

## News briefs

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau has appointed Pierre Juneau as president of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation effective August 1. Mr. Juneau replaces Mr. A.W. Johnson, who has been president since 1975.

The federal government's Canada Centre for Inland Waters, one of the world's largest water research centres, recently opened its laboratories and ships to the public for four days. More than 90 displays and tours, demonstrations of wind and wave machines, and a live presentation of songs of Canada's lakes and rivers were presented. Besides serving as headquarters for Canada's battle against Great Lakes pollution, the Canada Centre for Inland Waters is the base for research projects across the country from Newfoundland to British Columbia and north to the high Arctic.

Velan Incorporated of Montreal has won a contract to supply valves to the Hungarian Power Plant Investment Company. The valves, valued at approximately \$5.6 million, will be used in an addition to the Paks nuclear power station in Hungary. The contract will be provided under a line of credit from the Export Development Corporation and is the first major breakthrough by a Canadian company into the Hungarian market for industrial goods.

Systemhouse of Ottawa has announced the signing of a contract worth more than \$2.8 million to design and implement computer-based information management systems within Malaysia's Ministry of Health. The system, to be developed in conjunction with Malaysia's largest accounting firm, HRM, will support the ministry's financial operations, including payroll/personnel, inventory, accounts receivable and budgeting.

Zapata Offshore Company of Houston and Stone and Webster Canada Limited of Toronto have agreed to collaborate in developing floating production units for the oil and gas industry. The semi-submersible rigs will allow the development of offshore fields in water depths greater than 150 metres at a lower investment cost than would be possible with fixed platforms.

B.C. Coal Limited has concluded agreements to sell 3.32 million tonnes of metallurgical coal to four Brazilian companies over the next seven years. The four Brazilian companies are Companhia Siderurgica de Tubarao, Companhia Siderur-



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*Puffy, a nine-month-old terrier sports the latest in canine fashions — red rubber boots. Owner André Dubé of Ottawa said Puffy walks a little funny in his wet-weather footwear (paw-ware?) but that he likes them very much.*

gica Nacional, Companhia Siderurgica Polista and Usinas Siderurgica de Minas Gerais SA.

Lumonics Incorporated of Kanata, near Ottawa, has agreed in principle to acquire Britain's largest commercial laser manufacturers, J.K. Lasers Limited. The deal, still subject to acceptance by the shareholders of the British company and regulatory authorities in both countries would be worth about \$10.6 million. The acquisition will allow both companies to increase their marketing efforts in each other's territories, according to Lumonics representatives.

Saskatchewan Attorney General Roy Romanow recently attended a colloquium at the Earl Warren Legal Institute of Boalt Law School, University of California, Berkley. Mr. Romanow was a featured panelist at the colloquium entitled, *The Canadian Constitution and the Supreme Court Decision*. During his presentation, Mr. Romanow outlined the history of the Canadian Constitutional negotiations, the Supreme Court's action, the province's reaction to the Supreme Court decision and the final negotiations leading to last November's agreement.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) has finalized a \$8.5-million (Cdn.) allocation under a line of credit with

Nacional Financiera, S.A. (Nafinsa) of Mexico to support a sale by Bauer Bros. Company (Canada) Limited of Brantford, Ontario. The \$10-million (Cdn.) sale involves the manufacture and supply of thermomechanical pulp and refining equipment and technical advisory services to Fabricas de Papel Tuxtepec S.A. of Mexico in connection with a major expansion of a newsprint mill.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans has published a comprehensive, up-to-date text on small marine plants known as phytoplankton, an essential element in the ocean's complex food chain. Dr. Trevor Platt, one of Canada's leading oceanographers, edited the 346-page volume, entitled *Physiological Bases of Phytoplankton Ecology*. The book — a collection of 18 essays by scientists from around the world — discusses the physiological first principles of phytoplankton ecology.

Canadians consumed 76.08 kilograms of red meat per person in 1981, down slightly from 76.13 kilograms in 1980. The 1981 per capita consumption estimates were: beef, 40.91 kilograms; pork, 31.49 kilograms; veal, 1.56 kilograms; mutton and lamb, 0.69 kilograms; and offal, 1.43 kilograms. The 1981 per capita consumption of other foods was as follows: cereals, 66.90 kilograms; sugars and syrups, 39.48 kilograms and pulses and nuts, 3.52.

Canada's Ambassador to the United States Allan Gotlieb recently presented George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia with gifts of books, recordings and a cheque to further Canadian studies at the university. Mr. Gotlieb presented the university with 100 copies of *Entre Amis/Between Friends*, along with assorted recordings by Radio Canada International and a cheque for \$7 000.

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