

"The Van Doos" (cont'd. from P. 6)

heir, Prince Albert. The musicians concluded their tour in Bargemon, a small village in Upper Var. At a banquet held in their honour, bandmaster Major Pierret was named "Knight of the Order of Oil Crushers of Provence" (the region specializes in the production of olive oil).

A Marseilles journalist, writing of the band's repertoire, which includes French, German, Spanish and Russian music, as well as military and Canadian works, concluded that their performance was one of "quality and diversity".

History of the band

In April 1920, at the time the band of the Royal 22nd Regiment was formed in the Citadel of Quebec City, it shared the garrison with "B" Battery of the Royal Canadian Artillery, which had been stationed there since 1871. The Battery had a musical group, the Royal Canadian Artillery Band, created in 1899. On July 24, 1922 this band was transferred to the Royal 22nd and became the "musique du Royal 22e Régiment". Since then, its popularity has risen steadily.

Major Jean F. Pierret, a graduate of the Brussels Royal Conservatory of Music and the Kneller Hall Royal Military School of Music in England, has been the bandmaster since 1965. An assistant bandmaster and 40 musicians make up the ensemble.

The full regimental uniforms — scarlet tunics and busbies — of the Royal 22nd musicians are well-known to the general public. The band has been on three continents: North America (Canada and the United States), Europe and Asia, including many cities in Japan, Korea, Cyprus, Germany, Holland, Belgium, France and Britain.

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News briefs

President Julius K. Nyerere of Tanzania paid an official visit to Ottawa from August 1 to 3 at the invitation of Prime Minister Trudeau. The two heads of government discussed matters of mutual interest during the visit. President Nyerere was accompanied by Minister for Foreign Affairs Benjamin Mkapa and other officials.

Construction of a dam on the Red Deer River west of Red Deer will begin immediately, the Alberta government announced recently. The Alberta Environment Conservation Authority recommended against the dam after a series of public hearings.

The Export Development Corp. has arranged a \$93.5-million loan to help finance Canadian goods and services to be used in an Algerian liquified natural gas plant. The EDC said that Canadian companies would get contracts worth about \$110 million of the total \$1-billion cost of the plant.

Increases in St. Lawrence Seaway tolls were announced on August 4 by Transport Minister Lang. Under a tentative agreement reached earlier in the week with the United States, lockage fees would be replaced with tolls on Canada's Welland Canal connecting Lakes Ontario and Erie, and tolls would rise on Lake Ontario for the first time since the seaway opened in 1959.

The Government will probably announce a revised policy on bilingualism in the Public Service this autumn, including bonuses for more federal employees who have to work in both official languages, a Treasury Board spokesman said on August 4.

All provinces and territories have sent teams to the Canada Games '77 being held in St. John's, Newfoundland, August 7-19. More than 3,000 young athletes are expected to participate this year in Olympic disciplines, and such popular sports as baseball, softball, lacrosse, tennis and water skiing. Memorial University of Newfoundland is serving as the Athletes' Village.

Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan has announced that new import restrictions have been imposed by the United States on Canadian cattle, which require that cattle from Canada shall originate from a "certified brucellosis-free

herd" or from a "brucellosis qualified-for-export herd".

The Government has allocated \$225 million for the second phase of the Canada Works Program which will extend into the 1978/79 fiscal year. Manpower Minister Bud Cullen says Phase II will provide jobs for about 69,000 people. Total funding for both phases of Canada Works is now \$335 million.

Prime Minister Trudeau offered business and labour a conditional early end to wage-and-price controls recently, but representatives of the two key economic decision-making groups have asked for another two to three weeks to respond to the Government's proposal. Mr. Trudeau and other Cabinet ministers discussed with labour and business representatives three possible early dates for an end to the program: October 14 (the second anniversary of controls), January 2 or October 14, 1978.

Canadian Arctic Gas Pipeline Ltd., a multinational consortium of 15 petroleum and pipeline companies, has abandoned its \$140-million bid for a natural gas pipeline from the North but may make a contribution to the planning and construction of a rival pipeline project, Foothills Pipe Lines Ltd.

The Export Development Corporation recently signed an agreement to lend Turkey \$144.5 million to support a \$170-million sale of telecommunications equipment and services by Northern Telecom Ltd. of Montreal. The sale is estimated to bring 5,800 man-years of employment over the next five years to Canadians, including 860 man-years annually at nine Northern Telecom plants of which there are four in Montreal and one each at Bramalea, London, and Kingston, Ontario, Amherst, Nova Scotia and Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The English Channel will attract two Toronto swimmers this year. Later this month 19-year-old Cindy Nicholas of Scarborough, who has three times completed the channel swim, plans to brave the Channel twice more to equal the record for most crossings of the waterway between England and France. Another 19-year-old, Loreen Passfield of Etobicoke, hopes next month to break the record time of eight hours and 56 minutes set by Wendy Brooke of England.