

department stresses, however, that reunification of families remains the top priority. In 1985, for example, it is anticipated that 45 000 immigrants will be applicants seeking to join their families in Canada.

The 1985 level for government-assisted refugees has been increased to 11 000 from the 10 000 identified for 1984.

This figure, however, does not include privately-sponsored refugees for whom no level or quota is set.

Overall, about half the immigrants to Canada in the 1983-84 financial year starting April 1 were from Asia. Ontario was the most popular destination, with nearly 50 percent of all immigrants settling there. Quebec was the next most popular, with about 18 percent, followed by British Columbia, which received 16 percent.

Culture

Animated film exhibition to be held at Canada House

Next month will see the staging of the Animated Film Exhibition, when a rare and valuable collection of original artwork from some 40 animated films goes on display at Canada House.



The exhibition was prepared by the National Film Board of Canada. While in the UK, it is being sponsored by The Canada Life Assurance Company.

The exhibition was the subject of an article in the December, 1984, issue of Canada Today. It opens on May 6.

Novelist wins Malaparte Award

Canadian novelist Saul Bellow has won the 1984 Malaparte Literary Award, sponsored by the Friends of Capri Association. He was selected by an international jury that included authors Alberta Moravia of Italy and Graham Greene of Britain. Bellow is the author of *Herzog*, *Henderson*, *The Rain King* and *Humboldt's Gift*. He has received many other awards including the Nobel Prize in literature in 1976.

Stratford Festival to open May 26



Canada's Stratford Festival will open its 1985 season on May 26 with a gala performance of *King Lear*, last performed there in 1979. The opening week will also include *Twelfth Night* and *Measure for Measure*; *Othello* will join the Festival Theatre repertoire in August. The opening week at the Avon Theatre will feature *My Fair Lady*, the Broadway hit of the 1950s. Other productions scheduled for the Avon Theatre include Goldsmith's 18th century comedy, *She Stoops to Conquer*, and Chekhov's *The Cherry Orchard*.

National Gallery makes important acquisition

The National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa has acquired a preparatory drawing for Benjamin West's *The Death of General Wolfe* (1770), one of the most celebrated paintings in the gallery's collections. The painting depicts General Wolfe's death on Quebec's Plains of Abraham in 1759.

The Study for *'The Death of General Wolfe'* (1765), believed lost since the end of the nineteenth century, is thought to be of considerable historical importance and of outstanding artistic merit. The preparatory drawing was the last and most important compositional study and the only finished sketch associated with the painting.

The Death of General Wolfe, which is probably the most famous depiction of an event in Canadian history, achieved an almost legendary status from the moment of its first exhibition in London in 1771. The painting was donated to the National Gallery in 1918 by the Duke of Westminster.

The Study for *'The Death of General Wolfe'* was purchased by the gallery with the assistance of a grant from the government of Canada.



The Death of General Wolfe by Benjamin West, 1738-1820

People

New Agent-General appointed by Ontario

An Ontario government minister, Tom Wells, has been named to represent the province as its next Agent-General in the United Kingdom, taking up the post on April 1. He was Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and House Leader in the administration which was until recently headed by Premier William Davis.

He replaces W. Ross DeGeer, who completes a tour of duty that began in 1978, and now returns to Toronto to become Chairman of the Ontario Highway Transport Board.

Davis stepped down recently after 13 years as Premier following the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party Leadership convention, at which Frank Miller was chosen as leader.



Tom Wells, Ontario's new Agent-General.

A member of the Provincial Legislature since 1963, Wells has a long and successful record of government service at ministerial level. This includes the portfolios of Health, Social and Family Services, and Education, covering the years from 1969 to 1978, when he was appointed as Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs.

Sport

Masters Games scheduled for Toronto

The biggest meeting of senior athletes ever staged – the Masters Games – will be held in Toronto in August. The games will encompass 22 sports for both men and women.

There will be only three team sports – ice hockey, basketball and cricket. Also, competitors will enter as individuals, not as members of a national team.

About 10 000 athletes from around the world are expected to attend.

