

CABINET SHUFFLE

At a press conference on January 28, the Prime Minister announced the following changes in the Cabinet:

Mr. Arthur Laing, formerly Minister of Public Works, becomes Minister of Veterans Affairs.

Mr. Edgar J. Benson, formerly Minister of Finance, becomes Minister of National Defence.

Mr. John Turner, formerly Minister of Justice, becomes Minister of Finance.

Mr. Bryce Mackasey, formerly Minister of Labour, becomes Minister of Manpower and Immigration, retaining responsibility for the Unemployment Insurance Commission.

Mr. Donald S. Macdonald, formerly Minister of National Defence, becomes Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources.

Mr. Jean-Eudes Dubé, formerly Minister of Veterans Affairs, becomes Minister of Public Works.

Mr. Ronald Basford, formerly Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, becomes Minister of State for Urban Affairs.

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Mr. Otto Lang, formerly Minister of Manpower and Immigration, becomes Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, retaining responsibility for the Canadian Wheat Board.

Mr. Martin P. O'Connell, formerly Minister of State, becomes Minister of Labour, retaining responsibility for Information Canada.

Mr. Patrick Mahoney will become Minister of State.

Mr. Trudeau stated that "for reasons of ill Health", Mr. J.J. Greene, formerly Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, would no longer remain as a member of the Cabinet.

FIGURE-SKATING STAMP

The first issue of the 1972 stamp program is a special 8-cent stamp commemorating the World Figure Skating Championships, which are being held in Canada this year from March 6 to 12.

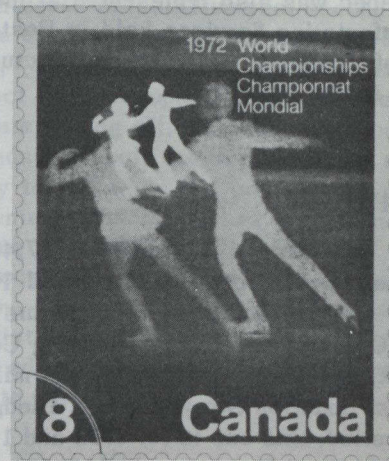
Twenty-five million of the stamps will go on sale on March 1, five days before the week-long Championships open in Calgary, Alberta.

The 30 mm by 36 mm purple stamp was designed by the Design Workshop of Toronto, Ontario.

The first international skating competition, held in St. Petersburg, Russia (now Leningrad) in 1890, was won by Louis Rubenstein, a Canadian and the first president of the Amateur Skating Association of Canada (which later became the Canadian Figure Skating Association).

In 1905, the first Canadian National Championships were held and, in 1924, Canada was represented

for the first time in World and Olympic Championships. The Canadian Figure Skating Association became an elected member of the International Skating Union in 1947. That same year Canada won its first World Championship when Barbara Ann Scott became Ladies' World Champion for 1947 and again in 1948.



Since then, top honours have gone to several other Canadians. In pairs competition Frances Dafoe and Norris Bowden, Barbara Wagner and Robert Paul, and Maria and Otto Jelinek have all won one or more world championships. Donald Jackson, Donald McPherson and Petra Burka have all been world champions in singles events.

Calgary is the third Canadian host city to the World Figure Skating Championships. In 1932 the Championships were held in Montreal, Quebec, and in 1960 in Vancouver, British Columbia.

QUEBEC BOOSTS EXPORTS

"Exporting Quebec products has become one of the top priorities of the Quebec Department of Industry and Commerce," recently stated Mr. Gérard D. Levesque, the Minister of that department, in a review of the work accomplished by the International Division of the DIC during the previous two months. During that period, the division has arranged the itinerary of a group of United States fashion buyers visiting Montreal, held a fashion show for them and put 20 U.S. buyers in touch with Quebec manufacturers. In addition, members of the division had accompanied four Quebec manufacturers to Los Angeles and San Francisco in the quest for new markets. The division subsidized the participation of two Quebec clothing manufacturers in the Salon international du Prêt-à-porter in Paris and arranged for a technical mission to attend that show, as well as garment exhibitions in London and Düsseldorf, in preparation for a similar exhibition to be held in Montreal in 1972.

A large-scale advertising program, designed to establish Montreal as an international fashion centre,