

## News briefs

A two-phased hearing will be held soon by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission to deal with the extension of television services to remote areas, satellite distribution of television programming and the question of the introduction of pay-television to Canada. Communications Minister David MacDonald said that a seven-member committee, including representatives from three provinces, would be struck to conduct the first phase, and a public hearing held to discuss proposals for service from various groups and individuals.

Housing starts during November were at a seasonally-adjusted annual rate of 201,800 according to preliminary figures issued by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Actual starts in urban areas in November were 15,156 dwelling units, a decrease of 16 per cent from the 18,150 recorded in November 1978.

Natural gas exports to the U.S. will be increased by 40 per cent. The decision, approved by the Cabinet, December 6, will help reduce the mounting trade deficit and will be welcomed by the gas industry. Some of the new exports began on January 1. Meanwhile National Energy Board member Ralph Brooks confirmed that exports of heating oil to the U.S. had risen last year while domestic inventories had shrunk. The NFB, however, is less concerned with the inventory levels than with the potential for shortages to develop in the new year from such things as refinery breakdowns and production problems in western Canada as well as interruptions in crude oil imports.

CP Air has announced that it has ordered four Boeing 767-200 wide-bodied jets for its North American routes and holds options to order four more of the twin-engined aircraft. The order will cost \$400 million and is part of a \$1-billion

fleet and facilities expansion, the airline said. Deliveries of the aircraft, which will replace DC-8 and 727 aircraft in domestic service, are expected to commence in 1983.

Former Saskatchewan Roughrider full-back George Reed, along with former Hamilton Tiger-Cat stars Garney Henley and Pete Neumann, and British Columbia Lions linebacker Norm Fieldgate were recently inducted into the Canadian Football Hall of Fame. Reed, 39, won the Schenley Award as the Canadian Football League's (CFL) outstanding player in 1965 and was runner-up in 1968 and 1969. He made the CFL all-star team nine times and the Western Conference all-star team 11 times. He played in five Grey Cup championship games, including a winning effort over Ottawa in 1966.

The Export Development Corporation has approved \$132.8 million in loans to 14 countries to enable Canadian exporters to compete internationally. The sales were to Brazil, Egypt, India, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Kuwait, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, the United States, Venezuela and the Yemen Arab Republic. The transactions involve 113 exporters and suppliers of metals, locomotives, railway systems, steel mills, steam generators, flight simulators, aircraft satellite communication systems, sewer systems and grain terminals.

The Armed Forces will get a two-stage pay raise over the next 18 months, averaging 6.4 per cent retroactive to October 1, and 5.4 per cent on April 1, Defence Minister Allan McKinnon has announced. Pay increases for generals and medical officers, however, will be introduced when wage raises for comparable public service groups are approved. Purpose of the two-stage raise is to align salary increases with the Government fiscal year, which begins April 1. Rates of pay for the reserve forces will be increased to correspond with regular force raises, Mr. McKinnon said.

Student summer job placements made in 1979 through Canada Employment Centres for Students (CECSs) were up 15 per cent over those of last summer. A sharp increase in private sector placements (up 14.3 per cent over last year's figure, was largely responsible. During the summer, CECS staff placed 112,386 post-secondary students and 150,350 high school students in private sector jobs. These figures represent an 11 per cent increase for college and university students

and a 20 per cent increase for their younger counterparts.

A record number of British visitors (now estimated to exceed 300,000) travelled to Ontario during the past year. The prediction is based on figures that show a 19 per cent increase in the year to July, compared with that of the same period last year. The total in 1978 was 266,000. The lower Canadian dollar valuation, favourable transatlantic air fares and long-term promotional work by government agencies are given as reasons for the increase.

The English owner of eight American Indian and Australasian skulls decided recently against their sale by auction after criticism from a British member of Parliament. Labour MP Bruce George asked Sotheby's auction house to cancel the sale of the skulls, saying: "This is a distasteful and immoral form of profiteering." Sotheby's said later that Stella Pitt-Rivers had decided to give two skulls of American Indians to the National Museum of Man in Ottawa.

Petro-Canada, the federal energy company, and Amoco Canada Petroleum Co. Ltd. of Calgary, have discovered oil and natural gas in a well recently drilled in the Brazeau area of Alberta, about 50 miles southwest of Drayton Valley. Tests resulted in an estimated flow rate of 3,180 barrels of oil a day and 14.1 million cubic feet of natural gas at a 500-pound drawdown, the companies said.

In Canadian usage, the word 'Eskimos' has been largely replaced by 'Inuit', writes Michael Kingsley of the Canadian Wildlife Service. This word should be restricted to its proper (plural) sense, and 'Inuk' adopted as the singular form, he says. This avoids such oddities as 'an Inuit' or 'an Inuit trapper', and helps to avoid double plurals such as 'Inuits'. The normal usage in English is to take the singular form of a noun in adjectival use: 'an Eskimo village' and 'Eskimo hunters' transpose to 'an Inuk village' and 'Inuk hunters' and not 'an Inuit village' etc. 'The Eskimo way' becomes 'the Inuk way' - Inuktitut.

Grant Hobson knelt at his wedding at a Toronto town church recently and the congregation began to giggle. The words "Help Me" were printed in white on his shoe soles. "Grant's friends are real jokesters," said his bride, Jane Mellor. Mr. Hobson, 23, said: "I thought it was hilarious - and I was ready to wring someone's neck."

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