

of his talent and work, as a gesture of Quebec's appreciation.

Marcel Dubé's dramatic works are perhaps the best known among the people of the province, because of his popularity with local theatre-goers and television viewers.

The following quotation is taken from a study on Marcel Dubé's work in *Histoire de la littérature québécoise* by Pierre de Grandpré:

"Marcel Dubé's first concern was to depict the contemporary social environment of French Canada, particularly that of the ordinary, poor and forgotten people of the working-class districts.

One aspect he stressed was the behaviour of adolescents, — he was almost the same age as they — their frequent conflicts with adults, and with adults' institutions and attitudes to life....

Removing pollution-control devices won't solve gas mileage problems

Removing the emission-control device from your automobile, even if it were legal, is no way to improve gasoline mileage, Environment Minister Jack Davis said recently. In fact, the end result could be higher fuel consumption.

Studies had shown, said Mr. Davis, that the average increase in fuel consumption caused by emission controls since their first introduction in 1968 was 8 per cent.

"This can only be offset by modifications involving not only the emission controls but other engine systems," said Mr. Davis. "The modifications could be done by a well-trained mechanic for \$250. If an untrained person tackled the job, the result could be disastrous from a mileage point of view."

"We must keep in mind the loads imposed by other devices," said Mr. Davis. "Air-conditioning, for instance, cuts fuel economy an average of 9 per cent, automatic transmissions, 6 per cent."

Increased weight of cars was also cited by Mr. Davis as a significant factor. "Our studies show that the increase in the weight of 1973 vehicles was raised, from 3,000 to 3,500 pounds, fuel consumption, 14 per cent. Increase it another 500 pounds and your fuel consumption will have gone up by a total of 30 per cent."

The Minister said that car manufacturers were planning improvements in engine performance that will improve the gasoline mileage for 1975 automobiles by between 10 and 20 per cent thus bringing their fuel performance back to 1968 levels.

"The best way for a car owner to improve his gas mileage is to make sure that his car is properly maintained," said Davis. "A poorly tuned car may be only 90 percent efficient."

The best remedy is a small car; the most economical — the bus!

Canadian books bound for world markets

The first Canadian bookstore in London, England — Books Canada Ltd — opened in October at 17 Cockspur Street. Showrooms in Paris and New York will also boost Canadian books.

The books cover such varied fields as the legal sciences, music, history, architecture and humour. Novels by contemporary Canadian writers, collections of poetry, dictionaries, encyclopedias, elementary and secondary school books, general trade books, paperbacks, maps and charts will also be available.

The store will carry books authored or translated by Canadian citizens or landed immigrants and published and printed in Canada. However, in order to include all good Canadian writing,

A note on free book kits

The November 7 issue of *Canada Weekly* carried an article on Page 3 called "Canada Council gives away books". Please note that the book kits being distributed abroad, referred to in the article, are not available to individuals but if institutions wish to be considered as recipients they should apply to the nearest Canadian Government office.

the store will also carry books written by Canadians but published and printed outside the country.

About 40 publishers, including all major publishers of English Canadian books, are represented in the 2,500 titles in the London store. The number of publishers may grow — the publishing company need not be Canadian,

as long as it is carrying out a publishing program in Canada.

The primary purpose of the store is to give librarians (and individuals) from all parts of Britain the opportunity to get acquainted with Canadian books. Then, because of British bookselling arrangements, librarians can order through their own booksellers. Individuals, of course, will be able to browse and buy at the Cockspur Street bookstore.

The store will also have an area for other Canadian cultural and commercial exhibits, such as Eskimo art. Various departments of the Canadian Government, such as Environment, may also be invited to use the display areas for promotions.

Agreement with Greenland on delimitation of continental shelf

Canada and Denmark have concluded an agreement concerning the delimitation of the continental shelf between their two countries.

Through this agreement, Canada and Denmark establish in the area of the continental shelf between the Canadian Arctic Islands and Greenland a dividing line up to which either party can extend its sovereign rights for the purpose of exploration and exploitation of the natural resources of the continental shelf, in accordance with the 1958 United Nations Convention on the Continental Shelf.

The dividing line, stretching some 1,430 nautical miles, the longest continental shelf-delimitation in the world, has been determined on the basis of the principle of equidistance incorporating certain adjustments necessary to arrive at a mutually agreeable and equitable solution.

The pact also provides for co-operation between Canada and Denmark in obtaining and improving the hydrographic and geodetic knowledge necessary for more precise charting and mapping of the region covered by the agreement.

The agreement, signed in Ottawa, on December 17, by Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mitchell Sharp, and Ambassador Henning Hjorth-Nielsen of Denmark, is subject to ratification and instruments of ratification will be exchanged in Copenhagen as soon as possible.