

the work of French and English writers in translation, and is still a member of the editorial board. His previous works include three collections of poetry — *Frost on the Sun*, *The Sun is Axeman* and *Phrases from Orpheus* — and a study of themes and images in Canadian poetry entitled *Butterfly on Rock* (1970).

Gabrielle Roy

In *Ces enfants de ma vie*, the narrator reminisces about her years as a young school teacher in rural Manitoba and the emotional ties she shared with her students who were, for the most part, immigrant children. This is the third book for which Gabrielle Roy has received a Governor General's Award.

Her first novel, *Bonheur d'occasion* (The Tin Flute), written in 1945, was an immediate success and won several prizes, including the Governor General's Award. Since then she has published 12 other books, many of which have been translated into English. They include *La petite poule d'eau* (Where Nests the Water Hen); *Alexandre Chenevert*, (The Cashier), also a Governor General's Award winner; *Rue Deschambault* (Street of Riches), and *La rivière sans repos* (Windflower). Gabrielle Roy has been living in Quebec City since 1952.

Denis Monière

Le développement des idéologies au Québec (The Development of Ideologies in Quebec) was recently awarded the Prix littéraire de la ville de Montréal.

Denis Monière's previous works include a book: *Critique épistémologique de l'analyse systématique de David Easton* (Epistemological Critique of the Systems Analysis of David Easton), a bibliography of materials on the ideologies of Quebec (published by the National Library), and contributions to numerous learned journals and reviews, including

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the Canadian Journal of Political Science. He is currently doing research on the ideological relationships between social classes.

Michel Garneau

Michel Garneau's winning book consists of two plays: *Les Célébrations*, created in 1976 at the Théâtre du Horla in Saint-Bruno, Quebec, and *Adidou Adidouce*,

presented in Montreal in 1977 by the theatre troupe Voyagements. The title of the latter work is a phonetic rendering of the English phrase "How do you do". In *Les Célébrations*, a couple carries on a dialogue about love, marriage and death.

A prolific poet and playwright, Mr. Garneau has written over 20 plays and eight collections of poetry. Several of his plays have been translated into English.

News briefs

Quebec Premier René Lévesque has promised English-speaking authors that signs promoting their books in Quebec will not be dealt with as strictly as other signs in that province regulated by Bill 101; such cultural activities as bookselling will not be subject to restrictions as tight as those governing other signs, which must be in French after the law comes into effect July 3. "The application [of the law] will be much more relaxed than was envisaged," Mr. Lévesque said.

An agreement has been signed by Quintette Coal Ltd. and representatives of the Government of Romania regarding the development of the Quintette high quality metallurgical coal property in northeastern British Columbia. The agreement follows a letter of intent received by Quintette from Romania in December for the purchase of up to two million tons a year of metallurgical coal over a period of 20 years.

The Federal Government has introduced its previously announced Shop Canadian campaign with a \$1.7-million advertising budget. Canadian manufacturers will be invited to use a maple leaf symbol bearing the words "Shop Canadian" and "*Magasinons à la Canadienne*" on their goods.

The Export Development Corporation is lending Tunisavia, a Tunisian government-controlled airline, \$1.04 million to support the purchase of a Canadian-built de Havilland DHC-6 *Twin Otter* aircraft and spare parts. The sale should support some 65 jobs at de Havilland and its suppliers in Ontario and Quebec.

The Federal Government will contribute \$16,420,138 towards the construction costs of the acute care unit of the Health Services Centre, University of British Columbia, in Vancouver. The new health facilities, to stress undergraduate and family practice residencies, will give

students of British Columbia a greater opportunity to enter the medical profession, as this province graduates substantially fewer doctors *per capita* than any other region in Canada. The government of British Columbia will match the federal contribution.

Switzerland recently bought 15 obsolete *Centurion* tanks from Canada for an undisclosed sum. The country was required to sign an "end-usage certificate", meaning it can use them only for self-defence and cannot resell them without permission of Canada's Crown Assets Disposal Corporation. Canada is buying *Leopard* tanks from West Germany to replace the *Centurions*.

A Bureau on Aging, created within the Department of Health and Welfare, will begin operations next autumn. A national office concerned with the problems of pensioners and senior citizens had been recommended by a number of organizations, including the National Pensioners and Senior Citizens Federation, the Canadian Pensioners Concerned Inc., and the Canadian Labour Congress.

Consumers can expect less protection from the Federal Government in future, says Consumer and Corporate Affairs Minister Warren Allmand. Mr. Allmand said his department was going to encourage consumers to help themselves rather than look to the Government when problems arose.

Eighteen-year-old Jamie Archibald of Edmonton, Alberta claims to have set a world record by writing 6,190 numerals of the infinite number Pi from memory. Archibald was witnessed and photographed while he wrote the sequential numbers on a blackboard at a local high school, taking three hours and eight minutes to beat the record of 5,050 numerals set last year by an English contestant. His claim is being sent to the *Guinness Book of World Records*.