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Biotec last hope for Canada

OTTAWA (CUP)—Canada may have missed the boat with other technological revolutions, but could make its mark with biotechnology, says the latest report from the Science Council of Canada.

"Biotechnology is rapidly converting science fiction to science fact. (It) may generate the last major technological revolution of the twentieth century," according to the introduction of Seeds of Renewal: Biotechnology and Canada's Resource Industries.

Frank Maine, chair of the Council committee responsible for the report, says Canada's fear of technology and dependence on its natural resources have kept it from joining the ongoing microelectronics revolution.

"We're well into that — we're only seeing the beginning of it, but we know where it's heading. Biotechnology is much younger, but we can see it taking its effects before the end of the century," Maine said.

Use of biotechnology is so rapid that some industries — such as pharmaceuticals — have been com-

pletely re-invented, Maine said, but Canada shouldn't try to compete in races already won abroad.

"The work in pharmaceuticals is so far ahead that we're completely out of it. Canada will have to buy its drugs abroad," he said.

Instead, Canada should concentrate on resources it has already developed — such as agriculture, fisheries, and mining — and improve them with biotechnology, Maine said.

The key to biotechnological success lies in Canadian university laboratories, he said. "University research is by far the most important area. If we do anything at all, it'll be done at the universities," Maine said.

Maine said only a few universities, including Guelph, Alberta, Toronto, and Dalhousie, have taken on biotechnology research in depth.

Of the report's 23 recommendations, call for six of more and closer links between researchers and industry.

Maine said Canada has repeatedly failed in bringing university

innovations to the marketplace.

"The transfer of technology must be carried through more smoothly. That's where we've been weak up to the present," he said.

According to the report, biotechnology could affect anything from cell cloning to finding tastier varieties of wheat. Maine said biotechnology could also breathe new life into Canada's decaying forestry and fisheries, as well as improve the standard of living in the country.

Maine said an example of biotechnological research is the development of canola, a type of rape seed that has more oil, less toxic qualities, and is more responsive to the Canadian climate than other types of seeds. Rape seed is a source of vegetable oil.

Maine said canola might "drastically alter the seed industry." Biotechnology as a whole, though, will likely reap far deeper effects in society.

"It will affect the universities, and it will change industry. Biotechnology will change all of us somehow," he said.

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