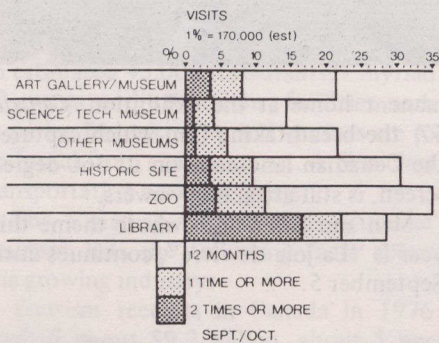


## Leisure time (Cont'd. from P. 2)

similar to that of magazines, with 37 per cent of respondents indicating they were "light readers" (one to seven hours a week) and 16 per cent who read more than seven hours a week.

### Cultural institutions

Since visiting a museum or similar institution is a more casual activity since it does not involve attending a scheduled event, researchers expect greater rates than for leisure activities requiring direct participation or training; in addition, multiple visits may give an indication of depth of interest. The figure below includes three percentages: the proportion who visited during the preceding 12 months; a visit in September or October; and more than one visit during those two months.



Percentage of respondents who visited cultural institutions during October 1974 to October 1975, and who made one or more visits during September/October in 1975. The average non-response was 13 per cent.

### Income and leisure

The survey indicated a negative association between income and television habits, especially for the extremes: upper-income families (\$20,000 a year or more) spent fewer hours watching TV, whereas lower-income groups (\$10,000 or less)

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tended to spend longer hours in front of the set (15 or more hours a week).

Generally, the results show that in every other activity, upper-income families participate over-proportionally. The strongest pattern of association between income and participation rates was found in fine art and formal education.

### Age and movies

Researchers concluded that attendance at

commercial movies (as opposed to film society showings) is heavily concentrated in younger people. For example, among Canadians of 44 years or older, about 70 per cent had not been to a cinema in the preceding year, whereas of the 17 to 24 age group, only 15 per cent had not seen a movie during that period. In total, 400,000 Canadians in that age group attended five or more movie shows in September and October.

## News briefs

Canada's ten provincial leaders, with some reservations, have advocated an end to wage and price controls by January 1, and have suggested that an independent agency with restricted powers be established to monitor wage settlements and price increases. At the annual premiers' conference, held recently in St. Andrews, New Brunswick, the nine English-speaking premiers also signed a joint statement honouring the right to education in French outside Quebec where significant numbers of francophone inhabitants exist. They rejected Premier Levesque's formula for a reciprocal agreement on minority language rights.

Canada Manpower and the Unemployment Insurance Commission have recently merged in order to co-ordinate their services. Newly named "employment minister" Bud Cullen says the merger of 800 separate UIC and manpower offices will eventually provide "a one-step service" for the unemployed person who is seeking both work and unemployment insurance benefits.

The number of marijuana and hashish convictions increased 21 per cent, from 1975 to 1976, while known users of these drugs rose 3 per cent. Use and convictions for narcotics, hallucinogens and other illicit drugs dropped in the same period.

Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) leaders said on August 18 that the labour movement could not accept any of the Government's proposals for voluntary wage restraint, a consultative forum to advise the Government on the economy, or a monitoring agency after the controls program ends. The CLC position, unanimously endorsed at a meeting of 90 heads of unions affiliated with the Congress, means that the federal controls program will be in effect "for a good deal longer,"

Labour Minister Munro said.

Opposition to Quebec separatism has grown both within Quebec and across Canada, a Gallup poll conducted in July indicates. It found that within Quebec, 70 per cent of those queried opposed separation of the province from the rest of the country, compared with 62 per cent in an April poll. Nationally, 75 per cent of those asked oppose separation, compared with 71 per cent in April.

Under proposed coastal trade regulations, Commonwealth ships will lose their special status and foreign ships will be given access to Canadian coastal trade only when Canadian vessels are not able to provide the same service.

Formal negotiations have begun between Potash Corp. of Saskatchewan and the owners of Allan Potash Mine Operators Ltd. in the Saskatchewan government's bid to acquire half the provincial potash industry. If negotiations are successful, it will be the fourth potash mine to be acquired by the provincial government. There are ten mines in the province. PCS will become effectively the largest producer in the province this fall when formal transfer of the Alwinal Potash of Canada Ltd. mine takes place.

As of September 1, the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources will distribute grants for the financing of home insulation to all but two provinces. Quebec and Alberta have refused to comply with some of the conditions attached to the offer, such as lowering the speed limit and removing sales tax on insulating materials, and will therefore not receive federal assistance. Grants for as much as \$350 a unit should meet two-thirds of the cost of insulation materials.

Traffic through the St. Lawrence Seaway reached a near record count by August 1. The waterway may well end the year with its second best season. Higher tolls will be introduced for 1978.