

Snow problem 'sno problem at Quebec winter carnival



Quebec City is the scene of winter fun and games at carnival time in February. For ten days, residents and tourists – many from the United States – take part in the activities. Prizes are given for the best snow sculptures and events include “pee wee” hockey competitions; the North American Olympic Carnival Hockey Tournament; a motor-cycle derby on ice; international dog-sled races; a soap-box derby; roller skating; snow-shoe races; a curling bonspiel; a tug o’war; speed skating; cross-country ski races; broom-ball; a lumberjack competition; and (above) a canoe race across the icy St. Lawrence River. (Below) Governor-General Edward Schreyer, who opened this year’s carnival – the twenty-fifth – congratulates Carnival Queen Christine Cantin. Mrs. Schreyer and “Bonhomme Carnaval” look on.



Quebec Government Office of Tourism

Deep-sea shipping policy ready to protect Canadian interests

Canada is prepared to enact legislation to protect its international shipping interests, Transport Minister Otto Lang announced recently. In addition, the Government will encourage the use of Canadian ships in the transportation of Arctic resources.

In a letter to four leading shipping associations which submitted a brief on shipping policy matters to him last year, Mr. Lang stated the following policies:

- there will be a continued reliance on the international shipping market to supply most Canadian deep-sea requirements;
- while no new financial or tax incentives for a Canadian-registered fleet are proposed at this time, Canadian flag vessels, where available at reasonable cost, are to be used as a condition of export of processed or partly processed resources from the Arctic;
- the Government is prepared to consider requests for assistance in the use of Canadian-built and registered vessels related to Arctic development;
- the Government will introduce legislation allowing it to act where national interests are threatened by foreign governments or carriers, to permit the designation of “Canadian” shipping lines, and to provide for agreements enabling Canadian companies to trade in areas where they might otherwise be precluded.

Academic exchange with Finland

Twelve staff and students from Montreal’s McGill University will spend six weeks this summer studying subarctic conditions in Utsjoki in northern Finland. They will be guests of the Turku (Finland) University’s Kevo Subarctic Research Institute.

The trip is part of an exchange agreement between Turku University and McGill. Last summer, McGill’s Centre for Northern Studies and Research hosted 11 Finnish scientists at the McGill Subarctic Research Station in Schefferville in northern Quebec.

The Canadians will concentrate their research on climatology, pollution and the socio-economic change in high subarctic regions among native populations caused by modernization and, in particular, by tourism.

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