

Diplomatic relations with the Republic of Malawi

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mitchell Sharp, announced recently that Canada and the Republic of Malawi had decided to establish diplomatic relations at the High Commissioner level.

Mr. A.F. Broadbridge, Canadian High Commissioner to Zambia, has been appointed non-resident Canadian High Commissioner to the Republic of Malawi and Mr. Mbaya, Malawi Permanent Representative to the United Nations and Malawi Ambassador to the United States, has been appointed non-resident Malawi High Commissioner to Canada.

Toward self-government for Yukon and Northwest Territories

Self-government for the Yukon and Northwest Territories moved a step closer when the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, Jean Chrétien, tabled amendments to the Acts governing the territories recently in Parliament.

The main changes in the Yukon Act will be an increase in the number of councillors from seven to 12 and the introduction of a formula under which further increases in councillors would be tied to fluctuations in the population of the territory. Under this formula, two councillors would be added for each 5,000 increase in population up to a maximum of 20. This formula could also respond to any similar decreases in population although the minimum number of councillors would be fixed at 12.

Northwest Territories

In the N.W.T., the size of council will be increased from 14 to 15 although, at this time, it is not proposed that a formula be introduced to provide for future adjustments. All 15 councillors will be elected, which would discontinue the present practice of appointing members to council. At the moment, four appointed members including the deputy commissioner serve on council. For the first time, council will be authorized to select a speaker from among its members. He would preside over council in session, a task which

is now performed by the Commissioner of the N.W.T.

"These are important steps along the road to greater responsibility for both councils," Mr. Chrétien noted, "and it is my hope that the proposed amendments will be dealt by Parliament in time for them to apply in the next territorial elections, which are due later this year."

Princess Margaret to attend Winnipeg centennial festivities

Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon will visit Manitoba from May 10 to 12, to take part in the centennial celebrations of the City of Winnipeg.

Lieutenant-Governor W.J. McKeag said that the visitors would also visit Minneapolis-St. Paul in the United States on their way to Winnipeg. They will arrive in the twin cities the evening of May 8, spend the next day participating in a program in these communities, then leave the evening of May 9 for Winnipeg. The visit to the American cities has been arranged as part of the "sister city" arrangement between Minneapolis and Winnipeg which is designed to bring the residents of the two communities closer through promotion of goodwill and understanding.

Second issue of Olympic stamps

Four 8-cent Olympic commemorative stamps, the second issue of the special Olympic series, went on sale on March 22.

A new engraving technique used in this issue to produce a background or hidden image of the Olympic symbol is believed to be the first time the method has been used in the printing of postage stamps. When the stamp is viewed normally, one of the four recreational activities is seen, but at an oblique angle the Montreal Olympics symbol appears.

At the end of December, total gross sales of the first Olympic stamps, issued September 1973, were \$447,111.68. Ontario led the country with \$87,416.42-worth of sales, followed closely by the Olympic host province of Quebec with \$82,551.03. Mail order service grossed \$247,767.99.

