

Another Canada-U.S.S.R. hockey series?

It is possible that Canada and the Soviet Union will play another hockey series next year, according to Doug Fisher, president of the board of Hockey Canada. "There is an excellent chance that the best of Canadian players will comprise a national team and Hockey Canada is aiming at a world hockey cup series on an annual basis," he stated.

Last autumn, Team Canada, which was made up of professional players of the National Hockey League, beat the Soviet Union team, four games to three with one tie, in a series of eight games — four in Canada and four in the U.S.S.R. The Canadians also played two games against a Swedish team in Stockholm, before the Moscow series, winning one and tying one and, in Prague, after the series, they tied a Czechoslovakian team.

Hockey Canada announced that last autumn's games netted a little over \$900,000, of which \$500,000 will be used to develop young hockey players through Hockey Canada and the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association. The remaining \$400,000 will be put into the National Hockey League Players' Association pension fund.

The sale of television rights was the chief source of revenue from the games, the largest expenditures being travel, accommodation, equipment and salaries.

Commons salute Mr. St. Laurent

Members of the House of Commons for the first time extended birthday congratulations to a living former Prime Minister of Canada, Louis St. Laurent, who was 91 years old on February 1.

The suggestion for the greetings was made by the man who replaced Mr. St. Laurent as Prime Minister, John G. Diefenbaker, who said "we often wait until great men who have devoted themselves to their country pass on before acknowledging their contributions", adding that posthumous tributes did not have the "same meaning" as those paid when a man was still alive.

Prime Minister Trudeau endorsed Mr. Diefenbaker's statement that the House send "good wishes, felicitations and congratulations, coupled with the hope he will have many more years", as did another veteran Parliamentarian Stanley Knowles, who was elected at the same time as Mr. St. Laurent in 1942, and Gerard Laprise, who worked "under him".

Trade with Venezuela

Canada and Venezuela have renewed their commercial *modus vivendi* for another year, Secretary of State for External Affairs Mitchell Sharp announced recently.

The agreement signed on January 22, which was first brought into force in 1950 and has been renewed annually since that time, provides for the regulation of trade between Canada and Venezuela. It assures Canada most-favoured-nation treatment in trade with Venezuela and has contributed to the significant expansion of Canadian trade with that country since its entry into force.

Increased federal support for day care

The Federal Government may spend \$8 million on day-care services this year, according to Health and Welfare Minister Marc Lalonde.

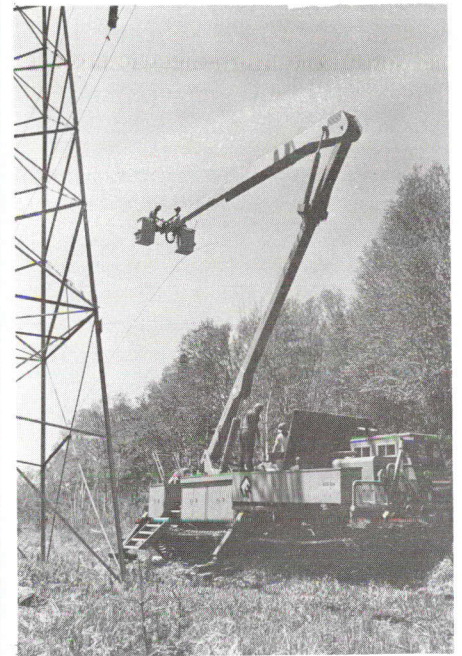
The additional expenditures are expected to result from amendments to the regulations of the Canada Assistance Plan that permit the Federal Government to share with the provinces the day-care costs of rent, equipment, supplies, food, and facility depreciation, as well as certain other expenditures. These are in addition to the salaries and other items previously shared. In 1971, the Health and Welfare Department spent approximately \$4 million on day-care.

A survey taken in 1971, conducted by the National Day Care Information Centre, obtained information about day-care services in Canada and their degree of need.

The survey indicated an increasing need for day care, the greatest need being for children younger than three and for school-age children.

A vehicle for all seasons

Ontario Hydro has a vehicle that will go virtually anywhere, any time, in any kind of weather. *Foremost*, a 29-ton, double-track vehicle that looks something like a cross between a *Sherman* tank and a crane, lifts linemen as high as 75 feet in the air in insulated buckets where they can work on live 500,000-volt lines.



Ontario Hydro photo

Twenty-nine-ton Foremost can lift linemen to a height of 75 feet.

It reduces muscle work and fatigue by eliminating tower-climbing, enabling senior linemen to work aloft with younger crew members.

With a length of 41 feet and a speed of 12 miles an hour under good conditions, *Foremost* is particularly suited for use in muskeg or snow.

With nearly 500 off-highway vehicles of all shapes and sizes, the Hydro fleet is worth about \$2,800,000, but it's an investment that has paid for itself many times over in terms of hours saved in the construction and maintenance of vital power facilities.

Tree transplanter

One of the most recent additions is the *Vermeer* tree spade, a giant hydraulic device capable of digging up and transplanting trees that are 15 to 25 feet high.

Mounted on a powerful tracked ve-