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Mr. Parry has been deputy head of the Department's United Nations Division since August 1968, following a term at the Canadian Embassy in Vienna, where he was also Alternate Governor for Canada to the International Atomic Energy Agency. Mr. Roy has recently served in the Personnel Branch of the Department, following postings in Czechoslovakia and Cuba.

This is the second year the Department has assigned foreign service visitors to Canadian universities.

TALKING OF TURTLES

Turtles have been popular pets in Canada for many years, the green, red-eared slider being the most common. This little turtle from the southern United States can reach a shell length of 12 inches and live for over 16 years. It is bred specially for the pet industry and is not in danger of becoming extinct.



"Me eat you?"

Canned dog food is recommended as part of the pet turtle's regular diet.

Some turtles, however, are in such danger owing to improper care, reports the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests, and members of the Canadian Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Society are trying to breed the spotted turtle in the hope of saving it. In Ontario, Midland painted turtles are often kept as pets, and the small musk turtle could also become a pet, but unless the Canadian species are specially bred for this purpose they should not be kept in captivity.

Improper food, states the Department of Lands and Forests, is a main cause of deaths among pet

turtles, which require a highly varied diet such as raw lean beef, beef heart, kidney, chicken, raw fish, shrimps, canned dog food or cat food, earthworms, snails, aquatic plants, lettuce, spinach and raw tomatoes.

PRIME MINISTER TO VISIT THE U.S.S.R.

Prime Minister Trudeau will visit the Soviet Union from October 19 to 29. In Moscow he will have talks with his host Mr. Alexei Kosygin, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R., and other Soviet leaders, on matters of mutual interest.

DONALD ALEXANDER SMITH STAMP

On November 4, Sir Donald Alexander Smith, whose perseverance made possible the completion of a railway, vital to the existence of Canada, will be the subject of a commemorative stamp marking the hundred and fiftieth anniversary of his birth in Scotland in 1820.

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY TIES

Smith emigrated in 1838 while he was a Hudson's Bay Company apprentice. By the time of the Red uprising in 1869-70, he was a senior officer of the Company and served as envoy of the Canadian Government to the Indians and Métis during negotiations for the transfer of the Company's western territories.

Always interested in railways, Smith realized that the Canadian West needed immigrants to fulfill its great potential. British Columbia had entered Confederation on the understanding that a railway would be built. Smith, though not officially a member of the 1880 syndicate formed to build the line, risked his personal fortune to keep the venture afloat. The honour and recognition of his persistence came with an invitation to drive the last spike in 1885, a year before he was knighted by Queen Victoria. He was raised to the peerage as Baron Strathcona and Mount Royal in 1897, while serving as Canadian High Commissioner to Britain, a position he held until his death in 1914.

The six-cent Sir Donald Alexander Smith stamp was designed by Miss Dora de Pedery-Hunt of Toronto. It measures 24 mm. by 30 mm. and is printed in yellow, brown and green, by the Canadian Bank Note Company Limited of Ottawa.

