

News briefs

Indian and Northern Affairs Minister John Munro has announced the federal government's offer to transfer administration of recreational lands in the Yukon to the territorial government. The lands consist of 36 campgrounds and approximately 900 cottage lots in subdivision groups of six lots or more. The administration of leases, agreements for sale and assignments now attached to the lots would be taken over by the Yukon government as soon as the necessary administrative arrangements were agreed upon.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans is conducting a survey on sport-fishing in Canada. The department is sending out 90,000 questionnaires to determine what success sport fishermen had in 1980, where they fished and how much they spent.

British Columbia will spend \$470 million to build a rail line to its northeast coal fields. Crown-owned British Columbia Railway of Vancouver has started construction on a spur line to the fields.

Full-time enrolment in community colleges rose 4 per cent to 260,000 people in 1980-81 compared to the previous year's figure, according to Statistics Canada. Ontario and Newfoundland led the country with the largest increases. The preliminary figures show an increase of 11 per cent in Newfoundland to 1,400 people, while Ontario jumped 9.5 per cent to 80,100, compared with 1979-80 figure.

Transcanada Pipelines Limited of Calgary has signed natural gas sales agreements with two U.S. customers. Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, a unit of Peoples Energy Corporation of Chicago and Michigan Wisconsin Pipe Line Company, a subsidiary of American Natural Resources Company of Detroit, have each agreed to purchase 100 million

cubic feet of natural gas a day from Transcanada over a ten-year period.

Federal approval for spending of \$108.9 million on two major coal developments by Cape Breton Development Corporation has been announced by federal Finance Minister Allan MacEachen. Further development of the Prince mine at Point Aconi will cost \$54 million and \$54.9 million will be spent on work aimed at bringing the Donkin mine into production.

A report prepared by the National Farm Products Marketing Council recommends the establishment of a potato marketing agency for Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. The report is based on public hearings held last autumn on a proposal to establish a potato marketing agency for Eastern Canada.

Canadian Labour Council executive vice-president Shirley G.E. Carr has been elected the Canadian workers' delegate to the governing body of the International Labour Organization. She is the first woman to occupy a titular position in the workers' group of the United Nations' organization.

The Manitoba government plans to spend more than \$2.3 billion in 1981-82, an increase of \$304 million or nearly 15 per cent from 1980 estimates. About \$18.9 million will be spent to promote economic development and tourism, while \$35.8 million is expected to be spent to maintain the freeze on hydro rates. Interest charges on money borrowed would be \$14.9 million higher at \$94.9 million.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) has announced that 32 claims totalling \$831,760 were paid to Canadian exporters under its exports insurance programs during the quarter ending December 31, 1980. This brings claims during the past year to approximately \$10.4 million. The export credits insurance programs protect Canadian exporters in cases in which foreign buyers are unable to unwilling to pay their bills as a result of certain commercial or political developments.

In 1980, for the second consecutive year, Brazil was the major overseas market for Canadian potash, importing 770,000 metric tons, an increase of 35 per cent over 1979 sales and representing Canadian exports of approximately \$100 million. Bob Ford, Marketing Manager,

Latin America, Africa and Europe, for CANPOTEX, the offshore marketing agency for Saskatchewan potash producers, says indications are that 1981 sales to Brazil will be higher again.

Nova Scotia will move to protect minority French- and English-language education "where numbers warrant", provincial Education Minister Terence Donahoe has announced. He said he will introduce a bill in the next session of the Legislature guaranteeing minority-language education where there is enough demand. There are enough Acadians in several parts of Nova Scotia now to warrant that protection, he said, and other areas could be added in the future.

The American Association for the Advancement of Science recently elected Canadian Allan Bromley as its new president. Mr. Bromley is currently a professor of physics at Yale University. The American Association for the Advancement of Science has more than 150,000 members and there are over 300 affiliated associations.

Health and Welfare Minister Monique Bégin has announced a contribution of \$1,186,923 to the School of Dentistry at Laval University. Federal aid for this project is part of the final settlement of the Health Resources Fund which has provided \$103.5 million for the development of health training facilities in Quebec since 1966. The contribution is for the second stage of a construction project to enlarge facilities at the school.

The number of marriages solemnized in Canada during 1979 totalled 187,811 reflecting a slight increase of 1.2 per cent from the previous year, reports Statistics Canada. This increase marks for the first time a reversal in the declining trend in the number of marriages which began in 1973. The rate per 1,000 population in 1979, however, remained at 7.9 unchanged from the previous year. Among the provinces, Alberta registered the highest marriage rate (9.4) followed closely by British Columbia (8.6).

The ferry, Princess Marguerite, will be back in service this May after a \$4.7-million refit and facelift in Victoria dry-docks. The *Marguerite* will then make one return trip daily between Victoria and Seattle with the last trip of the season scheduled for October. It will carry 1,800 passengers and 50 cars on the four-and-a-half-hour trip through Puget Sound and across Juan de Fuca Strait.

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