

## Women's job centre open

The federal government will open seven new resource centres across Canada designed to help women find satisfactory employment.

The centres, in addition to one which has been operating in Vancouver for about a year, will be established in Halifax, Chicoutimi, Toronto, Sudbury, Thunder Bay, Winnipeg and Calgary. They will be part of a regular Canada Employment Centre (CEC) in each city and will offer group and individual counselling. Job referral and placement will continue to be provided by the regular CECs.

In announcing the centres, Employment and Immigration Minister Lloyd Axworthy noted the problems facing women in the labour market today, particularly the adjustment required by the increasing automation of the office.

"The introduction of microelectronics technology to the office environment will have its biggest impact in the service sector, which employs 80 per cent of Canadian working women," said Mr. Axworthy. "The new centres will help women adapt to a changing work environment by providing them with information and advice on a wide range of occupations, including many in non-traditional fields."

## Centres for employment

The centres will assist those who experience difficulty in finding satisfactory employment; for example, women who are re-entering the labour force or who are seeking training or employment in non-traditional fields. "We have found that women who have never worked outside the home or who have been out of the labour force for a long time and women considering a move to a non-traditional job are the most keenly affected by a lack of adequate information and advice about employment," said Mr. Axworthy. "The special centres are designed to bridge this gap."

Some of the centres will also focus on a more specialized clientele. In Toronto, for example, the high numbers of immigrant women seeking employment will receive special attention in that city's resource centre.

In the Vancouver centre graduate students in education, social work and health sciences offer social counselling services to women.

## Alternative energy office

Energy Minister Marc Lalonde recently opened the office of Canada's new alternative energy corporation, Canertech, in Winnipeg.

"With the creation of this Crown corporation the government of Canada is spearheading a new industry — an industry devoted to the development and manufacture of conservation and renewable energy technology," said the minister at the opening.

Canertech, as a venture capital development company, has been allocated \$20 million by the federal government to commercialize renewable energy application and conservation products. The corporation, which is presently a subsidiary of Petro-Canada, is expected to become autonomous within the next few years.

Canertech is meant to assist the private sector in achieving the over-all goal of the National Energy Program which is to achieve basic energy balance in Canada with less dependence on oil.

The corporation will search out investment opportunities in firms with innovative products and techniques that show market possibilities and long-term, profit-making potential.

## Aviation and marine fuels rise

A compensation recovery charge is now applicable on all marine and aviation fuels consumed by domestic and foreign carriers with international destinations.

First announced in the budget of October 28, 1980, the measure will recover some of the compensation paid by the federal government on oil which was imported to replace transportation fuels exported from Canada. Compensation payments for high-priced foreign crude imports allows lower domestic prices for all petroleum products sold in Canada to be maintained.

The charge varies from \$5.85 a barrel to \$17.15 a barrel depending on the product.

Adjustments will be made as required to ensure that marine and aviation fuels sold for international destinations will be closer to world fuel prices and, in particular, competing levels in the United States. The net result will be to reduce price differentials for international aviation and marine fuels presently existing between different regions of the country and being offered to competing national and international carriers.

## Company begins regular air service to Greenland

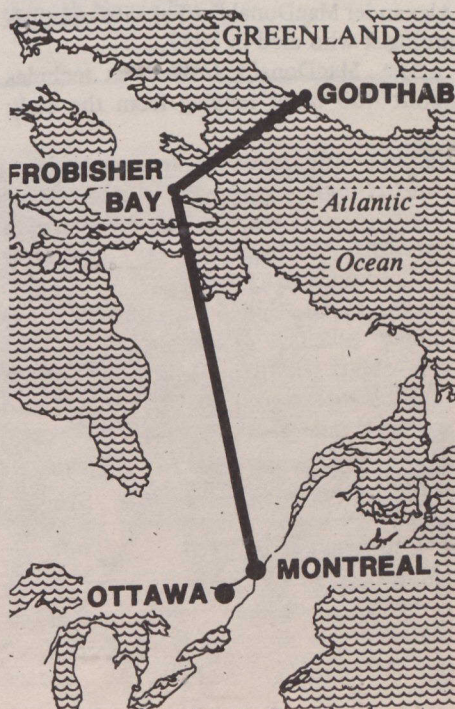
An Ottawa company recently began the first scheduled air service between Canada and Greenland.

The new service, offered by First Air, makes it possible to fly from Montreal to Greenland in a little more than seven hours, a journey which, until now, took two or three days *via* Denmark.

## Serves the Arctic

First Air already operates an extensive service in the eastern Canadian Arctic serving 13 small communities around Frobisher Bay which is three hours flying time north of Montreal. The airline will fly a 44-seat, Hawker Siddeley 748 turbo-prop aircraft twice a week from Frobisher Bay to Godthab, Greenland's largest town near the southwest tip of the island.

First Air president John Crichton said he expected the service to attract three kinds of passenger traffic: two-way tourism, business and visits between the native population who live on the two sides of the Davis Strait.



First Air's new Canada-Greenland route.