

that the management and the control of communications enterprises do not go outside the hands of Quebecers. In future, transactions in this sector will be submitted to the knowledge of the citizens during an examination by the Public Services Board or by a parliamentary commission.

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"The government believes it is urgent to examine seriously the project, many times proposed over a period of years, for a Quebec press agency.... The government will not create such an agency on its own authority. But, in the case where the enterprise could be set up, it considers cooperating in its creation and granting its own financial participation."

#### Remote areas affected

Despite the decision of the Supreme Court of Canada last December that the Federal Government had jurisdiction over cable television, the white paper proposes to encourage cable companies to provide their service in remote areas of the province.

It also proposes to help set up two cooperatives, one for publishing paperback editions of Quebec books, the other for distributing books in more remote areas of the province.

#### Increased number of British tourists expected this year

Tourists from Britain are expected to exceed 400,000 this year, according to the June/July issue of *Ontario Bulletin*, published by Ontario House in England. This represents an increase of over 10 per cent on last year's total of 372,000.

Motorhome holidays, self-drive and escorted tours will be well in excess of 5,000 — three times the 1977 figure. Last year, some 227,000 British visitors arrived in Toronto — representing about 61 per cent of the all-Canada total.

Both Wardair and CP Jet Save have added extra advance booking charter flights to Toronto in order to meet the increased demand. Additionally, new "Maple Leaf" fares introduced this year by Air Canada between Britain and Canada are proving extremely popular with tourists.

The improved value offered by the Canadian dollar in relation to its current exchange rate with the pound sterling has contributed to the increase.

#### Keeping the record

The Public Archives recently presented an exhibition, called *Keeping The Record*, comprising more than 120 manuscripts, maps, printed and pictorial works selected from its holdings, including a sampling from the collections of the National Library of Canada.

Documents on view included: a letter signed by Voltaire expressing his view that the establishment of peace was worth more than the possession of Canada (September 6, 1762); a Montagnais-French dictionary (c. 1674-1678); a petition from the Indians of Wabigon Lake to the Governor General, Lord Lorne, written on birchbark and bound with wampum (July 1881); a letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Sir Louis Davies, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, concerning a meeting with Guglielmo Marconi and plans for the Sable Island telegraph cable (September 1899); and a letter from Hermann Goering to Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King, regarding the purchase of timber-cutting rights on Anticosti Island by a German firm (April 1938).

The documents, taken largely from the holdings of the Manuscript Division, were selected to show some of the variety, both in subject and in format, found in the collections. The exhibition also demonstrated the importance of the institution's role in preserving records of the nation's history.

#### Clinic named for nurse

The Nurse Abernethy Medical Clinic, officially opened in Trepassey, Newfoundland on May 31 by Premier Frank Moores and Fisheries Minister Walter Carter, will provide residents with the most modern medical facilities they have ever had.

The new clinic, staffed by two doctors and a public health nurse, houses two medical examination rooms, a dental office, two physical therapy rooms, a nurse's room, an X-ray room, two laboratories, a holding room, a large waiting area, a reception office and a kitchen.

The facility is named after Christine A. Smith-Abernethy, born and trained in nursing in Scotland, who came to Trepassey in 1950 and introduced health-education programs that are unmatched.

This pioneer in nursing and health services in Newfoundland operated a dispensary out of a room in a boarding house in Trepassey for three years, where she taught pre-natal and post-natal care. The health and sanitation measures still practised in Trepassey and area are due in a large part to the programs carried out through the years by nurse Abernethy.

She excelled in the study of drugs so that when she was in isolated outposts she was able to prescribe and dispense them herself.

She worked in the Trepassey area until her retirement in 1965 and even then she looked after on-the-job injuries and accidents at Fishery Products Limited.



On display recently at the Public Archives was this watercolour sketch of a figurehead proposed for the Earl of Moira and executed by the Quebec sculptor and architect François Baillargé, c. 1803. This vessel was to be built for naval service on the Great Lakes.