

temporary needs and seeing how well they can be reconciled with our existing trade and industrial policies; our conclusion is that they do not fit with those policies very well. Then we look at the alternatives that might suit our requirements better – including Canada/U.S. free trade along with many other possibilities – and try to rank them by means of an evaluation of economic costs and benefits. Free trade with the United States comes quite a way down the list, in fact, although we treat it very seriously because of the relevance it has to so many of Canada's most deep-seated economic and political difficulties."

"Our whole objective is to open up the issue to fundamental reappraisal," Dr. Raynauld indicates, "much in the way that the Gray Report opened up the foreign investment question and the recent Green Paper on Immigration brought that subject into the light of public attention." He suggested that the parallel with those two areas of interest was indeed significant, since a protectionist policy for Canadian secondary industry had from the outset been closely bound up with national goals – notably independence and unity – to which such matters as foreign investment and immigration are related in major respects.

### Urban demonstration program postponed indefinitely

As part of the Government's effort to restrain spending, further action under the Canadian Urban Demonstration Program is suspended indefinitely, with a savings of close to \$100 million, over five years, Urban Affairs Minister Barney Danson announced recently.

Mr. Danson stated that the 14 urban demonstration proposals already announced will go forward as planned.

Nearly 200 other proposals, at various stages of examination, will be returned to the sponsors.

### Motorized wheelchairs on loan

Manitoba's motorized wheelchair-loan program, which will make wheelchairs available on loan to eligible quadriplegics, is now in operation, the Province's Health and Social Development Minister Laurent L. Desjardins announced in July.

Quadriplegics registered with the Manitoba Health Services Commission, resident in Manitoba for at least one year and meeting other criteria, may apply for a motorized wheelchair on prescription from a physician. While no financial needs or means test is used, a medical and social assessment is made for applicants.

Persons owning their own wheelchairs may have them repaired under the program, and they can also have wheelchairs replaced providing they meet the priority criteria.

### Bill of rights for hospital patients

A *Patient's Bill of Rights* has recently been published by the Royal Ottawa Hospital, an institution for psychiatric care. Twelve items appear in a small pamphlet, ranging from the patient's right to be involved, to refuse treatment, to receive an explanation of his bill.

With text in English and French, this pamphlet plays something of the advocacy role, so often missing in the dealings between individuals and institutions and, in fact, gives telephone numbers of the hospital ombudsman.

### Canadian festival in Washington salutes U.S. bicentennial

Some of the most talented Canadian performing artists and companies will go to the United States in autumn to take part in the two-hundredth anniversary of American independence. The bicentennial celebrations, which have already begun, will continue until the end of 1976.

One of the major events will be a Festival of Canadian Arts to be held in Washington at the John F. Kennedy Centre for the Performing Arts, Octo-

ber 13-26, 1975, under the Cultural Relations Program of the Department of External Affairs, with the assistance of the Touring Office of the Canada Council.

Representing Canada at this Festival will be Maureen Forrester, Oscar Peterson and Monique Leyrac; Louis Quilico, guest soloist with the National Arts Centre Orchestra, conducted by Mario Bernardi; the Royal Winnipeg Ballet; and the Toronto



Bernard Turgeon as Riel in the Canadian Opera Company's production *Louis Riel*.