

News briefs

Two of Canada's outstanding fisheries scientists are to be honoured in the naming of Atlantic coast fisheries research vessels currently under construction. The new ships will be named the *Alfred Needler* and *Wilfred Templeman* in honour of Dr. Alfred Needler, 74 of St. Andrews, New Brunswick, a former deputy minister with the federal fisheries department, and Dr. Wilfred Templeman, 72 of St John's, Newfoundland for many years director of the fisheries biological station at St. John's. Although it has been a tradition to name departmental fisheries research vessels after pioneering scientists, this is the first time that living scientists have been accorded the honour.

The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) has announced that research grants and scholarships totalling over \$108.3 million have been awarded to university professors, postgraduate students and postdoctoral fellows for 1980-81. Nearly 6,000 grants totalling \$93.3 million were awarded to university professors in the natural sciences and engineering to assist them in meeting the operating costs of their research programs, to enable them to purchase and maintain research equipment and to travel to other research laboratories in Canada and abroad.

De Havilland Aircraft of Canada and Innotech Aviation Limited have signed an agreement to introduce the *DASH-8* aircraft in the corporate market. Under the terms of the agreement, Innotech gets the exclusive distribution rights for the corporate market in the U.S. and Canada. The *DASH-8* is to undergo its first test flight in early 1983. The first production model will be ready in 1984.

Bombardier Incorporated of Montreal and Sydney Steel Corporation of Sydney,

Nova Scotia, have sold more than \$58-million worth of railway equipment to four Mexican railways. Bombardier sold 69 locomotives worth \$47.5 million to two of the railways and Sysco sold rails worth \$10.7 million to the others. Under an agreement with Mexico's development bank, Nacional Financiera SA, the federal Export Development Corporation is providing a line of credit totalling \$42.1 million (U.S.) to back the sales.

For the first five months of 1980 two-way trade between Canada and Brazil totalled a record \$329 million. Canadian exports to Brazil were valued at \$197.9 million, up 92 per cent over the same period last year. Leading exports were wheat, newsprint, potash, coal, sulfur and aircraft engines. Brazilian exports to Canada for the five-month period reached \$131.3 million, up 28 per cent over a year ago. The leading Brazilian exports were motor vehicle engines, frozen orange juice concentrate, footwear and instant coffee.

Canadian Pacific Limited of Montreal says the Costa Rican Government has commissioned its subsidiary, Canadian Pacific Consulting Services Limited, to build and equip a railway marshalling yard at Moin, Limon province, for the state-owned railway. The \$6-million project is an extension to a \$16-million contract, awarded in October 1979.

Agriculture Canada has banned the importation to Canada of all parrots and song birds from the United States, effective September 18. The purpose of the ban is to protect the Canadian poultry industry against the possible introduction of velogenic Newcastle disease. The ban applies to "exotic" birds - parrots, budgies, finches, canaries, cockatiels and most other pet birds. This deadly form of Newcastle disease was diagnosed earlier at a United States pet dealership. It is caused by an airborne virus that affects birds' nervous and respiratory systems.

Hydro-Quebec International, the consulting arm of Hydro-Quebec, says an engineering consortium it heads has won a three-year contract from Electricité d'Haiti to expand a thermal power plant at Port-au-Prince and to renovate the Port-au-Prince electricity distribution system. The contract, financed by the World Bank, includes general consulting work on maintenance and professional training.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) announced the conclusion of a \$1.4-million (U.S.) financing agreement

to support a \$1.7-million (U.S.) sale by Glenayre Electronics Limited of Vancouver to Industrias Unidas S.A. (IUSA) of Mexico. The sale is for 20 terminal stations and spares and 900 telephone control heads for use by a subsidiary of IUSA, Servicio Organizado Secretarial S.A. (SOS), which has the concession for radio telephone service in vehicles in Mexico. The order will generate some 65 man-years of employment in Canada.

At the beginning of 1980, union membership in Canada stood at 3,396,721, which is 3.6 per cent above the figure of 3,277,968 at the beginning of 1978, when union membership was last surveyed by Labour Canada. Union members represented 30.5 per cent of the total labour force and 37.6 per cent of non-agricultural paid workers. Both percentages are lower than the 1978 figures of 31.3 per cent and 39.0 per cent respectively.

Manalta Coal Limited of Calgary has signed an agreement with the Japanese steel industry whereby its subsidiary, Gregg River Coal Limited, will supply 2.1 million long tons of metallurgical coal annually from its property south of Hinton, Alberta. Under terms of the agreement, the Japanese will earn a minority interest in the property. Deliveries will start in late 1982 and continue for 15 years.

Crows Nest Resources Limited of Fernie, British Columbia has signed a long-term contract with a consortium of Japanese steel mills to supply 15 million metric tons of metallurgical coal. The coal will come from the company's Line Creek Mine now under development in southeastern British Columbia. Crows Nest, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Shell Canada Resources Limited will begin shipments of one million metric tons a year in April 1983. The contract runs for 15 years and follows 12 months of negotiations.

Many United States residents crossing the Canadian border at Niagara Falls, Ontario for a cheaper tank of gasoline are making another stop before heading home. It seems they are visiting denturists in Fort Erie and Niagara Falls, knowing they can have work done cheaper before returning home. Full upper and lower plates would generally cost \$600 in the U.S. The same work can be done in Canada for about \$340 and there is a 15 per cent break for American exchange on top of that. One denturist estimates that 95 per cent of his customers are Americans.

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