

sieges were laid, or as a military installation whose defeat contributed to the conquest of Canada.

"Louisbourg is interesting as a more European, and possibly more sophisticated, colony than Quebec; as a maritime and commercial centre whose fisheries far outweighed the fur trade in value; and as a culture increasingly distinct from that of the French hinterland.

"The staff at Louisbourg are re-learning and demonstrating the trades, skills, attitudes, social customs and values of an earlier and quite different culture. Those who visit Louisbourg seldom go away without an appreciation of the intangible elements in their heritage.

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"The use of costumed animators is important; not because it is a "crowd pleaser" and an inducement to visit the site. Animation at Louisbourg aims not at demonstrating familiar frontier crafts, or firing guns, but at portraying the everyday life of a community.

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"Louisbourg continues to be Parks Canada's most ambitious attempt to develop its historic resources...."

News briefs

- The Commissioner (Minister) for Foreign Affairs of Ghana, Colonel R.J.A. Felli, visited Canada from September 19 to 22, during which he held talks with Don Jamieson, Secretary of State for External Affairs and James A. Richardson, Minister of Defence, on questions of mutual concern as well as Canada's economic development program in Ghana.
- The federal Advisory Council on the Status of Women has urged Canadian women to withdraw their money from

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Manitoba borrows Swiss francs

Premier Ed Schreyer of Manitoba said a loan amounting to 150 million Swiss francs (about \$58 million Canadian) had been negotiated at what he termed the "exceptionally good rate" of 6 1/8 per cent.

The loan, a private placement through the Union Bank of Switzerland is dated September 20. The seven-year notes

will be sold to investors at par, to yield them 6 1/8 per cent. The notes are callable at the option of the province any time after four years.

The proceeds of the loan will be used for general capital purposes of the Manitoba government. The Legislature voted \$69 million for general purposes in the capital supply bill this year, of which \$58 million is being met through the low-interest loan just negotiated.

banks which do not have women on their boards of directors. The council criticized the chief executives of the Royal Bank of Canada and the Bank of Nova Scotia, who said recently they could not find qualified women to fill directors' positions.

■ A delegation from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, led by Mr. Hoang Luong, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, visited Canada from September 27 to October 2. During his stay in Ottawa, the Vice-Minister called on the Secretary of State for External Affairs and held discussions with Canadian officials on matters of mutual interest. The delegation also visited Toronto and Montreal.

■ The Department of Communications announced on September 23 that an international group, including the Canadian Government, would begin negotiations with the U.S. firm General Electric to build an experimental satellite system to improve air-traffic control over the Atlantic Ocean. The first of the two satellites, to be launched in late 1979, would be followed eight months later by a second satellite. Canada is to have a 6 per cent interest in ownership of the system.

■ The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission, in a statement dated September 23, announced the postponement of further implementation of the controversial policy that sought to prohibit Canadian cable operators from carrying FM radio signals from the United States. All cable operators who had been ordered to delete U.S. FM signals can apply to start carrying the stations again.

■ Claude Wagner, chief Conservative spokesman for Quebec, has resigned as head of the party's committee of chairmen. Opposition Leader Joe Clark said the resignation reflected no major

disagreements between him and Mr. Wagner, who accompanied Mr. Clark on a 17-day tour beginning September 4 to Germany, Belgium, Italy, France, Switzerland and Britain.

■ Jean-Pierre Goyer, Minister of Supply and Services, represented Canada at the opening of a 427-kilometre road in Niger during a visit from September 22-24. The road, costing \$32.5 million and assisted by a Canadian Government loan, is essential to Niger's economic development.

■ Inco Limited increased its various primary nickel product prices by an average of 9.6 per cent on October 1. The new price for electrolytic nickel and refined nickel pellets is \$2.41 (U.S.) a pound. The price for nickel oxide sinter 75 is \$2.27 (U.S.) a pound nickel content. Corresponding changes are being made in all markets.

■ Robin Phillips, Artistic Director of the Stratford Festival, has signed a new five-year contract effective November 1, 1976. Mr. Phillips, who assumed responsibility for the Festival's artistic direction in 1974, following the resignation of Jean Gascon, has been responsible for the formation of a Young Company which toured Canada in 1975. Mr. Phillips' plans for the Festival's twenty-fifth anniversary season next year include a return of the celebrated Maggie Smith and Brian Bedford. In addition, he has effected the return to the Festival of Canada's internationally-acclaimed Kate Reid. His policy, whenever possible, includes the return of leading Canadian actors, who have been pursuing careers elsewhere.