

## Constitutional talks (Cont'd from P. 3)

government capable of acting on behalf of all of them.... Therefore, the national government will have to assume its national responsibilities.... I will shortly be recommending a course of action to Parliament," said the Prime Minister. Mr. Trudeau left open the possibility of conducting a national referendum on constitutional reform.

## Resumption of talks

British Columbia Premier William Bennett agreed with Saskatchewan Premier Allan Blakeney's suggestion that the constitutional summit be resumed after a short break.

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## News briefs

**Cape Breton residents** recently celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the opening of the Canso Causeway which joins Cape Breton to mainland Nova Scotia. The \$24-million causeway over the Strait of Canso took ten million tons of rock-fill to construct and became a 1.6-kilometre (mile-long) lifeline for the island's 169,000 inhabitants. The building of the causeway created what is considered to be one of the world's best deepwater harbours, which has been visited in recent years by huge oil tankers, some larger than 200,000 tons.

**Port Alberni** on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, is to be the landing point for a major trans-Pacific submarine cable being planned for completion in 1983-84. The new cable, called Anzcan, is intended to link Australia, Norfolk Island, New Zealand, Fiji, Hawaii and Canada, and will rank among the largest single international telecommunications projects. The cost of the whole project will be

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Nova Scotia Premier John Buchanan said he favoured a resumption of the constitutional talks because "we came closer to an agreement at this past conference than at any time in the past".

Premier René Lévesque of Quebec told the press that "this failure does not represent the last chance for federalism. To the contrary, I believe that interprovincial consensus are sufficiently attractive to permit us to continue and to hope for a substantial renewal of federalism".

Prince Edward Island Premier Angus MacLean and Newfoundland Premier Brian Peckford called for a continuation of the talks. The conference was a failure only in the sense "that we failed to accomplish in one week what most of us realized would take longer," Mr. MacLean said.

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more than \$300 million (U.S.).

**Canada's new long range** patrol aircraft, the *Aurora*, made its first Arctic flight on September 1. This flight marked the one-hundredth anniversary of the transfer of the Arctic Islands to Canada from Britain. The turbo-prop *Aurora*, built by Lockheed Aircraft, replaces the aging Canadair *Argus* which has been in service since the late 1950s.

**Health and Welfare Minister** Monique Bégin recently announced that 47 national welfare grants, totalling \$2,458,540 have been renewed for another year. The grants cover a wide range of demonstration and research projects and other activities in the social welfare field. National welfare grants are designed to promote improvements and innovation in welfare services by providing financial assistance, consultation, information and advice to welfare agencies for short-term research, demonstration and other project activities.

**The James Bay Development Corporation** plans to invest about \$4.3 million to revive operations at an inactive gold mine near Chibougamau, Quebec. In its annual report, the corporation says it plans to invest an additional \$6 million in mining exploration generally in the territory, of which more than half will go to the search for more uranium. It also plans to invest about \$2.5 million in a composite-board panel plant, to be undertaken in partnership with private-sector interests.

**The Northwest Territories Forest Service** has been given an additional \$1.15

million funding and will hire an additional 39 seasonal and 11 full-time specialized fire support staff for the 1980 season. The increased government funding will provide for the contracting for additional support aircraft including a *DC-6B* firebomber group and the implementation of an improved fire detection capability.

**The Export Development Corporation** (EDC) has approved insurance, guarantees and loans totalling \$193 million to support prospective export sales of \$556 million to 20 countries. The countries are: Argentina, Belgium, Britain, Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, Iraq, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Morocco, the Netherlands, Peru, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, the United States and the Soviet Union.

**Vicente Robles-Nisalco** of Argentina has awarded a contract to R.V. Anderson Associates Ltd. of Toronto to provide design and construction supervision services on a major tunnel that will accommodate a sanitary sewer 15 kilometres (about 10 miles) long.

**Saskatchewan has the potential** to become "the gasohol capital of Canada," says Dr. Richard Quittenton, executive director of a new research park built by the Saskatchewan Economic Development Corporation. He said gasohol production could represent a \$1-billion industry by 1985. Mr. Quittenton said Saskatchewan grows about 60 per cent of all grain produced in Canada despite under-utilization of land from quota restrictions. If all agricultural land were freed for production, the province could produce an extra 200 million bushels annually, he said. The additional production could yield 18 billion litres of alcohol worth \$600 million at current prices.

**Toronto children's wear designer** Elen Henderson has been named Woman of the Year by Fashion Canada. The award recognizes her 35 years in the field. She began her working life in Leeds, England, as an apprentice to a custom milliner. But when she moved to Canada with her mother, she took a factory job. After Mrs. Henderson married and became the mother of two, she started making children's clothes and crafted hand-smocked dresses for a couple of Toronto firms before starting her own business in her basement in 1945. Mrs. Henderson now works from a factory with the assistance of her daughter, granddaughter, and grandson.