

can be reversed."

There is a time lag between changes in smoking practices and mortality from related diseases, so such changes are not immediately reflected in the statistics. However, the benefits of discontinuing smoking are indicated by the experience of British doctors, large numbers of whom have stopped. Between the periods 1954-57 and 1962-64, lung cancer deaths among doctors decreased 30 per cent, while that of the male population in Britain increased 25 per cent.

SUCCESS AT PARIS TRADE SHOW

Mr. C.O.R. Rousseau, Minister Counsellor (Commercial) for the Department of Trade and Commerce in Paris, said recently that Canada's first participation in the specialized trade show called BATIMAT (Salon de la Construction et des Industries du Second-Oeuvre) held in Paris, from November 23 to December 3, had been a remarkable success.

Canada is becoming an increasingly important supplier of lumber, plywood and allied building materials to countries of the European Economic Community, and BATIMAT, the premier show of its kind in the Community, provided an ideal medium for the promotion of Canada's growing exports. This show attracts buyers of building supplies from countries other than those forming EEC. Thirty-seven Canadian firms took part in the exhibit sponsored by the Department of Trade and Commerce, which featured displays showing Canadian timber-frame techniques for house-building and a wide variety of allied building products.

The Canadian stand attracted 23,000 visitors from 23 countries - from the EEC and EFTA countries and from Spain, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Iceland, Egypt, Greece, Lebanon, Iran, Kuwait, Israel, Togo, Chile and Australia.

"Even though it is difficult to establish the exact amount of business negotiated, the firms represented did tremendously well," Mr. Rousseau said. The agent for Building Products of Canada received 132 serious enquiries, sold 6,000 square metres of asphalt shingles and is negotiating a sale for large quantities of floor tiles. Panoramic Hardware Incorporated exhibited a window that generated much interest and negotiations are now under way for it to be manufactured under licence in France, with many components being shipped from Canada.

EXPO'S ASSETS SETTLED

Trade Minister Robert Winters recently announced that agreement had been reached on the disposal of the assets and the winding-up of Expo 67. The agreement was concluded between the Federal Government, the government of the Province of Quebec and the City of Montreal.

Mr. Winters said that on January 1, Montreal assumed responsibility for Expo's assets on Ile Ste-Helene and Ile Notre-Dame. Assets owned

jointly by the Government of Canada, the Quebec government and Montreal will be transferred through the Canadian Corporation for the 1967 World Exhibition. The only exception is the transit system known as "Expo Express", which is to be sold by public tender.

DETAILS OF DISPOSAL

The balance will be disposed of as follows:

(1) The Federal Government will receive all the assets on the land known as Harbour City. The land is owned by the National Harbours Board and the lease given to the CCWE will be transferred to the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, which will assume all responsibility for the management of the assets so acquired. These assets comprise Habitat, the Stadium, the Administration Building and "Labyrinth".

(2) The government of Quebec has requested occupancy of the Art Gallery and Expo Theatre, under long-term leases. It has also been agreed that the electrical power system located on Harbour City will be eventually sold to Quebec Hydro when CMHC have decided the use to be made of the property acquired by the Federal Government.

(3) All the assets situated on land owned by Montreal, including Ile Notre-Dame and Ile Ste-Helene (including the area known as "La Ronde") are to be transferred to Montreal. The Concordia Bridge, the Bridge of the Isles and other minor bridges are part of these assets.

This transfer is conditional on Montreal's relieving the CCWE of its obligation to restore the site to its original condition under the terms of the lease now held.

AIR-TRAFFIC COMPUTER

Transport Minister Paul Hellyer has announced the installation of Canada's first electronic computer for use in air-traffic control at Gander International Airport for final operational testing.

The new system will augment the present facilities and methods, which are approaching the limit of their capacity as air traffic continues to increase. Flights over the North Atlantic served by Gander totalled 83,728 in 1966 and it is forecast that, by 1976, the annual total will reach 161,670.

While the present manual system provides for a safe flow of air traffic, the rapid increase in flights is imposing an increasingly heavy workload on the controllers, resulting in a reduction in time available to the controller to resolve complicated traffic situations, which are also increasing. An electronic data processor will be used to perform many of the controller's routine functions, which will allow the controller more time for making decisions.

"The current system, in which air-traffic controllers work without the aid of computers, will continue in use until it is certain that the new system has been properly adjusted to carry out its work without error," Mr. Hellyer said.