

News briefs

Minister of State for Forestry Gerald Merrithew led the Canadian delegation to the inaugural ceremonies of the new president of Uruguay, Dr. Julio María Sanguinetti, in Montevideo on March 1. Mr. Merrithew was accompanied by the Canadian chargé d'affaires to Uruguay, R.D. Turner.

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) has signed a technical co-operation agreement to provide up to \$1 million over the next three years to the Economic Development Institute (EDI) of the World Bank. It is the first time the EDI has made such an agreement with an external aid agency. Since it was formed in 1955, the Institute's training courses and materials for policy-makers in the developing countries, have been financed by the World Bank's funds with additional contributions on an *ad hoc* basis from member countries. Under the terms of the agreement, the funds will be used to engage the services of Canadian individuals, consulting firms, associations and institutions.

Advanced Medical Technologies of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, has signed a \$4-million (US) contract for the sale of Preci-Jet, a needleless medical injection kit. The pen-sized injector, developed by Raymond Grunwald, is about half the size and cost of a device currently used in the US. It will retail for \$500 to \$600.

The Export Development Corporation recently signed two allocations under a \$64-million line of credit agreement renewed with the Republic of Cameroon on May 26, 1984. The first is a \$2.08-million (US) allocation with the Ministry of Planning and Land Management of the Republic of Cameroon to support the sale of water distribution piping by Cannon Inc., Montreal, Quebec and the second is a \$305 763 (US) allocation to support a sale by Ag Systems International Consultants Inc. of Montreal that involves a feasibility and engineering study for a pilot dairy project in Ngaoundéré. The Canadian International Development Agency will provide parallel financing of \$1.23 million (Cdn) and \$221 200 respectively for each allocation.

McElhanney Group Limited have received a contract to conduct a hydrographic survey in the Arnott Strait, which lies between Cameron Island and Ile Vanier in the high Arctic. The over-the-ice survey will map a safe shipping lane for possible tanker traffic in an area close to the North Magnetic Pole. An analysis of the hydrographic survey data is expected to be completed in June 1985 with a definitive shipping route marked

Penguin born in Canada



The month-old Australian dwarf penguin (above) at the Montreal Aquarium, was the first of its species hatched in captivity in Canada under the normal care of its parents. It weighs 795 grams.

through the Arnott Strait into the vicinity of Cape Kennedy, Northwest Territories.

Minister of Employment and Immigration Flora MacDonald has announced changes in immigration guidelines to allow foreign spouses to apply for landing in Canada without having to leave Canada. This change applies mainly to people who, while residing temporarily in Canada, marry a citizen or permanent resident. In the past, unless there were special humanitarian or compassionate circumstances, these applicants had to leave Canada after their marriages and obtain their visas abroad. Standard medical and security requirements must still be met.

Ford Motor Company of Canada nearly tripled its profits in 1984, earning a record \$433 million or \$52.25 a share. That compares with \$153 million or \$18.40 a share in 1983 and a loss of \$108 million or \$12.99 a share in 1982. Canadian operations earned \$352 million in 1984, compared with \$85 million in 1983. Consolidated sales by the company, which has subsidiaries in South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, totalled \$12.1 billion, up 41 per cent from the \$8.5 billion recorded in 1983.

Motorola Information Systems Limited of Brampton, Ontario has been awarded a contract for 37 super-microcomputers to be installed at 35 bases across Canada and in West Germany. The contract for the firm's Unix-based office automation systems, is a preliminary stage of the Department of National Defence's ADP project, a plan to provide automation at base and station levels.

Linda Thom of Ottawa, Ontario, who won the gold medal in the women's sports-pistol

event at the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, set two records en route to ensuring a place for herself on the team that will represent Canada in the world air-gun championships in Mexico City, April 21-25. She scored 763 of a possible 800 to eclipse her national women's record by 10 points. She also posted single rounds of 383 and 380 to top the previous single course record of 378.

The Canadian men's 4x10 kilometre relay team won the country's first cross-country skiing medal in international competition recently at the XII Winter University Games in Italy. The foursome of Alain Masson of Laval, Quebec, Wayne Dustin of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Owen Spence of Regina, Saskatchewan and Benoit Letourneau of Mont-Rolland, Quebec, finished in 1 hour 40 minutes 26.50 seconds on the Pian Longhi course to win the bronze medal. The Canadians were 1 minute and 3.10 seconds behind the winning Soviet team. The Italians won the silver.

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