

### Labour information bureau proposed

Labour Minister Gerald Regan has introduced a bill in the House of Commons to establish a Labour Information Bureau, which would be managed by representatives of labour, business and government.

The object of the Bureau is to assist parties in the collective bargaining process throughout Canada by organizing and disseminating economic and compensation data and other labour-related information.

The Bureau would: act as a central clearing house from which existing data could be obtained; establish and maintain liaison with federal, provincial and private agencies that collect and produce economic and compensation data; develop and maintain a data management and information reference system; respond to requests for information from employees, mediators, conciliators and federal and provincial officials; identify gaps and shortcomings in existing data and make recommendations regarding the generation of such additional data; assess federal economic and compensation data collection and dissemination programs; and publish a periodic newsletter. The Bureau would not produce its own data.

The bill would establish the Labour Information Bureau as a Crown Corporation composed of a chairman and not more than 15 other members — at least five to be nominated by unions and at least five by business. The Bureau would report to Parliament through the Minister of Labour.

### Export markets for cattle

International demand for Canadian purebred cattle is growing, and the Federal Government is working to help cattlemen make export sales.

A federal government task force was set up in 1978 with Agriculture Canada and Ministry of Industry, Trade and Commerce personnel, to study and implement ways to increase Canada's purebred cattle exports.

Export sales of live animals, frozen semen, and embryos were valued at about \$43 million in 1978. Sales to the United States accounted for about 35 per cent of that total.

Buyers from Italy, Mexico, South Korea, Japan and Spain were also active, but volumes exported overseas were re-

stricted by some practical factors.

"Transportation was a major problem identified by the task force," said Lyall MacLachlan, an Agriculture Canada livestock marketing specialist in Ottawa. "Costs of shipping cattle are high, and aircraft are often hard to obtain for this purpose."

The task force is seeking solutions to this problem through discussions with Air Canada and the livestock industry. The task force recently sponsored a seminar in Winnipeg. It was attended by representatives of Air Canada, Transport Canada, the five provincial western departments of agriculture, the Canadian livestock exporting agencies, as well as representatives from Agriculture Canada and Ministry of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

A priority of the task force is to stress pre-sale and post-sale cattle management services to foreign buyers.

"Canadian management and breed improvement skills are valued in other countries," said Keith McFarlane, of the meat, livestock and poultry division of Industry, Trade and Commerce. "This can be an important factor in the total sales package," he says.

### Work camp program set up

The Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE), for the first time, is offering a program of international work camps in 16 countries from June through October.

International work camps, operated throughout the world for the past 25 years by national organizations such as CBIE, provide an opportunity for young people to work together in various countries.

The CBIE program is being offered with the assistance of the Danish Association for International Co-operation. Countries in the program include: Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, France, Britain, Ireland, Belgium, the Netherlands, West Germany, Switzerland, Spain, Turkey, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland.

Camps consist of ten to 25 people from various countries who work on manual projects such as constructing playgrounds or agricultural work, or on social projects such as assisting in recreation projects for children.

### New hydrofoil service across Lake Ontario



*The Princess of the Lakes is one of three hydrofoils being used in a new service which started recently between Toronto and Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. It is the first hydrofoil service to go into operation on the Great Lakes. Each vessel carries a ten-man crew and can carry 255 passengers at speeds up to 45 mph. Journey time across the 30 miles of Lake Ontario is just under 40 minutes — much quicker than by road. The proposed schedule calls for hydrofoils to make four round trips daily, seven days a week, until the end of October. The service is being operated by Royal Hydrofoil Cruisers.*