

Games for the Paralyzed, the original name of the competitions, were founded in 1952 by Sir Ludwig Guttmann, a doctor who originated organized sports for the disabled in England after the Second World War.

The games have been held in Rome, Tokyo, Tel Aviv and Heidelberg, each time following the Olympic Games.

The 1976 Paralympics will have blind and amputee competitors for the first time. Until this year, only wheelchair athletes were admitted to the games.

Vancouver orchestra on tour

The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra conducted by Kazuyoshi Akiyama is on a cross-Canada tour, this month, with performances in Ottawa, Hamilton, Montreal, Winnipeg, Saskatoon and Edmonton. The Vancouver Symphony is the first major Canadian symphony orchestra to tour Canada under the sponsorship of Placer Development Limited and a grant by the Touring Office of the Canada Council.

Three concerts will be given in British Columbia, close to Placer's area of operations — in Kamloops, Williams Lake and in Prince George. The tour opened with a performance in Vancouver.

Placer Development, a British Columbia company engaged in mineral exploration, development and operation of mines on an international basis, is sponsoring the tour to commemorate its fiftieth anniversary of operations in Canada. Ten of the 13 concerts on the tour are sponsored by Placer.

The Vancouver Symphony makes the tour under the direction of Kazuyoshi Akiyama, who was appointed its resident conductor and music director in 1972. He is also permanent conductor and music director of the Tokyo Symphony.

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mendous, long-term payoffs in creating jobs, providing food resources, improving soil and climate.

- Timber as an export crop is becoming increasingly more valuable as metals are depleted. For some developing countries, lumber exports have already become the largest earners of foreign currency.
- Wood harvesting and manufacture require comparatively small expenditures of energy. A ton of steel requires six

times more energy to produce than a ton of lumber and a ton of aluminum, 40 times more.

- CIDA has commissioned forest inventories, sponsored the training of foresters and assigned experts to forest services in developing countries for a decade or more.
- The aims of CIDA forestry programs are to help less-developed countries place existing forest resources under sound management, to create new forest resources and to further the national use and commercialization of forest resources.

News briefs

■ The Canadian Ambassador to the United States and the U.S. Ambassador to Canada expressed general satisfaction on May 12 with the current state of relations between their two countries. "I believe there has been a real and important improvement in our relations during the last four years," Canadian envoy J.H. Warren told a conference organized by the Canadian Institute of International Affairs in Winnipeg. Thomas Enders, recently appointed U.S. Ambassador to Canada, said the two countries appeared to be at a major turning point in their relations, with some good opportunities for future co-operation.

■ Canadians born in Italy are reacting strongly to the recent earthquakes in northern Italy. At May 10, over half a million dollars had been raised by the 50,000 former residents of the Friuli region now in Canada. Canadian Pacific and Alitalia flew home free former residents of the region. Some 200 Canadian forces personnel were sent immediately to the area from Canadian bases in Europe. The Federal Government will contribute \$1 million in relief funds to victims of the earthquake. Prime Minister Trudeau told the Commons the aid would be in addition to help given by Canadian troops and immigration officials in Italy.

■ A provincial trade mission under Al Curtin of the Alberta Export Agency, is exploring trade possibilities in Central America. The three-week mission is visiting private and official organizations in El Salvador, Costa

Rica, Venezuela, Trinidad, Honduras and Guatemala.

■ Lower meat prices once more helped hold down the rise in the cost of living during April, says Statistics Canada. The consumer price index was up four-tenths of 1 per cent last month, the same rise as during March. Over 12 months the index increased 8.9 per cent.

■ Polish Foreign Minister Stefan Olszowski was in Canada in May for a six-day tour during which he spoke with British Columbia, Quebec and federal officials. Among his major interests is the Canadian pulp and paper industry with the possibility of Canadian technology being used in development of a production operation near Kwidzin, Poland.

■ The Federal Government had 458,626 employees as of December 1975, up 7,080 from the 1974 figure. Total payroll for the quarter was \$1,553.7 million, an increase of \$153.0 million over the same quarter for 1974.

■ National unemployment jumped sharply to 769,000 or 7.4 per cent of the work force during April as 10,000 more Canadians were without jobs than there were a month earlier, Statistics Canada reports. The April jobless rate was up from 6.9 per cent in March, marking the highest unemployment rate in 15 years.

■ St. Francis Xavier University is running a summer course in "new math". That's not so surprising, except that it's for parents. Its main object is to clarify the topics of today's mathematics and to bridge a generation gap in education.