

CANADA'S MACHINERY PROGRAM

Some \$380-million worth of machinery was imported duty-free by Canadian firms during 1970, according to the report *Machinery Program Analysis - 1970 Imports*, which has been distributed to Canadian machinery manufacturers by the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

This detailed import analysis is prepared annually as part of the Department's machinery program, which became effective on January 1, 1968. It highlights 42 main groups of machines and equipment required by Canadian manufacturers during 1970, which were not produced in Canada. These market data can assist Canadian machinery producers in identifying new opportunities for expanding their manufacturing activities in Canada.

Under the program, about 18,000 applications for remission of duty are received each year. Applications are reviewed in terms of the needs of machinery-users and on the basis of the capability assessments of more than 900 Canadian manufacturers of machinery and equipment. Accordingly, machinery-users are alerted to the full range of Canadian production, while machinery-producers are assured of tariff protection when they are in a position to supply.

FURNITURE FOR JAMAICAN HOSPITAL

Canadian beds, tables and other equipment to a value of \$1 million will help furnish the new County of Cornwall Regional Hospital near Montego Bay, Jamaica. Purchase of the equipment in Canada is being made possible by a development loan from the Canadian International Development Agency.

Apart from 275 hospital beds, 250 overbed tables and 400 bedside cabinets, Jamaica is buying Canadian laundry equipment, medicine, laboratory and utility carts, stretchers, wheelchairs, examination tables and lamps, physical and occupational therapy equipment and numerous other items. The list contains 136 different categories, ranging from infant incubators and a blood plasma freezer to such items as mops, brooms and stepladders.

The loan, which also covers packing and shipping costs, is the second by CIDA in connection with the new hospital. In 1969, \$735,000 was made available for kitchen and operating-theatre equipment.

The Montego Bay hospital, scheduled to open early in 1973, is already being hailed as the most modern in the Caribbean. Costing close to \$20 million, it will serve the entire western third of the island and provide facilities for 420 patients in addition to 100 out-patients daily.

The fact that it will be a teaching hospital is expected to help stop the "brain drain" of doctors, nurses and other professionals from Jamaica.

BOTANICAL RESEARCH

Montreal Botanical Garden is one of the largest research centres of its kind, second only to London's Kew Gardens, and the Berlin Botanical Gardens. Located in Maisonneuve Park, the Garden covers an area of 180 acres. It was founded in the early 1930s, at the height of the depression, by two Quebec scientists, Brother Marie-Victorin, of the Brothers of Christian Schools Order, and Henry Teuscher, a plant specialist of German origin.

The Garden has one of the richest collections of begonias in the world, with 200 different species. Visitors can also admire an impressive variety of orchids, ferns, gesneraceae and araceae, exotic plants from Africa and tropical regions, which draw the attention of botanists the world over. The annual cycle of spring and autumn blossoming, in addition to the display put on at Christmas, attracts more than 100,000 visitors each year.

As a research centre, the Garden houses Montreal University's Botanical Institute with which it is closely associated. The Garden's authorities communicate with 600 botanical gardens throughout the world. It also has an auditorium, study halls, a library and specially designed greenhouses for research. As an educational and community training centre, the Garden receives a large number of citizens wanting to improve their horticultural knowledge; some of them follow a specialized training program. Every spring the apprenticeship school greets a number of school children, who help prepare the seeds for the fall blossoming.



Tulips, narcissuses, jonquils, primroses, azalea and lilac were displayed at the Green Erin thirty-second flower show, held in the central greenhouse at the Montreal Botanical Garden.