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Dr. MacGuigan told the Chamber that he believed Canada and Italy would benefit through more frequent and systematic bilateral consultation on political and economic problems. He said such bilateral consultation would "more clearly identify and effectively promote common objectives and interests we hold in areas of vital importance to our future well-being".

The minister also said that he would like to see Canada and Italy join efforts to foster free trade. He said that Italy could, as a founding member and senior partner in the Economic European Community, press its Common Market partners to resist protectionist pressure and to be more outward-looking. "...We in Canada with our special ties with the United States will endeavour to impress more convincingly upon that country the need to maintain open liberal trading policies," said Dr. MacGuigan. The minister said the natural tendency towards protectionist policies that is evident during periods of world economic stress must be rejected.

"Canada and Italy, both dependent on international trade, are acutely aware of the reality of interdependence in the modern world. I believe we can both make a constructive contribution by sharing our perception, approaches and experiences in this regard," he said.

Dr. MacGuigan suggested that both countries enhance scientific and technical exchanges and explore ways of expanding economic co-operation. At present there is Italian participation in the James Bay Hydroelectric Project in Quebec and there are a number of joint ventures being planned for Third World countries. The minister said that potential joint ventures in the areas of agriculture, energy, communications, defence production and space should be examined.

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News briefs

Michael Warren, general manager of the Toronto Transit Commission and head of the Canadian National Exhibition, became the first president of the Canada Post Corporation, effective June 1. Mr. Warren is serving as special adviser to Postmaster-General André Ouellet.

Ontario Hydro has approved construction of a \$6.1-million steam line at the Bruce nuclear power development on Lake Huron, which is to serve as a link with what is believed to be the world's first industrial park using surplus steam from power reactors as a feedstock. The mile-long, 24-inch line will run from a steam transformer plant towards the development's east boundary. A second stage will carry the line another two miles east to the edge of a 2,000-acre tract already acquired by promoters of the industrial park.

The Royal Bank has introduced an export-financing service called "a forfait" that allows Canadian exporters to receive full cash payment instantly on credit-based foreign sales. This device will be available on a fixed-rate basis to cover credit extended up to five years.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) has announced allocations totalling \$5.6 million (U.S.) under a line of credit with Comision Federal de Electricidad (CFE) of Mexico to support sales by three Canadian exporters. The transactions involved are: a sale of specialized utility vehicles (truck mounted equipment) by Wajax International Limited of Markham, Ontario; a sale of electricity meters by Sangamo Canada of Toronto; and a sale of feedwater heaters by Foster Wheeler Limited of St. Catharines, Ontario.

Most provincial economies will be more robust in 1981, the Conference Board predicts in its quarterly forecast of provincial economies. Quebec will experience real growth of 2.1 per cent, Ontario 1.9 per cent, Alberta 4 per cent (slightly lower than in 1980), British Columbia 3.6 per cent, Saskatchewan 5.6 per cent, Manitoba and New Brunswick 2 per cent, Nova Scotia 3.4 per cent, Newfoundland 5 per cent and Prince Edward Island 1.4 per cent.

Campeau Corporation will be a partner with the Bank of Nova Scotia in a \$450-million headquarters building for the bank in downtown Toronto. Construc-

tion is expected to begin in 1982.

Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick have been chosen as the location for 13 half-hour segments of the popular U.S. country and western television series, *Nashville on the Road*. Under co-operative arrangements made by Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and the Canadian Government Office of Tourism, the provinces will provide the backdrop for musical talent from Canada and the U.S.

Ten Canadian scientists will share a total of \$249,193 in health research awards made available by the Department of National Health and Welfare.

The New Brunswick government has signed a five-year oil shale exploration agreement with Canadian Occidental Petroleum Limited of Calgary. Canadian Occidental has committed up to \$2.16 million over the term of its agreement for exploration.

The federal government has set up a task force to identify opportunities for developing energy conservation technologies and to find ways of applying these commercially. The task force has also been asked to determine how these technologies can best be disseminated to the various sectors of the Canadian economy.

Students from across Canada gathered in Quebec recently for a week-long national debating conference. The 77 high school students travelled to Montreal for the conference sponsored by the Canadian Student Debating Federation. All delegates were twinned with students from the host city. The Montreal student hosts will make reciprocal visits to their twin during the summer. The students' travel costs were funded by the federal government under its Open House Canada program, which encourages young people to learn more about Canada's geography and cultural variety by making reciprocal visits with others who live in a different region of Canada.

Six athletes have been named to Canada's Sports Hall of Fame. Jacques Plante, one of the top goaltenders in the history of the National Hockey League, was named to the Hall along with Irene MacDonald, the only Canadian diver ever to win a medal in Olympic competition. Also honoured were the yachting trio of Glen Dexter, Sandy MacMillan and Andreas Josenhans, who teamed up to win two world yachting championships; and Gordon Juckes, a major contributor to the success of amateur hockey.