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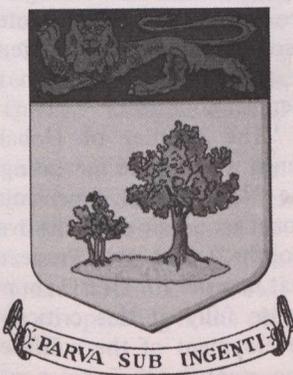
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In the first issue of each month of this year, Canada Weekly will carry a picture of each of the coats-of-arms of the ten Canadian provinces and two territories.



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Agricultural conference focuses on forecasts for 1981

Federal and provincial agricultural officials, farm leaders, consumers and representatives from food and agricultural organizations, along with observers from other countries, met in Ottawa at the Agricultural Outlook Conference, December 8 and 9, to discuss forecasts for 1981.

Wheat

Canadian wheat prices will likely average 10 to 15 per cent higher in 1980-81 than a year earlier because of a record world demand and a decrease in world wheat stocks.

Canadian wheat production for 1980-81 is forecast at 19.1 million metric tons. This includes 888,000 metric tons of winter wheat, 1.9 million metric tons of durum wheat and 16.3 million metric tons of red spring and other wheats.

With an estimated carryover of 10.6 million metric tons, the Canadian wheat supply for 1980-81 is estimated at 29.7 million metric tons, down more than two million metric tons from the previous year.

If stocks to start 1981-82 are reduced to eight million metric tons, then there are about 16 million metric tons of Canadian wheat available for export.

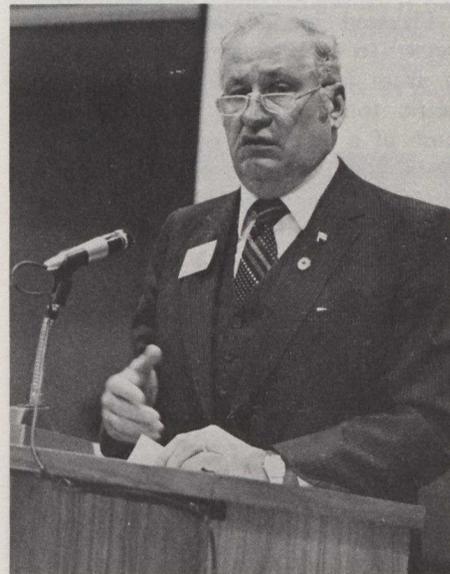
If wheat exports or stocks are to be increased in 1981-82, a wheat crop of more than 22 million metric tons will be required, given domestic needs of about six million metric tons.

Coarse grains

Canadian coarse grain prices in 1980-81 are expected to average considerably higher than last year.

Agriculture Canada economists say the price increases reflect expectations of a sharp reduction in world coarse grain stocks because of reduced production and continued high demand.

World coarse grain production is forecast at 705 million metric tons this year, almost 3 per cent lower than last year. The lower production results largely



Federal Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan addresses the conference.

from the reduced corn crop in the United States due to drought conditions.

In Canada, coarse grain production was high, despite the effects of drought on the prairies and excessive moisture at harvest time. However, supplies are 2 per cent lower than last year because of the very low 1980-81 beginning year stocks.

Total Canadian coarse grain production is forecast at 21.6 million metric tons. This is 16 per cent higher than last year and includes 11 million metric tons of barley, three million metric tons of oats, a record 5.5 million metric tons of corn, 448,000 metric tons of rye and 1.6 million metric tons of mixed grains.

Total Canadian coarse grain exports are forecast at 4.8 million metric tons in 1980-81 compared with five million metric tons last year. Barley exports will be lower than last year because of lower supplies.

Oilseeds

World oilseed prices are not expected to change much for the remainder of the 1980-81 crop year as both demand and

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supply are likely to hold at present levels.

Canadian rapeseed production this year is estimated at 2.5 million metric tons. This is down considerably from last year's production of 3.4 million metric tons.

Canadian 1980-81 soybean production has been estimated at 713,000 metric tons, slightly higher than last year's level. Soybean prices, which have risen recently, are not expected to change much through the spring of 1981.

Flaxseed production in Canada decreased to 465,000 metric tons in 1980-81 from last year's figure of 815,000 metric tons. Supplies remain high because of a record carryover of 600,000 metric tons. Flaxseed prices are expected to decline somewhat from current levels.

