

Growing with Canada

- **DuPont Canada Inc.** has begun a \$70 million expansion of its hydrogen peroxide plant at Gibbons, Alberta, doubling production capacity at the facility.

Commenting on the investment, Frank Karman, Global Director and General Manager - Peroxygen Products, says: "By locating this project in Alberta, we will be prepared to provide an assured and cost-effective supply of hydrogen peroxide to our central and western North American customers."

The company expects the project to be completed by mid-summer 1996. DuPont Canada Inc. is a diversified industrial company serving Canada and 35 other countries.

- **AT&T Transtech Canada**, a subsidiary of the U.S. telecommunications giant that specializes in call centre operation, is expanding its operations in Canada. In response to expanding business, the company is hiring 200 more people, bringing its total workforce in Winnipeg, Manitoba, to 950.

An offshoot of AT&T Canada, based in Toronto, AT&T Transtech operates incoming call services for its clients, including order-taking, servicing of customer inquiries, and out-going telemarketing services. The call-centre business is booming as more small and mid-sized companies opt to contract for such services rather than doing them in-house. Since start-up in 1994, the Winnipeg operation has grown rapidly, opening a second building in June.

Commenting on the expansion, AT&T Transtech, President Steve Johnson, says: "Winnipeg is a great place for us, particularly because of its bilingual workforce and its central location".

- Britain's **Redpath Sugars** has announced that it will spend \$35 million to modernize and expand its refinery in Toronto. The project will increase processing capacity by about 75% and improve efficiency.

Operated as a subsidiary of Tate and Lyle PLC, the Redpath facility is an integrated production centre which processes raw sugar, and packages and ships refined sugar products. ♦

Canadian cities are among the least expensive in the Americas in which to live and work...

...according to the fall 1995 survey of the Swiss-based **Corporate Resources Group**. The CRG study uses New York City as a base line, indexing its cost of living at 100 points. On that basis, Tokyo and Osaka were the most expensive cities in the world, scoring 202 and 190 respectively. Well down on the list were Toronto (85), Montreal (82), Vancouver (81), and Calgary (77). Many government and business organizations use the CRG report to estimate pay requirements for staff stationed abroad.

The CRG findings are consistent with those of a Cushman Wakefield Worldwide (CWW) survey last December which finds real estate and rental costs low compared with those in other major international urban centres. CWW is an association of seven of the world's leading commercial real estate firms. Commenting on the survey, John O'Bryan, Senior Vice-President & General Manager of Royal LePage, which is a founding member of CWW, said: "With some of the lowest total occupancy costs in the world, Canadian cities are well positioned for the balance of the 1990s." ♦

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