

Carleton's new head

William Beckel has been appointed President and Vice-Chancellor of Ottawa's Carleton University effective July 1, 1979, for a term of seven years. He succeeds Dr. Michael Oliver, who will become director of the International Development Office, Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada.

Dr. Beckel, President of the University of Lethbridge, Alberta, held that post since 1972.

During his career, Dr. Beckel, a native of Kingston, Ontario, has served on a variety of committees, such as a member of the board of directors of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada. While president at Lethbridge, he was elected chairman of the Council of Western Canadian University Presidents. More recently, he was appointed a member of the board of trustees of the National Museums of Canada. Dr. Beckel has also held senior positions with the Canadian Society of Zoologists. He has published more than 40 scientific articles and technical reports.

News briefs

Air Canada's brief takeover of Nordair Ltd. will cost the national airline \$28.4 million. Air Canada will then sell the shares to the Federal Government which will try to sell the regional air carrier to private buyers within a year.

Westinghouse Canada Ltd. of Hamilton, Ontario reports that it has been awarded a contract valued at about \$9 million to supply three 15-megawatt gas turbines and three gas compressors to the Lakwa power station in northeastern India.

Ashk Development Corporation of Edmonton, Alberta hopes to build a Rocky Mountain resort complex to rival Banff.

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Plans for the \$40-million development include a ten-storey hotel, motels and 350 condominium units on 12 acres near the southern boundary of Canmore, which is 100 kilometres west of Calgary and 25 east of Banff. Town Council, however, has so far resisted the company's request for approval in principle, saying its announcement is "premature". The town is feeling strained by a 12 percent growth rate, and the proposed hotel would also violate the town's three-storey height limit.

First-class mail will increase to 17 cents an ounce from 14 cents on April 1, Postmaster-General Gilles Lamontagne announced recently, as the Post Office moves to reduce its deficit and prepares to become a Crown corporation.

A new brochure published by the Ontario Ministry of Industry and Tourism describes how waste rubber, paper, film, plastic, metal, steel dust and oil have been reprocessed and turned into profits. *Putting Waste To Work* lists sources of available information on the subject and the technological advances made by government agencies, research organizations, laboratories and trade associations. It is available from the Industry Branch, Ontario Ministry of Industry and Tourism, 7th Floor, Hearst Block, 900 Bay Street, Toronto M7A 2E4, Canada.

Preliminary data for September show that net sales of all refined petroleum products amounted to 48,732,000 barrels, an increase of 5.9 per cent over the September 1977 total of 46,016,000 barrels. Canadian refineries produced 49,616,000 barrels of refined petroleum products in September, up 6.9 per cent from 46,415,000 barrels a year earlier.

A \$100-million liability fund covering 37 federally-subsidized airports across the country went into effect November 15. The liability covers operation and maintenance at each airport. In the past, liability insurance was arranged individually by each airport.

Diffrauto Limited of Windsor, Ontario has designed and built several optical-inspection systems for the quality control of automobile engines and components on assembly lines. Its optical systems can also be applied to inspection of bottle caps and contents, measurement of hair samples for shampoo manufacturers, measurement of carpet weave and magnetic tape width, and the non-contact weighing of pharmaceutical pills or nuclear fuel pellets. Other computer-controlled opti-

cal systems allow accurate measurements to be made on such components as the rotating blades of industrial turbines or the aperture masks of colour television tubes.

The Canadian petroleum industry will make a \$4.2-billion profit next year after deductions of income taxes, royalties and operating costs, says Cy Mattinson, a consultant with Shell Canada Ltd. of Toronto.

Some 12,500 guns have been turned in to police for registration or disposal since an amnesty program began on November 1, announced the Solicitor General on November 23. The number being turned in averaged 1,000 a day from November 11-17, double the rate for the first ten days of the program, which ended November 30.

The Edmonton Eskimos defeated the Montreal Alouettes 20-13 at Toronto's Exhibition Stadium November 26, becoming the first Western team since 1964 to win a Grey Cup in the East. The game drew 54,386 fans.

Dr. Robert M. Taylor, a pioneer in Canadian cancer research, died recently of a heart attack in Toronto. He was 65. The former executive director of the National Cancer Institute of Canada and executive vice-president of the Canadian Cancer Society received the American Cancer Society's distinguished service award in early November.

The number of births to Canadian residents in 1977 totalled 360,733, up 0.2 per cent from 359,987 in 1976. The birth rate *per* 1,000 population, however, declined slightly to 15.5 in 1977 from 15.7 for the previous year.

Seasonally-adjusted retail sales for September were \$6,155.9 million, a 6 per cent jump from the \$5,808.2 million recorded in August. Sales were up in 26 of the 28 trade groups. The largest gains were posted by motor vehicle dealers (12.1 per cent), garages (9 per cent) and specialty shoe stores (8.7 per cent); the only decreases were recorded by book and stationery stores (-6.1 per cent) and sporting goods and accessories stores (-0.5 per cent). All provinces reported increased sales ranging from 3.2 per cent for Quebec to 11.5 per cent for Manitoba.

Deutsche Bundespost, West Germany's telecommunications authority, has awarded a \$600,000-contract to Northern Telecom Ltd. for the supply and installation of an SL-10 data packet switching system.