News briefs

The total quantity of crude oil licensed in 1981 by the National Energy Board was 59.6 million cubic metres. Eastern Canadian refiners received licences for 42.3 million cubic metres of this total, while 17.2 million cubic metres were licensed for export to the United States. Of this latter amount, 5 million cubic metres were licensed for crude oil exchanges (involving no net export of oil from Canada), 6.3 million cubic metres involved exports of foreign-origin oil, and 5.8 million cubic metres represented licensed quantities of Canadian-origin oil for export.

An Ontario mission recently participated in SITEV Europe '82, the world's leading automotive exhibition held in Geneva, Switzerland. Last year's mission from Ontario to SITEV Europe displayed products to 30 000 buyers from 45 countries and reported on-the-spot sales of \$1 million plus projected sales of more than \$20 million. This year the Ontario Ministry of Industry and Trade provided an information booth and an exhibit available for use by Ontario autoparts manufacturers.

Canada has awarded 26 grants, totalling \$104 734 to assist or support research and activities related to labour. The grants are directed at increasing the knowledge of Canadian labour matters and at stimulating greater interest in this field among established Canadian scholars and graduate students. Grants were also awarded for projects in support of departmental objectives in the labour field. Recipients of these grants include unions, universities, research institutions, associations and individuals with demonstrated capabilities in the field of labour affairs.

The federal and New Brunswick government have signed an agreement to further energy conservation in the province. The agreement is for funding of the National Energy Audit Program (NEAP) which is part of the National Energy Program. Under the program the federal government will contribute \$2.8 million while the New Brunswick government will provide \$720 000. NEAP provides several services designed to promote energy conservation by industrial, commercial and institutional organizations.

A University of British Columbia professor has been named the William Lyon MacKenzie King visiting professor of Canadian Studies for 1982-83 by the University Consortium for Research on North America (Harvard-Brandeis-Tufts). Professor Alan Cairns, who has taught at the University of British Columbia since 1963, will teach courses in Canadian politics and the Canadian Constitution for the Department of Government at Harvard University. He will also co-chair the Seminar on Canadian-United States Relations at the university's Centre for International Affairs and pursue his research on the Canadian constitutional debate.

Inniskillin Wines Incorporated of Niagara-On-The-Lake, Ontario has begun shipping its wine to France and Germany. In France, Inniskillin will be represented by F. Chauvenet, Nuits St. Georges Burgundy and in Germany by Dr. Hans Müssig, Partenstein. The initial shipment will be sold through Chauvenet's 150 salespersons across France and to restaurants through Chauvenet's associated company Louis Max of Paris.

Northern Telecom Limited of Montreal is one of four international electronics and telecommunications companies that have been invited to submit bids on plans to upgrade Norway's telephone service by the late 1980s. The project will involve installation of 500 000 telephones and replacement of many existing switching stations with digital equipment.

Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada has completed its purchase of Massachusetts Financial Services Company, one of the largest and oldest U.S. investment management firms. Sun Life said the acquisition of MFS would accelerate its expansion in the U.S. by giving the company access to more than 30 000 sales representatives.

Eight natural gas utilities in British Columbia and Ontario will receive more than \$20 million in federal funding this year to help finance the cost of expanding gas distribution systems to new market areas. A total of \$5.2 million will be made available to British Columbia to finance 44 gas projects, while Ontario is scheduled to receive up to \$15 million to help finance 159 projects. Customer additions in both provinces are expected to displace more than 76 000 cubic metres of oil (or close to 500 000 barrels) over the next ten years.

Minister of State for Trade Edward C. Lumley has announced that the Export Development Corporation (EDC) has signed a \$65-million (U.S.) financing agreement to support a sale by Canadian exporters to Petralgas Chemicals NZ Limited of New Zealand. The EDC fi-



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Igor, 6 and Daphne Jurgens, 7, cast an ear to the horn of an antique record player during International Museums Day events at the National Museum of Man and the National Museum of Natural Sciences at the Victoria Building.

nancing supports the supply of capital goods and engineering services in connection with the construction of a 1080 tonne a day, natural gas-based chemical methanol plant at Waitara, Taranaki, North Island, New Zealand, adjacent to the Maui natural gas field.

The Montreal Alouette Football team of the Canadian Football League has been withdrawn from the league and a new franchise has been awarded to a group headed by Montreal businessman Charles Bronfman. The new team, which will be located in Montreal, will be called the Concordes.

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