

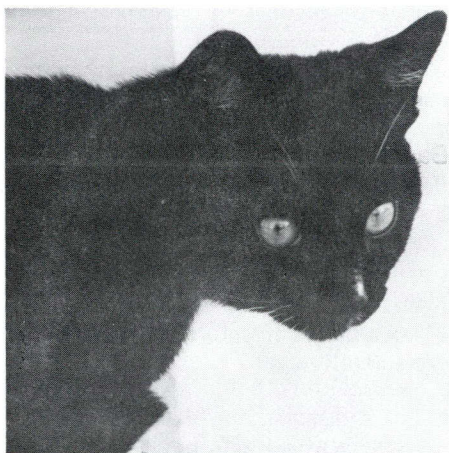
in facilitating and accelerating arrangements for alternate and additional supplies.

Discussions continue

"We shall be seeking opportunities to fully discuss these matters with officials of the United States Government. As the same time, my officials and I are continuing discussions and negotiations with Canadian provinces with respect to the pricing of natural gas in Canada. On previous occasions I have indicated that the Government believes that an upward movement in the price of natural gas consumed in Canada is necessary, for two reasons: first, to induce additional supplies; and second, to restrain inefficient and wasteful uses of this high-quality fuel arising from its relative cheapness compared to fuel oil alternatives...."

Travelling pets

"Regulations for the protection of animals and people govern the importation or re-entry of any animal into Canada," says Dr. A.E. Lewis, director of Agriculture Canada's Contagious Diseases Division. "In the case of dogs, the regulations are enforced to prevent the spread of rabies," he says.



Cats may be imported into Canada without any quarantine restrictions.

Dogs from the United States must have been vaccinated against rabies within 12 months of entering Canada. Puppies from the U.S. under three months of age are exempt from vaccination requirements.

Dogs originating in or returning directly from rabies-free countries are not subject to quarantine or vaccina-

tion — provided they travel with a certificate stating rabies has not existed for the past six months in the country they're leaving. A veterinarian from the country of origin must also certify that to the best of his knowledge the dog has been in that country for the preceding six months and has been inspected and found free from any symptoms of contagious disease. The Contagious Diseases Division maintains a list of countries considered to be free of rabies.

On the other hand, dogs entering Canada from countries not officially recognized as free from rabies must be vaccinated and quarantined for one month.

Quarantine arrangements

A government quarantine station is located at Lévis, Quebec, but special arrangements can be made to quarantine dogs at an animal hospital, dog kennel or other premises approved by Agriculture Canada's veterinary director-general. Even private homes may be acceptable, as long as they are inspected and approved.

"But no matter what arrangements are agreed upon, the animals must be kept at the owner's or importer's expense," Dr. Lewis adds.

There are a few exceptions, however: the vaccination and quarantine requirements do not apply to "seeing-eye" dogs or to dogs specially trained for public entertainment which stay only temporarily.

And domestic cats may be imported into Canada from anywhere in the world without restrictions. They are subject only to veterinary inspection on entry and, if found healthy, they are immediately released to the owner or importer.

"This is because to date we have had no problems with cats when it comes to rabies control," Dr. Lewis explains.

Electronic equipment sold to China

The Manitoba Trading Corporation (formerly the Manitoba Export Corporation) acting as foreign sales marketing agent for the Winnipeg firm of Harco Electronics Ltd has, in co-operation with the firm, successfully completed the first sale of electronic equipment made in Manitoba to the

People's Republic of China. The company, manufacturers of electronic medical monitoring equipment, was the only Manitoba participant in the first Canadian Electronics and Scientific Instruments Exhibition held recently in Shanghai, an exhibition of the products of 34 Canadian companies organized by the Federal Government.

The great interest shown in Harco's equipment was demonstrated by the fact that all machines displayed were sold. They included an electro-cardiograph, a defibrillator, several cardi-alert machines, and a "crash cart", which is a self-contained monitoring and resuscitation system.

Some 40,000 officials from all over China came to see the exhibits and to attend a series of technical seminars and visits made under the auspices of the organizers.

Besides the success in China the MTC has established new markets for a variety of products in Mexico, Panama, Venezuela, Columbia, South Africa, Turkey and Czechoslovakia. These products include electronic medical equipment, alarm and communications systems, water and automotive fuel pumps and equipment for testing, sorting and compressing.

Surge in capital investment

The flow of expenditure for new fixed investment this year has been coming through with all the force and vigour indicated by earlier surveys, and in some respects it has approached a boom-like intensity reminiscent of the middle-1950s and middle-1960s, reports the Bank of Nova Scotia in its *Monthly Review*.

Parts of this year's program are being hampered by supply shortages and by a tightening of credit conditions. And the recent slowing in world markets together with the increasingly complex problems of international capital flows raise doubts about the likelihood of a continuing smooth upswing carrying through into next year.

Against such uncertainties, however, says the *Review*, recognition must be given to the strong underlying pressures both to build up Canada's productive capacity and to embark on a massive round of energy-related investment — in which field Canada seems to be particularly well placed.