
Languages in Canada

Increases in the number of people speaking the mother tongues of English and French are reported by Statistics Canada in the preliminary results of the 1976 census, compared to the results of one taken in 1976. A decrease is recorded for all other major mother tongue groups.

English mother tongue has increased numerically in every province, while French shows increases in Quebec, New Brunswick, British Columbia and the Yukon.

Out of a population total of 22,992,605 recorded in 1976, 14,043,250 reported English as their mother tongue; 5,865,365 French; 473,885 German; 482,370 Italian; 280,215 Ukrainian; 1,288,205 other; with 559,315 not stated or not enumerated at their usual place of residence on census day, June 1.

In 1971, the figures were: population 21,568,310; 12,973,810 English; 5,793,650 French; 561,085 German; 538,360 Italian; 309,855 Ukrainian; 1,391,550 other.

Environmental controls for new well

An oil and gas exploratory well on the Eagle Plain 150 miles southeast of the Yukon community of Old Crow will be allowed to proceed under strict environmental controls, Northern Affairs Minister Warren Allmand announced recently.

Aquitaine Company of Canada has received the work permit which was issued under special environmental constraints. Consultations were held between Northern Affairs officials and residents of Old Crow while Aquitaine's application was being reviewed.

The well will be drilled during the winters of 1977/78 and 1978/79.

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Belgian visit (Cont'd. from P. 2)

Canadian Embassy in Brussels has a culture and information centre, where a great variety of exhibitions, recitals, conferences and lectures are held. The Embassy also houses a large collection of books, films and musical materials.

Science and technology

The agreement on scientific, industrial and technological co-operation concluded between Belgium and Canada in 1971 is another result of the warm relations between the two countries. The joint scientific commission in which the province of Quebec participates meets every 18 months or so, establishes activities and determines the main goals of the agreement. The many areas of research and

technology of mutual interest include environmental problems, data-processing, health, science policy and industrial technology.

Finally, Canada and Belgium cooperate closely in the promotion abroad of the French culture of both countries, which is expressed both in their bilateral relations and in the work of the Agency for Technical and Cultural Co-operation.

Ties have been further strengthened by the visits of Prime Minister Trudeau to Belgium in 1974 and of Prime Minister Leo Tindemans to Canada in April and May 1976. The most recent visit of a government representative to Canada was that of the Belgian Minister of Employment and Labour, Guy Spitaels, and, during the past few years, several of Canada's provincial premiers have visited Belgium.

News briefs

Queen Elizabeth will open Parliament and make a nationally-broadcast speech during a six-day visit to Ottawa, October 14 to 19. She will read the Speech from the Throne on October 18, opening the third session of the thirtieth Parliament during her silver anniversary visit to Canada.

Led by a 14.6 percent gain by General Motors of Canada Ltd., sales of North American-built cars in Canada set an August record, up 8 per cent over the figure for August 1976. Truck sales were also up 8 per cent for August. Chrysler Canada Ltd. had a gain of 5.8 per cent for the month while Ford Motor Co. of Canada Ltd. was up 5 per cent and American Motors Ltd. were down 30 per cent.

Hydro-Quebec confirmed recently it had borrowed \$200 million from the United States, part of which will be funnelled into the massive James Bay hydro-electric project while net proceeds will be added to its general funds.

CIDA is assisting the Saskatchewan government and Compotex Ltd., the marketing agency for Saskatchewan potash producers, in the \$17-million sale of 310,000 tons of potash to a trading organization of the Government of India. Delivery, covering six months, will start shortly.

Canada will provide \$1.6 million to Nepal during the next three years to finance the purchase and transport of

7,000 metric tons of Canadian potash. Nepal will sell the potash to farmers at subsidized prices, using part of the proceeds to pay a share of costs for Canadian-financed rural development.

The National Energy Board has granted a certificate to Trans-Canada PipeLines Limited for the construction of 39.2 miles of 42-inch pipeline in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. The facilities are to be built at a cost of about \$20 million in three sections and will complete the third loop of the natural gas pipeline between the Alberta-Saskatchewan border and Winnipeg.

The basic old age security pension will increase in October to \$150.43 a month from \$147.05 to reflect the increased cost of living, the Department of Health and Welfare has announced.

The United States will use Canada's medical care insurance program as a guide in preparing its own national health insurance system Joseph Califano, Jr., U.S. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, said recently.

The fact that the success of free enterprise today is dependent on good research was emphasized last week when three Toronto boys of 12, 13 and 14 decided that autumn wasn't for them. They stole a \$30,000-yacht and set off for Florida, heading across Lake Ontario and into the Niagara River, where they were caught. Obviously, nobody had told them that Niagara Falls. □