

## News briefs

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau has named historian George F.G. Stanley as lieutenant governor of New Brunswick. Mr. Stanley, 74, a native of Calgary, is director of Canadian studies at Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick. He succeeds Hedard Robichaud, who retired in October after serving two terms as lieutenant governor.

Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce Herb Gray visited Chicago last month at the invitation of the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations (CCFR). Mr. Gray presented the opening speech to the CCFR conference on Canada-United States relations. The minister also met with representatives of the business community and the press to discuss issues relating to Canada and the United States.

Agriculture Canada is permitting imports of cattle from continental Europe and sheep from France this year. Shipment of the animals would take place in the fall of 1982. Import applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis, for cattle originating in Austria, Belgium, France, the Netherlands, Italy, Switzerland and Germany, and for sheep from France. Livestock imports from Europe are being resumed this year because the outbreak of foot and mouth disease which struck last year has been brought under control, according to the department.

Health and Welfare Minister Monique Bégin has announced that benefits to more than 1.3 million Canada Pension Plan recipients increased effective January 1, 1982. The annual adjustment, which this year is 12.3 per cent, is based on the rise in the cost of living over the past year. Currently some 837,700 persons receive Canada Pension Plan retirement pensions, 94,100 are disability pensioners and 276,300 persons receive surviving spouses pensions.

Fan Hanover, an Albatross filly owned by Dr. Glen Brown of Brampton, Ontario was chosen the 1981 harness horse of the year by the United States Trotting Association. The horse, which won the Little Brown Jug earlier this year, received 133 of the 248 ballots. She had become the first filly to win the Jug, the final leg of pacing's Triple Crown in the United States. Fan Hanover earned \$497,818 this year placing first in 17 of the 23 races she entered, including 12 stakes. Her owner plans to race her again in 1982 and then breed her in 1983.



Figure skater Elizabeth Manley (right) of Nepean, near Ottawa, shows her mother, Joan, the bronze medal she won in the women's singles competition of the world junior figure skating championships held recently in West Germany.

The federal government is contributing \$347,628 to Memorial University in Newfoundland for a nutrition education project in Labrador. The goal of this project is to increase nutrition awareness and knowledge, and to influence food habits of residents of the Labrador Coast.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) has signed a \$6.7-million (U.S.) loan agreement to support the sale of Canadian goods and services to Denmark. The project involves the sale of one DHC-7 aircraft, related spares, equipment and services by de Havilland of Canada Limited to Maersk Air I/S. The aircraft will be used on the airline's scheduled route network in Denmark.

Computing Devices Company of Ottawa has won a \$5-million contract to supply computerized acoustic equipment for Britain's fleet of maritime patrol aircraft. Under the contract, Computing Devices will build some of the equipment that will be used in post-flight analysis of aircraft tapes made during anti-submarine patrol by Britain's Nimrod airplanes.

The government of Manitoba has established a 24-hour "hotline" to handle environmental accidents in Manitoba. The telephone line to the province's main accident reporting centre, was set up to improve the province's emergency response to environmental mishaps. Industries such as bulk oil dealerships, transport trucking agencies, fertilizer storage sites, pesticide dealers, chemical

companies, hazardous waste users and weigh scale operators are being made aware of the line.

More than 3,000 Greek and Italian high school students are participating in a McGill-Montreal Children's Hospital genetic screening program to identify carriers of the gene for an incurable hereditary anemia called Thalassemia. The program is similar to one McGill established for Montreal's Jewish community in 1972 to identify carriers of the Tay-Sachs gene. The incidence of Tay-Sachs disease decreased by 80 per cent in North America after the introduction of widespread testing. It is hoped that the same results can be achieved for Thalassemia disease in Quebec.

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