

### New air transport tax delayed

The implementation of an air transportation tax, which was scheduled to start on October 15, will be postponed to December 1, Transport Minister Jean Marchand announced recently. The change is in response to the request of the Air Transport Association of Canada to obtain further time for the training of airline personnel and travel agents.

### Costs

The tax on air transportation paid or payable in Canada will be 5 per cent of the air fare up to a maximum amount of \$5 on any ticket sold for air travel within the designated taxation area, and a specific tax of \$5 for international trips ending outside the taxation area. The taxation area includes Canada, the United States (except Hawaii), and the French Islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon. The tax will be shown separately on air tickets.

### Quebec, a leader in mobile home manufacturing

The mobile-home industry has taken giant steps in Quebec in the last three years with the recent establishment of the Moduline International Company in the Drummondville Industrial Park.

The plant produces three mobile homes a day and employs 100 workers. Maximum capacity is 12 units a day, an objective to be achieved within two years, according to company president L.C. Merta. The company already manufactures mobile homes in the United States and in other Canadian provinces.

### Boom in '75

In 1971, Quebec produced 2,778 mobile homes, compared to 17,609 single family dwellings. In 1972, production had doubled to 4,980 and had reached 7,562 in 1973. It is expected that by 1975, one out of two single family dwellings will be a mobile home.

Quebec now produces more than a third of the mobile homes manufactured in Canada. Close to 36 per cent of this production are shipped outside Quebec.

### Formal recognition of Canadian national anthem

A revised version of *O Canada*, which will become Canada's national anthem, was introduced in the House of Commons on October 4 by Secretary of State J. Hugh Faulkner,

The new version, recommended in 1968 by a special joint committee of the Senate and the House of Commons, was first introduced in Parliament by the Secretary of State on February 28, 1972. After receiving second reading it was referred to the Standing Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts. With the dissolution of Parliament on September 1, 1972, the Bill died on the Order Paper.

### History of anthem

Although accounts differ on the origin of *O Canada*, all agree that the anthem was written well after Confederation, that the French version of the words preceded the English, and that the music was composed by Calixa Lavallée in 1880. In that year Dr. Theodore Robitaille, Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec, took the lead in urging Adolphe Routhier, President of the French Canadian National Convention, to write a poem to serve as a new national hymn. Lavallée was commissioned to compose an anthem.

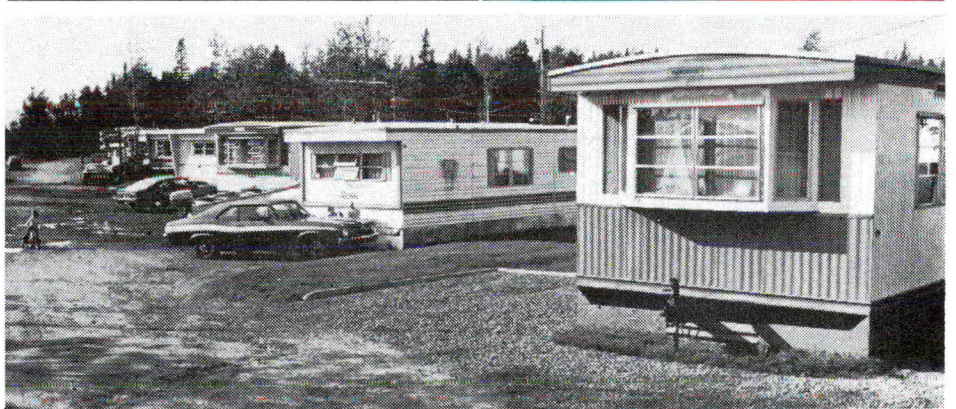
The first English translation of the words, by Dr. Thomas Richardson of Toronto, appeared in 1906. The three-hundredth anniversary of the founding of Quebec inspired many poets to produce verses for *O Canada* and one of these, by Robert Stanley Weir, became the accepted English text.

An official version was adopted for the diamond jubilee of Confederation in 1927, and the playing of *O Canada* became so general that successive prime ministers saw no need to give the song formal recognition as a national anthem. Lester Pearson disagreed, and while he was in office, a parliamentary committee recommended the official adoption of *O Canada* as the national anthem with Routhier's and Weir's verses (with minor changes) for the words.

The new English version reduces the repetition of the words "O Canada" and "stand on guard". Lyrics of the official English and French versions follow:

O Canada! Our home and native land!  
True patriot love in all thy sons  
command.  
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,  
The true North strong and free!  
From far and wide, O Canada, we  
stand on guard for thee.  
God keep our land glorious and free!  
O Canada, we stand on guard for  
thee.  
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thee.

*O Canada! Terre de nos aïeux,  
Ton front est ceint de fleurons  
glorieux!  
Car ton bras sait porter l'épée,  
Il sait porter la croix!  
Ton histoire est une épopée  
Des plus brillants exploits.  
Et ta valeur, de foi trempée,  
Protégera nos foyers et nos droits.  
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