

crops grown in Canada and elsewhere. About 70 per cent of the oats grown in the State of New York, for instance, are varieties that have been developed at the Central Experimental Farm.

Most of the research animals have been moved to a 2,800-acre farm in the city's greenbelt, which is being developed into a livestock research centre. However, to provide a service to overseas buyers, a livestock showcase herd for both dairy and beef cattle is maintained at the farm. Here, foreign buyers can view the most popular breeds in Canada, obviating the need to travel across the country to find out what is available. The showcase dairy herds at the farm are Holstein-Friesian, Ayrshire, Jersey and Guernsey. For beef cattle the representative animals are Hereford, Aberdeen-Angus and Beef Shorthorn.

The farm still houses pigs but they will be moved away when new accommodation is ready for them on the greenbelt farm and their space will be taken up by various other farm animals, developing the setting into a kind of farm livestock zoo.

Early beginnings

The Central Experimental Farm, which is run by the Department of Agriculture, was established in 1886. Perhaps one of the most famous names associated with the Central Farm was Charles Saunders, who was later knighted. Saunders discovered Marquis wheat, a variety that because of its earlier development was well suited to the short Canadian growing season.

In a time when the push and pull of world population growth and world food shortages seem to threaten once a week, it is encouraging to consider the contribution this farm has already made to the prosperity and well-being of Canadians.

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The first Canadian school of agriculture was established at Ste Anne de la Pocatière in 1859. Experimental work was done through the Ontario Agricultural College (1873) and on a government stock farm in Prince Edward Island.

In 1886 the Dominion Minister of Agriculture placed \$20,000 for work in connection with an experimental farm.

The Dominion Experimental Farms System was inaugurated in 1886. It arose out of a report presented to the House of Commons by John Carling on April 15, 1886, and a bill, bearing the title, "An Act Respecting Experimental Farm Stations" received Royal Assent on June 2. This Act authorized the establishment of five farm stations, the one for Ontario and Quebec to be the principal or central station. The first step had been taken.

Louis Riel opera to be presented in Washington

Herman Geiger-Torel, general director of the Canadian Opera Company, has announced that, *Louis Riel*, the production of Canadian composer Harry Somers, which will be presented during the Company's forthcoming season, at Toronto's O'Keefe Centre, September 5 to October 11, will be performed at the Kennedy Centre in Washington on October 23.

Canadian festival

The Washington engagement is part of the "Canadian festival" at the Kennedy Centre, October 13 to 26, which is being held in conjunction with the United States bicentennial celebrations. The Canadian Opera's participation in the festival is sponsored by the Department of External Affairs and organized by the Touring Office of the Canada Council.

Louis Riel, with music by Somers and a libretto by Mavor Moore in collaboration with Jacques Languirand, was first commissioned by the Floyd S. Chalmers Foundation for the Canadian Opera's Toronto season in 1967 (it was also performed at Expo '67 in Montreal and then revived in Toronto during the 1968 season), and was supported by

the Centennial Commission, the Canada Council and the Ontario Arts Council.

A provocative foray into Canadian political mythology, *Riel*, as one critic noted, represented the most significant contribution anyone had yet made to the development of Canadian opera.

The opera's protagonist is Louis Riel, the single-minded Métis revolutionary who believed he was divinely guided to use force for the sake of justice, and who was convicted of treason and executed in 1885, by order of Sir John A. Macdonald, in the name of national unity.

Recent agreements with the EEC

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solutions to problems of international trade in cereals. The question of liberalizing trade in these products has been identified as one to be pursued further in the Multilateral Trade Negotiations which started recently in Geneva. Meanwhile, Canada's GATT rights on these products will be preserved intact to be invoked, if necessary, at a later date.

It is the view of the Canadian Government, Mr. Gillespie said, that the settlement finally reached in these long and difficult negotiations was a good one for Canada. It would provide, he said, a major positive element in the development of better trade and economic relations with the European Community, which was one of the principal reasons for the Prime Minister's recent visit to five Common Market countries.

Corrigendum

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