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yielding high-quality raw materials. For example, Canada is recognized the world over for its black spruce, from which superior quality paper is made. Nevertheless, the Canadian pulp and paper industry is always looking for ways to improve its use of existing resources and to develop new sources of raw materials.

Canada, as a result, figures prominently in forestry research and development. Current agricultural activities are expected to lead to the breeding of superior species, the upgrading of techniques and increased production in existing forest areas. The pulp and paper industry participates in wood harvesting research to help reduce operating costs, improve site performance and develop methods for logging difficult sites. Paper pulp research has already contributed to higher fibre yields. With the discovery of new techniques, it will be possible to pulp dif-

ferent species and decrease energy costs at the same time.

The United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) predicts that paper and paperboard demand in the United States, Japan and western Europe will reach 177 million tonnes by 1990, an increase of 47 million tonnes over the 1980 total. Although this demand will be met mainly by the domestic industries in these countries, imports will inevitably increase.

Canada, with its relatively cheap and abundant natural resources, is committed to research and development, as well as to the modernization of its pulp and paper industry. As a result, Canada will be in a position to take advantage of the new markets and to maintain its world leadership in the export of forest products.

Importers will therefore continue to be guaranteed a stable supplier of high-quality products at competitive prices.

News briefs

Canada's universities will be the focus of public attention this autumn when campuses from coast to coast mark the achievements of higher education during National Universities Week. The celebration, the first of its kind to be held in Canada, has been scheduled for October 2-8. The purpose of the week is to highlight the role of Canadian universities in community, regional and national development. It will draw attention to the value of teaching, scholarship, research, and cultural and public service activities and will emphasize university contributions to business and industry.

Questor Surveys Limited of Mississauga has been awarded a \$2.5-million (US) airborne geophysical survey contract in the Philippines. The contract is to undertake an airborne geophysical survey over approximately 168 000 square kilometres in the Philippines. Questor Surveys Limited, one of Canada's largest airborne geophysical survey companies, won the contract against strong international competition.

The Canadian housing construction industry, which hit a 20-year low in 1982, will show dramatic improvement this year because of lower interest rates, government incentives and an increase in consumer confidence, according to the Housing and Urban Development Associa-

tion (HUDAC). In its economic forecast for 1983, HUDAC predicted housing starts would increase 20 per cent to 150 000 from last year's low of 125 860, with most of the new construction taking place in British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec.

The Calgary Tower has lost its top-of-the-town status after a 15-year reign as the tallest free-standing structure in western Canada. Construction workers have begun pouring concrete for the fifty-first floor of the Petro-Canada office tower in downtown Calgary, boosting its height to 191 metres. An independent team of engineers, who spent 12 hours sizing up the tower, determined it has a height of 187.7 metres. The \$200-million Petrocan project will be 54 storeys or 213 metres tall when it is finished.

The National Energy Board has ended a five-year ban on light crude oil exports. In a telex message to the industry, the board said it would consider applications for a total volume of 40 000 barrels a day of light crude exports for the period between March and December. Higher volumes may be allowed between March and May.

Raley's, a major California supermarket chain, has chosen Systemhouse Limited of Ottawa to install a computer system that will manage inventory and ordering for 42 stores in California and Nevada. The contract is valued at \$685 000.



The Citizen

A six-week-old mixed German shepherd puppy tugs on Muriel McKay's afghan as Lillian Dickonson looks on. The pup was visiting the Perley Hospital as part of a program by the Ottawa-Carleton Humane Society, which uses pets as therapy for the elderly.

The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council has awarded \$25.8 million in grants to university researchers for 1982-83. The grants are awarded for university research in selected fields of national importance. The fields include biotechnology, communications, energy, environmental toxicology, food/agriculture and oceans. In addition, a number of grants were awarded for research in fields other than those identified by council. The 1982-83 competition marked the first year that the area of biotechnology was identified as a separate and distinct field eligible for support under the strategic grants program.

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