

### Canada/Commonwealth Caribbean consultations

Consultations at the senior level took place between the countries of the Commonwealth Caribbean and Canada in Ottawa on November 12 and 13, with discussions concentrating on the future economic relations between that region and Canada. This was the first round of discussions, with a further round expected to take place in the Commonwealth Caribbean.

The scheduling of the consultations at this time follows adherence of the Commonwealth Caribbean countries to the Lomé Convention, which defines their new relation with the European Economic Community. Economic relations between Canada and the Commonwealth Caribbean countries are conducted under the Canada/West Indies Agreement of 1925, as amended by a protocol signed at the Commonwealth Caribbean/Canada Conference of 1966.

The Commonwealth Caribbean participation was co-ordinated through the secretariat of the Caribbean Community and Common Market (CARICOM), which has its headquarters in Georgetown, Guyana. CARICOM, founded in 1973, includes 12 Commonwealth Caribbean countries as full participants while the thirteenth, Bahamas, is a member of the Community only.

### Canada Pension Plan Funds invested

Funds from the Canada Pension Plan totalling \$365,028,000 were invested in provincial and federal securities during the third quarter of 1975, Finance Minister Donald S. Macdonald reported last month. The comparable total of funds invested in the third quarter of 1974 was \$301,865,000.

Under the Canada Pension Plan, all funds received but not required by the plan to meet expenses and payment of benefits during the following three months are transferred to the Canada Pension Plan Investment Fund for the purchase of securities of the provinces or of Canada. The amount available in each month may be borrowed through the issue of securities by the provinces, their Crown agencies or the Government of Canada at the beginning of the following month. These are spe-

cial non-marketable securities, with terms of up to 20 years, bearing interest based on the yields of Government of Canada marketable bonds which have a comparable term of maturity.

The amounts offered to each of the provinces are proportional to the cumulative total of contributions paid in each province. The amounts available to the province of Quebec, which has its own pension plan, relate only to the contributions of some federal employees in that province, such as armed services personnel, who are not included in the Quebec plan but who were brought into the Canada Pension Plan by special legislation during 1966. Any balance not borrowed by the provinces, together with funds collected in the Yukon and Northwest Territories, must be taken up by the Government of Canada.

### Le Théâtre du Nouveau Monde on tour from Paris to Abidjan

Under a continuing program of cultural relations with foreign countries, the Department of External Affairs recently announced that a grant had been given to Le Théâtre du Nouveau Monde of Montreal for a tour of Europe and Africa. Their production of *Quichotte* will be abroad from November 1 to December 20 for a total of 35 performances in France, Belgium, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Senegal and the Ivory Coast.

The tour opened with two weeks of performances in and near Paris. The schedule has been arranged through the Federation of Paris District Youth and Culture Centres. The six performances in Belgium will be divided between Arlon, Brussels and the medieval city of Tournai, where the company will be appearing in the ancient market centre, "La Halle aux Draps".

*Quichotte* is then scheduled for passage through North Africa and to Senegal and the Ivory Coast. In Tunisia, the performances in Kairouan, Sfax, Sousse and Tunis have been organized with the assistance of the Cultural Affairs Ministry of the Tunisian Government.

The Culture and Information Centre of Algeria will be host for the appearances in Annaba, Algiers, and Tizi-Ouzou; and, in Morocco, the National

Theatre Company of the Mohammed V Theatre has assisted with booking arrangements for Rabat, Casablanca and El Jadida.

In Senegal, the play will be presented at the Daniel Serano Theatre in Dakar. The final performances will be given in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, at the French Cultural Centre.

In all countries, performances will be under the auspices of the Canadian Embassy. The tour is a presentation of the Canadian Department of External Affairs with the assistance of the Touring Office of the Canada Council.

### Restoration of Fort Lévis

Parks Canada will spend an estimated \$2 million on the partial restoration of Fort Lévis No. 1, located at Lauzon, across the river from Quebec City, announced Judd Buchanan, Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, recently.

The work, expected to take five years to complete, will begin in 1977.

The caponiers on the west and south sides, the tunnel, the powder house and two barracks are among structures to be restored. The remaining ones will be stabilized.

"For several years Parks Canada has spent large amounts of money on the restoration of historic sites such as this one," said Mr. Buchanan. "The Fortress of Louisbourg, Les Forges du Saint Maurice and, in Quebec City, Artillery Park — these are undoubtedly familiar names. National Historic Parks and Sites such as these enable Canadians from all parts of the country to better appreciate their rich historic heritage. This is important because a country cannot remain strong and united without respect for its traditions and the preservation of its historic values."

### History of fort

The construction of Fort Lévis No. 1, which formed part of a complex to defend Quebec City and its fort, was begun in 1865. It was one of the few forts in Canada built by the military alone. Today, it remains as the sole vestige of three fortifications constructed by the British on the heights of Pointe-Lévis.

Fort Lévis, No. 1, which is in the shape of an irregular pentagon, was part of a new defence system for the