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usual conditions administered by the National Energy Board.

We would of course wish to assure that there is a substantial benefit to Canada. The benefits we will be looking for include the development of new technology here and Canadian involvement as owners and suppliers with full access to the technology developed.

Coal enters and leaves Canada freely now, and we want this to continue. Naturally, if our energy coal exports increase rapidly, we would have to ensure that our resources are adequate to support this trade, and that coal continues to be available to Canadian users at reasonable costs. As a government we will continue to support the development of the infrastructure needed to promote new coal developments....

News briefs

The federal government and the province of Manitoba have agreed to a cost-shared program to provide water supplies to drought-affected provincial communities and individuals. The agreement provides for a program to develop water supply sources and for overland transportation and emergency diversions of water to drought-affected areas. Projects may include community wells and pipelines, water transport, and dugout pumping for individuals and communities and emergency water diversions.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) recently announced the conclusion of a \$2.2-million (U.S.) financing agreement to support the sale of radar equipment by Raytheon Canada Limited, Waterloo, Ontario to Barbados. The agreement supports the sale, valued at

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\$2.6 million (U.S.) of radar equipment, spare parts and installation services to the government of Barbados. The equipment will be installed at the new Grantley Adams International Airport, Christchurch. EDC said the sale will generate some 78 man-years of employment in Canada.

Pemex, Mexico's national petroleum company, has awarded a \$1.4-million order to AEL Microtel Limited of Burnaby, British Columbia, for equipment to extend the microwave communication system being built to serve the natural gas pipeline along Mexico's eastern coast.

Davie Shipbuilding Limited of Lauzon, Quebec, has sold another offshore drilling rig to Global Marine Drilling Company of Houston, Texas for \$25 million (U.S.). The Export Development Corporation and the Bank of America will provide financing when needed of up to \$20.8 million (U.S.). The rig, the third of seven being built for Global Marine by Davie, is a mobile self-contained drilling platform that rests on hydraulic legs on the ocean floor.

Shell Canada Limited of Toronto has received approval from the Alberta Energy Resources Conservation Board to build the world's first refinery for synthetic crude oil. If the Alberta Cabinet approves the \$609-million project, the plant would be built near Edmonton by mid-1984.

Manitoba's chief of forest protection services Art Briggs has been honoured by the United States Forest Service for outstanding public service in forest fire prevention. At the annual meetings of the Northeastern Fire Supervisors held recently in Saratoga Springs, New York, Mr. Briggs was presented with the "Smokey Bear" plaque. The award, named for the famous bear, has never before been given to an individual Canadian. The community of Revelstoke, British Columbia, earned the only other "Smokey" plaque in Canada, in 1972.

Canada's 1979 travel deficit was \$1.07 billion, significantly below the record 1978 level of \$1.7 billion, reports Statistics Canada. The country earned \$2.88 billion from international travel during 1979, up 21.4 per cent from 1978, while spending by Canadians travelling abroad fell 3.2 per cent to \$3.95 billion.

A record Canadian apple harvest is expected this year according to preliminary figures recently released by Agriculture Canada. Apple production is estimated to

be more than 475,000 metric tons — an increase of almost 40,000 metric tons over last year's crop. Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia are all expected to record significant increases and possibly reach record levels. British Columbia should remain the leading apple-producing province with an estimated production of about 161,000 metric tons.

The federal government will provide a \$24.6-million grant for the proposed newsprint mill at Amos, Quebec, to be built by Donohue Incorporated and Normick Perron Incorporated. The Quebec government is providing a \$16.4-million grant for the \$190-million mill, which will have a capacity of about 160,000 metric tons of newsprint a year.

Northway-Gestalt Corporation of Toronto has been awarded an aerial photography contract in the Republic of Indonesia for approximately \$9 million. The contract is in equal partnership with Kenting Earth Sciences of Ottawa and is financed by the Canadian International Development Agency. The project will extend over a two-year period and is extendable by mutual agreement with the government of Indonesia. The program calls for high-altitude photography of approximately half of Indonesia and is the largest such contract ever obtained by a Canadian aerial survey organization.

Canadair Limited of Montreal and four Canadian suppliers have been awarded a contract to supply four Canadair CL-215 waterbomber aircraft and spare parts to the Yugoslavian government for fighting forest fires. The federal Export Development Corporation will finance \$19.6 million (U.S.) of the \$21.8 million total price. The sale is expected to generate 800 man-years of employment at Canadair and the supply companies.

Mary Dawson, who began her career in the federal prison system as a secretary was recently named warden of Warkworth Institution, a medium-security prison with 440 male prisoners. She is the first woman to run a federal penitentiary for male prisoners. Among those under her supervision will be her husband Robert, senior keeper at the prison near Trenton, Ontario. Correctional Commissioner Donald Yeomans praised the job Mrs. Dawson has done since becoming acting warden in August 1979. "She has earned the respect of both the staff and the inmates, who include 40 lifers," Yeomans said.