

News briefs

Canadian agricultural companies will participate in Portugal's largest annual agricultural show in Santaren, June 6-16. The fair will highlight all aspects of agriculture, including livestock, breeding technology, seeds, chemicals, production techniques and machinery. Areas of special interest to Canadian companies range from animal breeding technology to dryland farming techniques and small-scale equipment. Other areas include cataloguing techniques, research and development, specialty crop seeds and plant breeding technology, specialized farm machinery, and machinery and techniques in agro industry. There is also a good market for seed potatoes, cereals, oilseeds — canola, soybean and sunflower — as well as specialty seeds.

The New Democratic Party, with leader Tony Penikett, won eight of the 16 seats in the Yukon's territorial election on May 13. The Conservatives, with leader Willard Phelps, won six seats and the Liberals, with leader Roger Coles, won two. The Conservative Party has been in power since self-government was adopted in the Yukon in 1978.

The seventh convention of the World

Spinning for spinal research



Rick Hansen of Vancouver, British Columbia crosses San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge on his way around the world. One of Canada's leading disabled athletes, Mr. Hansen hopes to raise \$10 million for spinal research. He started his 17-month 40 000-kilometre world tour in his wheelchair on March 21 in Vancouver.

Federation of Rose Societies will be hosted by the Canadian Rose Society in Toronto, Ontario this June. Known as "Rosecapades '85", this is the first time this international meeting will be held in Canada. In addition to the six days of the actual convention, many pre- and post-conference tours have been scheduled.

Feed-Rite Limited of Winnipeg, Manitoba has completed an agreement for the sale of animal feed supplement to China. The \$12 000 (US) sale is believed to be the first of its kind for a Canadian firm. Successful feed-trial tests by the company in China, arranged through the Department of External Affairs and financed by the Canadian International Development Agency, showed that with minimal supplements and improved management techniques, China could use its own breeds to obtain higher lean-to-fat ratios. Feed-Rite has sent a team to assist in mixing the supplement and expects increased sales in China.

The Canadian Pulp and Paper Association has reported that newsprint production by Canadian mills in March rose 20.3 per cent to 801 000 tonnes, compared with the March figure a year earlier. For the first three months of 1985, production was 2 331 000 tonnes, a 14-per-cent increase from 1984. Shipments in March were 806 000 tonnes, up 19.7 per cent from that of a year ago. For the three-month period they totalled 2 554 000 tonnes, an 11.7 per cent increase since last year.

The Waterloo County Board of Education has become the first in Canada to design a special classroom for students with extreme allergies or sensitivity to the environment. The classroom, being built at a high school in Kitchener, Ontario, will accommodate about eight students this fall — preventing their exposure to substances that provoke symptoms ranging from severe headaches to exhaustion. It will have ceramic tile floors, pure cotton curtains, old oak school desks, latex rather than oil-based paint, hot-water heating rather than forced air, and an air purification system. Board officials say the materials for the room will cost no more than those used in regular classrooms. Dr. John Gerrard, a pediatric allergist at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon, said that while he's sure the classroom is a first in Canada, "it might even be the first on the North American continent".

Trivial Pursuit, the highly-successful question and answer game that has made its Canadian creators, Chris Haney, John Haney, Ed Werner and Scott Abbott, multimillionaires, has at least 85 variations and imitations for sale in the US market. According to the Toy Manufacturer's Association

in New York, they range from general categories like politics, religion, sports, or blacks, to regions including New York and San Francisco, or to famous people like Elvis Presley or Michael Jackson. While the original game of *Trivial Pursuit* sold between 20 and 24 million copies in the US last year and it has been translated into Spanish, French, Dutch, German and Portuguese versions as well, many of the imitations have also been successful in the marketplace.

First ladies discuss drug abuse



Mila Mulrone (left) with Nancy Reagan at the drug abuse conference in Washington.

Mila Mulrone, wife of Prime Minister Brian Mulrone, attended the First Ladies Conference on Drug Abuse in Washington, D.C. in late April. Hosted by Nancy Reagan and attended by 18 first ladies from many parts of the world, the conference was the first of its type.

After the Washington meeting, the first ladies travelled to Atlanta, Georgia, where they participated in another conference sponsored by the Parents Resource Institute for Drug Education, an international organization established to fight drug abuse. Some 2 000 delegates from 30 countries attended.

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