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tion of Montreal has proposed a service for consumers that would provide information in English and French about automobile performance ratings and consumer rights;

- the Canadian Automobile Association of Canada in Ottawa is planning a bilingual information network for its member associations across Canada;
- the city of Vancouver social planning department will establish an interactive service with public opinion polling, a health questionnaire, and information and diagrams relating to municipal issues;
- the Council of Yukon Indians, Whitehorse, Yukon proposes to install a Telidon system and create an information base in English and native languages to improve communications between the Yukon and southern parts of the country;
- Greater Vancouver Information and Referral Service will use Telidon technology and personal computers to develop a community information, electronic messaging and electronic mail service;

News briefs

June has been declared Senior Citizens' Month by Governor General Edward Schreyer. Some provinces already honour their older people during May or June each year, but this is the first national celebration of Senior Citizens' Month. The month will mark the contribution which senior citizens have made and continue to make in Canada.

Five hundred Canadian organizations will be polled by the Canada Employment and Immigration Advisory Council (CEIAC) about the impact of new technologies on employment. Organizations polled will represent a variety of sectors: business, labour, government and other community groups. The CEIAC made the decision to conduct the survey after Minister of Employment and Immigration Lloyd Axworthy asked for recommendations for future services that might be provided by his department to handle the employment impact of new technologies. Results of the study will be made public this fall.

The government of Iraq has ordered 200 specially-designed Chevrolet ambulances from Paul Demers et Fils Corporation of Beloeil, Quebec. The company recently supplied 350 ambulances to

- the Ontario Association for the Cerebral Palsied in Toronto intends to expand its participation in providing information to disabled people in Ontario through the Bell Canada VISTA system; and
- the Ryerson Nutrition Information Centre in Toronto proposes to create an electronic food and nutrition information directory.

In addition to these projects, feasibility studies will be undertaken with the Inuit Tapirisat and Taqramuit Nipingat Incorporated for services in northern and remote communities.

The Inuit Tapirisat has proposed a teletext trial in Frobisher Bay in conjunction with the Inuit Broadcasting Corporation. Taqramuit Nipingat has suggested a digital radio network which would link Inuit communities in northern Quebec with each other and with Montreal for the exchange of Telidon-based computer data and educational programs. These two proposals from Inuit organizations were received and accepted in principle but feasibility studies are required to deal with the special technological and geographical problems they pose.

Iraq and the latest order, worth \$4 million, brings the total to 910 ambulances supplied by Paul Demers.

A Canadian government science and technology mission visited Brasilia, São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro in May. The mission included representatives from the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, the Ministry of State for Science and Technology, the Department of External Affairs and the National Research Council.

Walter Dinsdale, long-time member of Parliament from Brandon, Manitoba has received an award at the United Nations in recognition of his work for the disabled. The award, presented by the Healing Community, an international religious organization, cited Mr. Dinsdale for his efforts in the rehabilitation movement in Canada. He was vice-chairman of the Special Parliamentary Committee on the Disabled and Handicapped.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation has awarded grants totalling \$134 375 to Canadian researchers. The grants, intended to stimulate research into the social, economic, physical, environmental, legal and administrative aspects of housing, are offered twice a year and can be up to \$20 000. Smaller grants of up to \$2 500 are available on a quarterly basis.

Seven Ontario companies participated in Medax '82, an international exhibition for medical technology equipment and aids, held last month in Jerusalem, Israel. The trade mission, led by the Ontario Ministry of Industry and Trade, also met with the Israel Manufacturers Association, the Israel Export Institute and several local purchasers of medical supplies.

Northern Telecom Limited of Montreal said its United States unit, Northern Telecom Incorporated, received two contracts from the United States Army for \$11.2 million (U.S.). The contracts call for the unit to supply SL-1 digital business communications systems at Fort Benjamin Harrison near Indianapolis and Bayonne military ocean terminal in Bayonne, New Jersey. Both systems are expected to be in service by October.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) has signed a \$10 million (U.S.) line-of-credit agreement with the Bulgarian Foreign Trade Bank to support the sale of Canadian goods and services to buyers in Bulgaria. The line of credit is intended to assist Canadian exporters competing for small- and medium-sized sales to a minimum of \$50 000 in Bulgaria by providing their Bulgarian customers with a simple and easily accessible credit facility.

A Quebec company, Alex Couture Incorporated of Charny, has been awarded a \$950 000 (U.S.) contract for the supply of non-edible tallow to Algeria. Tallow is used primarily in the manufacture of soap. This represents the second sale of Canadian commodities made to the Algerian government through the Canadian Commercial Corporation. The first, awarded last August, was for the supply of canola, an edible oil extracted from rapeseed.

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