

Watteau from the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, is the National Gallery's *The Nursemaid* by Chardin. This charming picture was purchased in 1956 by the Canadian Government from Prince Liechtenstein, whose ancestor had bought it from the artist himself when he was Ambassador in Paris early in the eighteenth century.

Works have been borrowed from France, Spain, Germany, Sweden, Britain, and the United States to make this re-evaluation of the art of the age of Louis XV complete. Some 90 of the works come from France – 20 from the Louvre.

This was not only the age of Louis XV and his two art-loving mistresses, Mme de Pompadour and Mme du Barry, but also of the great philosophers and writers: Voltaire (1694-1778), Jean-Jacques Rousseau (1712-1778), and Diderot (1713-1784). A portrait of Diderot by Van Loo (1707-1771), has been lent to the exhibition by the Louvre. (Photos courtesy of the National Gallery of Canada.)

Did Yukon men survive Ice Age?

Early man may have developed a relatively elaborate technology in what is today the Yukon Territory in order to cope with a hostile environment and a perennial shortage of food. The first inhabitants of the region may have crossed the frozen waters separating Siberia and Alaska.

These observations come from Professor William Irving, director of a five-year study, involving specialists in several scientific disciplines, of the evidence concerning human existence in the Yukon at a very remote period.

The tiny village of Old Crow in the Yukon was chosen for the study because only that territory, and a small area of southern Alberta, escaped glaciation at a time when almost the whole of Canada was covered by an immense ice-field extending south of the Great Lakes.

Man seems to have lived in the Yukon from 25,000 to 30,000 years ago, and to have more or less continuously inhabited the region for the past 12,000 years. Some experts believe that Ice Age men may have found their way to the vicinity of Taber in southern

Alberta as much as 60,000 years ago, since that appears to be the age of the remains of an infant found recently in that area.

If these hypotheses are confirmed, says Professor Irving, man's ability to survive glaciation may prove to be one of his greatest feats, and may have implications for the future adaptability of mankind.

Professor Irving, who has made 20 trips to the Arctic since 1948, says that "a certain urgency" surrounds the current project because a pipe-line may be built through the area under study. "Canadian Arctic Gas Limited has promoted and assisted the project so that losses to science and to the heritage of the Yukon people may be kept to a minimum," he states.

Permafrost conditions and uncertain flying weather limit the time for on-site investigation to the period from June to August.

Last summer, Professor Irving and the other members of the project supervised the collection and transportation to Toronto of about 4,000 pounds of Pleistocene animal bones preserved in the sediment of the lake that once surrounded Old Crow. In the University's Department of Anthropology, the specimens – which include buffalo, bison and mammoth bones – are being catalogued at a rate of about 500 a day. The standard of the work is such that the data gathered are recognized by the Smithsonian Institution.

National Hockey League standings

At April 5, the final standings of teams in the National Hockey League were:

Patrick – Philadelphia 118, New York Islanders 101, Atlanta 82, New York Rangers 67.

Smythe – Chicago 82, Vancouver 81, St. Louis 72, Minnesota 47, Kansas City 36.

Adams – Boston 113, Buffalo 105, Toronto 83, California 65.

Norris – Montreal 127, Los Angeles 85, Pittsburgh 82, Detroit 62, Washington 32.

In the best-of-three quarter finals, beginning April 6, Buffalo was scheduled to play at St. Louis, Vancouver at New York against the Islanders, Atlanta at Los Angeles and Pittsburgh at

Toronto.

Montreal, Chicago, Philadelphia and Boston received first-round byes.

Champion scorer

The Montreal Canadiens' right-winger, Guy Lafleur, won the NHL scoring title with 56 goals and 69 assists, for a total of 125 points. He is the first Montreal player to win the title since "Boom Boom" Geoffrion, 15 seasons ago. Bobby Clarke of Philadelphia was four points behind Lafleur.

Funding energy research and development

Federal funding for energy research and development will be increased by more than \$10 million, Energy Minister Alastair Gillespie announced recently.

Supplemental funding will provide an additional \$647,000 for the fiscal year ending April 1, 1976, and new funding for 1976-77 will be increased by \$9.7 million.

The new funding will be in addition to currently-estimated expenditures of \$113 million *per annum* by federal departments and agencies on all aspects of energy research and development.

Energy research and development will take place in six priority areas: conservation, liquid and gas fuels, coal, nuclear energy, renewable energy, and the transportation and transmission of energy.

Increased support follows Cabinet approval of proposals made by an inter-departmental panel on energy research and development. The proposals outlined new priorities for federal energy research and a five-year program of incremental funding. The panel, supported by the office of energy research and development of the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, will coordinate the Federal Government's efforts.

The funds will be shared by the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, Environment Canada, the Transport Development Agency of Transport Canada, and the National Research Council. "A more determined effort will be made to involve the private sector," Mr. Gillespie said. "More than half the money will be spent outside government in the form of contracts. Much of the remainder will go to