Visit of Pakistani Prime Minister

Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto of Pakistan will visit Canada from February 23 to 26.

Mr. Bhutto's program in Ottawa will include discussions with Prime Minister Trudeau on various aspects of Canada/Pakistan relations and on issues of international interest. While most of his stay will be spent in Ottawa, Prime Minister Bhutto is also expected to visit other Canadian centres.

New federal minimum wage

A new minimum wage for employees in industries under federal jurisdiction will become effective April 1, Labour Minister John Munro announced recently.

The minimum wage will go from \$2.60 an hour to \$2.90 an hour, while the minimum wage for employees under the age of 17 will be increased to \$2.65 an hour from \$2.35.

The present minimum has been in effect since last July.

About 20,300 workers will be affected by the increase, which falls within the federal anti-inflation guidelines.

Red Cross award winner

For the first time in the history of the Canadian Red Cross, a French-speaking woman from Quebec has earned the Florence Nightingale Medal, considered to be the highest international honour in nursing care.

The recipient, Jeannette Ouellet, has dedicated herself for 34 years to volunteer nursing care and has also been a hostess at Red Cross blood donor clinics.

Established in Geneva

The Florence Nightingale Medal, established in Geneva in 1912 by the International Committee of the Red Cross, is awarded as a symbol of gratitude to nurses and volunteers who have distinguished themselves by their outstanding contributions to the development and prestige of the nursing profession in difficult and dangerous situations, both in peace and in war.

Only 11 nurses have won this medal since the Second World War.

Varied service

Miss Ouellet, who joined the Red Cross in 1940 with an already long record of nursing service, has participated in some extraordinary operations, including rescue work at the scene of the disastrous landslide in Saint-Jean-Vianney, Quebec, in May 1971.



Jeannette Ouellet receives the Florence Nightingale Medal in the presence of Hugues Lapointe, Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec (left) and J.M. Clark, of the Canadian Red Cross executive committee.

During the Second World War she worked as a dedicated volunteer with the soldiers at the Quebec City Military Hospital.

In 1945 she was responsible for eight trips bringing back servicemen's wives from London, England.

In 1969 she permanently joined the Red Cross Blood Donor Service. Until very recently she worked with blood donor clinics in a number of regional centres in eastern Quebec.

Extra space available for European cattle imports

Canada still has space available for importing cattle from Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Holland, Italy, Switzerland and West Germany in the 1976-77 importation year, Canada Agriculture announced last month.

In past years, demand for import permits has exceeded the number available. This year, however, more are available and the number of applications has declined.

An additional 640 spaces are available in 1976-77 because a new animal quarantine station is opening on the French island of Miquelon. This station is being built by the Government of France for the use of Canadians and should be ready in time to receive its first shipment of cattle about the first of March. Import permits for this shipment of cattle were issued last year.

The Miquelon facility, along with existing stations at Grosse Ile, Quebec, and the French island of St. Pierre, will bring the total possible yearly importation of cattle to 1,504 head.

There will also be space for quarantining 100 sheep at the Miquelon station twice a year. Health conditions for importing sheep are being worked out between Canada and European countries.

Cabinet changes

The Prime Minister announced on January 22 that Jean Marchand had been appointed Minister of the Environment. Mr. Marchand replaces Mrs. Jeanne Sauvé, who became Minister of Communications in December.