

GREEK GODDESSES TO GRACE TORONTO

The largest bronze sculpture ever cast in Canada, an 8½-foot group of three goddesses, believed by the classical Greeks to be the givers of beauty of charm, will be located in front of new government buildings on Bay Street, Toronto. "The Three Goddesses", which will cost about \$65,000, is the work of the Toronto sculptor and artist Gerald Gladstone. It will be the focal point of a giant illuminated "water sculpture".

The group, weighing 3,600 pounds, will be set in a pool 15 feet in circumference, where water will cascade on it. In winter, when the water will be heated to control the formation of ice, 32 blue and amber lights will provide an ice-glazed effect at night. Two sizes of fountain will be used, one for winter and one for summer, and a special system will regulate the water on windy days.



Canadian sculptor Gerald Gladstone (left), discusses his new bronze sculpture "The Three Graces", with Mr. James Auld, Ontario Minister of Public Works.

Mr. Gladstone began his preliminary sketches of the sculpture in April 1970.

"The Ontario Government gave me the opportunity to develop this work in my own way," says Gladstone, "I was determined that this should be a completely Ontario contribution to the arts. Most sculptors have their castings done in the United States or Europe, but I searched the province to find a company that could not only understand what I was

trying to accomplish, but could carry out my directions and in turn give me the knowledge of casting procedures that I had to know in order to direct them. I was fortunate to find such a company, Mid Canadian Investment Castings Limited, a small plant near Georgetown, Ontario. Previously they had done work such as precision casting for the aerospace industry."

U.S. TARIFFS DROPPED

United States tariffs against a number of Canadian agricultural products have been dropped, effective January 1. The tariff cuts were negotiated during the Kennedy Round, but there was some doubt whether the cuts would be made on January 1.

"I am pleased to announce that United States authorities have officially confirmed that the 1972 tariff cuts will be implemented on schedule," Agriculture Minister H.A. (Bud) Olson stated.

The tariff cuts mean that about 30 per cent of Canada's agricultural exports to the United States will now enter duty free. Before the January 1 cuts, about 20 per cent of Canada's agricultural exports to the United States entered duty free.

The items affected are: brewers' and distillers' grains and malt sprouts; fresh apples; maple syrup and maple sugar; turnips; cattle hides; raw meat for animal feed; fresh cranberries; live sheep and lamb; hay, alfalfa meal or grass meal; peat moss, crimson clover seed; dried beet pulp; straw; celery seeds; seedlings, layers and cuttings of apple, cherry, pear and other fruit tree stocks; buckwheat; and unsweetened chocolate.

The total value of exports to the U.S. of these items in 1970 was \$23,578,174. Figures for 1971 are not yet available.

CAR SALES BOOM

Sales of new motor vehicles jumped by an unprecedented 48 per cent to 84,932 in November 1971 from 57,240 a year earlier. Sales of commercial units increased by 57.6 per cent to 15,123 units, and of passenger-cars by 46.5 per cent to 69,809.

Canadian and U.S. passenger car sales were 53.8 percent above their low figure in November 1970, but only 1.7 percent more than in November 1969. Sales of cars from overseas, however, increased 25.3 per cent from those of November 1970 to November 1971, and 48 per cent from those of a year earlier. North American car sales for September, October and November accounted for 76.9 per cent of the market in 1971, 76.0 per cent in 1970 and 82.0 per cent in 1969.

Of the total sales increase of 8,327 new vehicles from November 1969 to November 1971, 4,454 were overseas passenger-cars, 2,988 were commercial vehicles, and 885 were North American passenger-cars.