

Weatherman goes metric

An important step toward metric conversion in Canada took place on April 1 when the Atmospheric Environment Service of Environment Canada introduced temperature reports in degrees Celsius.

Public forecasts, information provided through the media and responses to telephone enquiries all reflected the change.

The ninth General Conference on Weights and Measures adopted the Celsius degree as the temperature standard in 1948. The Celsius scale was devised some 230 years ago by the Swedish astronomer Anders Celsius, who divided the temperature range between the freezing and boiling points of water into 100 equal units or degrees.

To help Canadians to become familiar with the system, Environment Canada published the following temperatures for easy reference:

Water boils	100°C
Normal body temperature	37°C
Room temperature	20°C
Water freezes	0°C
Car won't start	-35°C

Almost 95 per cent of the world's population live in countries which are using or are changing to the metric system. Countries currently making the changeover include Britain, Australia and New Zealand, traditional users of the inch-pound system.

Metric conversion will be introduced gradually in weather forecasts and reports. Within the next year precipitation, wind speed and atmospheric pressure will be provided in metric units.

The introduction of the Celsius degree is an important step towards metric conversion and is in keeping with other changes occurring throughout Canada.

Women's status grant to Colombia

The Colombian Association for the Study of Population, has received \$60,000 from the Canadian-funded International Development Research Centre (IDRC) for a two-year study on the status and role of the Colombian and Latin American women in a transitional society.

Britannia airways chooses CAE for Boeing 737 simulator

CAE Electronics Ltd has been chosen by Britannia Airways to develop and manufacture a Boeing 737-200 flight simulator for delivery late in 1976.

Britannia Airways, based at Luton Airport in England, operates a fleet of 14 Boeing 737 twin-jet aircraft on international charter and inclusive tour flights serving the Mediterranean area, Spain, the Canary Islands and other areas.

Although CAE has manufactured simulators for the Boeing 747 and 727, the Lockheed 1011 TriStar and the Douglas DC-8, DC-9 and DC-10 jet aircraft types, and a variety of heli-

copters and military aircraft, this is the first order for a Boeing 737 simulator.

Currently under development at CAE are eight commercial flight simulators, including two Boeing 747s, three DC-9s, two Boeing 727s and now the Boeing 737.

In addition, the company is in the process of delivering eight Bell UH-1D helicopter simulators to the defence forces of West Germany, and is developing two CH-53 simulators for the same customer and a CH-47C helicopter simulator with visual attachment for the Government of Iran.



Shakespeare sonnets for Stratford Festival Foundation

A special collectors' edition of Shakespeare's sonnets, held above by British actress Dame Peggy Ashcroft, examined by Ontario's Agent General in London, Ward Cornell, is destined for the Stratford Shakespearean Festival Foundation in Ontario. Dame Peggy presented the book recently to Canada's High Commissioner in Britain, Paul Martin, to mark the

centenary this year of Britain's Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford-upon-Avon.

Similar copies of the book were given to representatives of Australia and New Zealand by the publishers, Shephard-Walwyn of London, to acknowledge the strong ties between the theatre of the bard and major theatres in Commonwealth countries.