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tourists for Canada, behind Britain, West Germany and France. The ski resorts of the Rockies are now attracting a great percentage of Japan's 12 million skiers.

Canadian Ambassador to Japan Bruce Rankin, and his wife, recently awarded Hirao and Hatanaka a certificate of appreciation for their song's contribution to an interest in travel in Canada, and the Canadian Government Office of Tourism in Japan is distributing brochures with the promotional release of 30,000 copies of the album.

Family Productions, the composer's music company, is planning a trip to Canada and the United States, and may release an English version of *Love Letter from Canada*.

News briefs

The governments of Canada and New Brunswick have agreed to co-operate in informing citizens about programs that are jointly financed by the two governments, so that taxpayers can take full advantage of such services. Ministers of departments administering the programs will be responsible for putting the agreement into effect. Such an arrangement already exists with respect to federal-provincial development projects under the Department of Regional Economic Expansion. An agreement between the Federal Government and Manitoba has existed since 1975 covering shared-cost programs generally.

Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs Allan Gotlieb is one of four Canadian citizens newly appointed to the International Development Research Centre.

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The public corporation was created by the Parliament of Canada in 1970 to support research designed to adapt science and technology to the needs of developing countries.

The National Research Council's Industrial Research Assistance Program (IRAP), which last year committed over \$17 million in grants to industry in Canada, has come to the assistance of a Canadian hockey stick manufacturer. Canadian Hockey Industries Ltd. of Drummondville, Quebec, has employed innovative technology to produce a "synthetic" stick using a blade made of a plastic core sandwiched between fibreglass layers. The blade is strong, lightweight and more elastic than traditional wooden ones. As a result, total production has risen to 2,600 sticks a day and is currently running behind sales demand.

Geordie Tocher, Karin Lind and Gerhard Kiesel have left Vancouver harbour for Hawaii in an Indian war canoe. Mr. Tocher spent two-and-a-half years carving the canoe, named *Orenda*, from a giant Douglas fir. The trio hope to prove that the Haida Indians preceded them 1,400 years ago.

A handbook listing Canadian hostels, published annually by the Canadian Hostelling Association (CHA) is available from the national office at 333 River Street, Ottawa, K1L 8B9, or in Toronto, at 8 York Street, M5J 1R2. A Youth Hostel International membership card is valid all over the world and a Federation of International Travel Organizations card, available at \$2 from any CHA office, provides many extra benefits round the world — lower fares on trains and buses, lower admissions on attractions, and concessions on hotel rates. Overnight accommodation provided by the CHA usually ranges from \$1.50 to \$3.50.

The Canadian National Exhibition celebrates its one hundredth birthday this year. In addition to the regular performances patrons will be able to buy a 25-cent haircut or a two-cent newspaper. Side shows and steam-powered rides reminiscent of the late Twenties will be available on the midway. A typical Canadian main street of the 1890s will be constructed complete with barbershop, bakery, butcher shop, and ice cream parlor. The CNE Press Building will display slides and mementos dating back to 1879, when the Ex was just a small agricultural fair.

McGill University's conferences and

special events department, which brings thousands of convention visitors to Montreal every year, has won international recognition as the first North American convention organizer to be accepted into the International Association of Professional Congress Organizers (IAPCO). This brings to 20 the number of carefully chosen members from 14 countries in Europe, North America and South America.

Seven royal deer — two stags and five hinds — a silver jubilee gift to Nova Scotia by Queen Elizabeth, were expected to arrive in Canada sometime last month. In Nova Scotia they will roam the 250-acre Shubenacadie Wildlife Park, between Halifax and Truro. Eventually, authorities hope that a Canadian herd will grow, matching the 700 deer in Richmond Royal Park in England, which are rated as one of the finest deer herds in the world.

Major corporations plan capital outlays totalling \$19.47 billion this year, up 13.1 per cent from expenditures in 1977, according to a survey by the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

A widespread problem in prairie grain fields may be solved, thanks to the work of a scientist at Agriculture Canada's research station at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Dr. S.H.F. Chinn, a soil microbiologist at the station, has identified a fungicide that he thinks may control common root rot of wheat and barley. The fungicide — imazalil — dramatically reduced the disease in wheat grown at the station last year. Root rot reduces crop yields by as much as 10 per cent.

One of North America's rare and endangered bird species, a Kirtland's Warbler, was spotted recently in the Gatineau Valley in Quebec. Only two confirmed sightings of the species have occurred in Canada since 1967. The world population is estimated at less than 500 adult birds.

Twelve students and a teacher from St. John's School of Ontario at Claremont, near Toronto, drowned after their four canoes tipped over on Lake Timiskaming, about 435 kilometres north of Toronto. A surviving teacher said "small accidents", the cliffs and rough terrain on the shore frustrated all attempts to rescue the boys. The trip was one of the arduous outdoor activities used by the school to shape character — balanced by rigorous schoolwork and "boarding-house" chores. (See *Canada Weekly* dated September 21, 1977, P. 4.)