

News briefs

The Parti Québécois, led by Premier René Lévesque, was returned to power in the April 13 Quebec election. The Parti Québécois won 80 of the 122 seats in the National Assembly, a gain of 13 over its 1976 election total. The Liberal Party, under Claude Ryan, received 42 seats, while the Union Nationale, led by Roch LaSalle, did not take any seats.

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau has appointed Dr. William Anthony Paddon, Lieutenant-Governor of Newfoundland. The appointment will take effect on July 10, 1981. Dr. Paddon will succeed Lieutenant-Governor Gordon Winter.

British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority will proceed with development of a \$5 billion coal-fired power generating plant at Hat Creek and will make an application to the B.C. government later this year. A \$600 million scrubbing process will be incorporated into the coal-fired generating plant "to protect air quality and all but eliminate potential acid rain". If licensed by the end of 1982, construction would begin in early 1983 with the first electric power produced by August 1988.

The Esso Chemical Canada division of Imperial Oil will build a \$400-million nitrogen fertilizer plant near Redwater, Alberta. Construction, which would employ 1,000 persons at peak, is to be completed in 1983. Combined with a \$53-million expansion of output of phosphatic fertilizer now under way, the project will be the largest centre of fertilizer production in Canada.

Bombardier Incorporated of Montreal has received a \$40-million order for ten diesel electric freight locomotives from Guatemala Railways. The contract includes spare parts and services. The locomotives will be manufactured in Montreal.



The Canadian Forces "Snowbirds" warm up over the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa. From late spring to early fall the aerobatic team will demonstrate their skills as they participate in 62 airshows at 47 locations. The 11-pilot Snowbird team will perform across Canada and the United States this year. In the U.S. the team will perform at: Douglas, Alaska; Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington; Cincinnati, Ohio; New York City; Chicago, Illinois; Butte Montana; Reno, Nevada; Latrobe, Pennsylvania; Malstrom Air Force Base, Montana; McChord Air Force Base, Washington; and Travis Air Force Base, California.

Deliveries are scheduled to begin in spring 1982 and should be completed during the summer of 1982.

The Port of Vancouver is to receive \$51.5 million for expansion and upgrading to enable it to better deal with transportation pressures, federal Transport Minister Jean-Luc Pepin has announced. The Roberts Bank deepwater bulk port, at present a 50-acre terminal built on a mile-long spit of land south of Vancouver, is to get three more 50-acre terminal sites through a \$35,131,000 dredge-and-fill contract awarded to a joint venture of Dillingham Corp. Canada Ltd. and Sceptre Dredging Ltd., both of Vancouver.

The French government, in co-operation with the Manitoba government is offering a four-week summer course for

21 Manitoba teachers under the France-Canada Cultural Agreement. The courses will be held in Montpellier, from July 6 to August 3, for teachers of French as a first language, and in Quimper from July 2 to 29 inclusively for teachers of French as a second language.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) has announced the conclusion of a \$1,337,959 (U.S.) allocation under a line of credit with Ceskoslovenska Obchodni Banka, A.S. of Czechoslovakia, to support a \$1,574,070 (U.S.) sale by Tamcon Engineering Limited of Burlington, Ontario. The transaction involves the sale by Tamcon Engineering Limited of one gravimatic casting system of Czechoslovakian design manufactured with Canadian engineering, technology and materials. The machine is a high speed, automatic rotary casting line that produces high quality castings of electric motor endshields in grey iron.

The Ontario government will provide \$13.5 million in grants this year to help non-profit groups in special projects. Projects involved in the International Year of Disabled Persons, public libraries, amateur sports and historical publications will receive special emphasis.

The Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund had assets of \$7.98 billion at the end of 1980. The fund earned \$200 million from investments in the third quarter of the 1980-81 fiscal year. The provincial government puts 30 per cent of the revenue it gets from non-renewable natural resources into the fund.

Health and Welfare Minister Monique Bégin has announced a \$40,115 grant for a project sponsored jointly by the Newfoundland and Labrador Division of the Canadian Association for the Mentally Retarded and the Atlantic Office of the Mennonite Central Committee. The two agencies have developed a program to respond to the needs of the mentally retarded in Newfoundland including those areas of the province which have had no services for these people.

Two St. Catharines, Ontario women are the 1981 New Zealand national women's pair-oared champions. Gail Cort and Kathy Lichty kept their undefeated record intact recently, sweeping through the championships to become the first Canadian entry ever to win at the New Zealand rowing championships. The Canadians' convincing victory followed a win at the Auckland championships and at the Karapiro Regatta.

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