

## News briefs

**Queen Elizabeth** has bestowed the title Royal on the Newfoundland Constabulary. The force, established in 1871 with the Royal Irish Constabulary as a model, will be known as the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary. The 220-man constabulary is a provincial force but is assigned to St. John's. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police cover the other parts of the province.

**Esso Resources Canada Limited** has confirmed the existence of a 600-million barrel oil find at Norman Wells in the Mackenzie Valley area of the Northwest Territories. J. Underhill, external affairs manager, said on May 28. The find by Imperial Oil Limited was first discovered in 1920.

**Davie Shipbuilding Limited of Lauzon**, Quebec, has been awarded a \$25-million contract by Salen Offshore Drilling Company of Stockholm to construct a marine jack-up drilling rig. Delivery is scheduled for May 1980.

**With an average of four-and-a-half jobs** each to choose from, this year's graduates of the metallurgical engineering program at Hamilton's McMaster University have had to make a difficult choice among top firms. Companies such as Telco, Canron, Union Carbide, Alcan and General Motors are among the many who have been actively seeking metallurgy graduates. Altogether, the companies have managed to hire the entire 1979 McMaster class, consisting of five graduates.

**The Export Development Corporation** will lend up to \$11 million (U.S.) to Sociedade Auxiliar da Industria de Petroleo Ltda. of Brazil for the purchase of three offshore supply vessels and related services valued at \$12.24 million (Canadian) from Vancouver Shipyards Company Limited and Bel-Aire Shipyards Limited both of Vancouver.

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A vaccine that could save farmers \$40 million a year in calf losses has been developed by the Veterinary Infectious Disease Organization at the University of Saskatchewan. Dr. Chris Bigland, head of the non-profit research group said that the vaccine against bacterial calf scours was tested on more than 1,000 dairy and beef cattle in Eastern and Western Canada. Dr. Bigland said the tests prevented scours — a disease causing diarrhea and dehydration in calves — in more than 90 per cent of the animals.

**The Japanese** want Canadian squid and are willing to invest in joint ventures with Atlantic Canadian firms to get it, says the head of Japan's delegation at the annual meeting of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries (ICNAF). Since Canada declared its 200-mile fishing limit, Japanese vessels have been able to take less and less squid off the East Coast, Shunichi Ohkuchi, chairman of ICNAF, said. He added that Japanese firms would willingly exchange fish catching and processing technology for permission to invest in the Atlantic fishery.

**A surge of stock market activity** in the past year brought unexpected prosperity to investment companies in Canada, J.B. Pitblado, outgoing chairman of the Investment Dealers' Association of Canada, said in his report to the annual meeting in St. Andrews, New Brunswick on May 28. From a low at the end of January 1978, the TSE 300 stock composite index climbed almost 50 per cent.

**British Columbia Hydro** and Power Authority of Vancouver has applied to the National Energy Board for permission to export to the U.S. 3 billion kilowatt hours of electricity a year of firm power and 10 billion kilowatt hours a year of interruptible power for five years beginning October 1, 1979.

**The Bank of Nova Scotia** is reorganizing its operations in Puerto Rico. The bank will have a branch in Hato Rey while conducting most of its local business through a new bank to be called Scotiabank de Puerto Rico, having \$350 million (U.S.) in assets.

**The trade surplus in April** totalled \$12 million, Statistics Canada reports. Figures for March have been revised to show a deficit of \$16 million, instead of the reported surplus of \$150 million. The country had a record surplus in merchandise trade of \$3.52 billion in 1978, up from \$2.9 billion in 1977.

**Alberta's surplus natural gas supply** is expected to prevail through the 1980s and possibly remain a factor in market considerations even in the following decade, Robert Blair, president and chief executive officer of Alberta Gas Trunk Line Company Limited, told the annual meeting in Calgary. He noted that export bids coupled with plans to expand the domestic gas market appear to hold the best prospects for regulatory approval at the federal level.

**The International Council of Scientific Unions (Paris)** has announced the appointment of Joseph H. Hulse, a Canadian, as chairman of the newly established Commission on the Application of Science to Agriculture, Forestry and Aquaculture. Mr. Hulse is director of the Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Sciences Division of Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC). The National Research Council of Canada is a member of the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU), which is an international non-governmental scientific organization.

**The two concerts** given by Keith Richards and the Rolling Stones in Oshawa, Ontario, on April 22 netted \$50,132 for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. Richards performed free as part of a probation order set by County Court Judge Lloyd Graburn on October 25, 1978, after the singer was convicted of possessing heroin.

**Four interstate pipeline companies** have applied to the U.S. Government for authority to import 300 million cubic feet of natural gas daily from Canada, starting late next year. The gas would be sold by Progas Ltd. of Calgary at a price set by the Canadian Government, currently \$2.30 a thousand cubic feet. The proposed contract calls for imports to begin November 1, 1980, and to extend for up to 20 years.

**Martin Moyer** from Winona, Ontario, near Hamilton, was fired recently from his job as a co-operage foreman. Two days later, he was shopping for a Cadillac, and was no longer concerned about finding a new job. Mr. Moyer, 42, had just learned that he had won \$1 million in this month's Loto Canada draw. He said that his only other plans for the money were to share it with his family and put some in a bank to earn interest. He also said he would drive the new car to pick up the eight weeks' severance pay his former employer owes him.