Beef

Canadian slaughter cattle prices will likely run \$5 to \$10 *per* hundredweight higher in 1981 than in 1980, according to Agriculture Canada economists.

Canadian slaughter cattle prices should follow closely prices in the United States, where a sharp increase is expected in 1981. A1 and A2 steers in Toronto are expected to improve during the first part of 1981 to the high \$90 *per* hundredweight range. For the remainder of the year, prices in Toronto could reach above \$90 *per* hundredweight at times.

Hogs

Hog prices are expected to improve next year as lower pork production in North America is forecast. Based on the U.S. hog price forecast, index 100 hogs in

Toronto may average more than \$75 *per* hundredweight in 1981.

Canadian hog marketings in 1980 are forecast at 13.3 million head, up 17 per cent from 1979. The average 1980 price in Toronto (Index 100) is expected to be about \$60 *per* hundredweight.

Total swine on Canadian farms October 1, 1980 were estimated at 9.6 million head, up 3 per cent from 1979 and the highest level ever reported.

Canadian pork trade realized a strong surplus position in both 1979 and 1980. In fact, more than 20 per cent (about 196 million pounds) of Canada's pork output to September 1980 has been exported.

Per capita pork consumption in 1980 will average close to 70 pounds, compared to 65.6 pounds in 1979.

Farm income

Canadian farmers' gross income is expected to reach \$18.5 billion in 1981, up by 19 per cent from the projected 1980 level of \$15.6 billion.

Operating and depreciation expenses are expected to increase 21 per cent in 1981, to a national total of \$14.6 billion.

If these forecasts prove correct, realized net income next year will be about \$4 billion, a 13 per cent increase from the expected 1980 net income of \$3.5 billion. The 1980 realized net income represents a 3 per cent decline from the 1979 figure of \$3.6 billion.

The following are the forecasted 1980 realized gross income and, shown in brackets, realized net income by province: Prince Edward Island, \$144 million (\$41 million); Nova Scotia, \$201 million (\$52 million); New Brunswick, \$153 million

(\$41 million); Quebec, \$2.3 billion (\$595 million); Ontario, \$4.4 billion (\$585 million); Manitoba, \$1.4 billion (\$279 million); Saskatchewan, \$3.2 billion (\$1 billion); Alberta, \$3.1 billion (\$710 million); British Columbia, \$762 million (\$153 million).

Following are the forecasted 1981 realized gross income and, shown in brackets, realized net income by province: Prince Edward Island, \$163 million (\$39 million); Nova Scotia, \$225 million (\$46 million); New Brunswick, \$179 million (\$45 million); Quebec, \$2.6 billion (\$591 million); Ontario, \$5.1 billion (\$640 million); Manitoba, \$1.7 billion (\$257 million); Saskatchewan, \$4 billion (\$1.3 billion); Alberta, \$3.8 billion (\$882 million); British Columbia, \$864 million (\$126 million).

Prime Minister praises OECD

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has fostered international economic co-operation not only between its member states but also between all states around the world, said Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau in a letter paying tribute to the organization on its twentieth anniversary.

In the letter sent December 16 to OECD Secretary-General Emile van Lennep, Mr. Trudeau said the goal of the OECD "to promote world prosperity through the co-operation of a group of countries with certain shared basic perceptions of their economies and societies, has enabled our different social, economic and cultural structures to contribute to a broader global perspective and stimulate the spirit of co-operation".

The Prime Minister said that Canada looks to the OECD for leadership in helping to meet the challenges of inflation, economic recovery and protectionism. He also reiterated Canada's intention to work in full co-operation with other OECD member countries.

"The realities of global interdependence will require increasing attention to the North-South dimension of international economic relations over the coming months," said Mr. Trudeau. He added that in order for OECD countries to participate fully at this critical stage in the development of the world economy it is important for them to encourage analysis by the Secretariat and promote greater discussion among themselves.



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If exports of wheat are to increase, more than 22 million metric tons are required.

Export controls outlined

The National Energy Board has issued an outline of its proposed procedures for the implementation of export controls and export charges on aviation and marine bunker fuel used by foreign flag carriers and by domestic carriers engaged in international commerce.

Under the authority of the National Energy Board Act, the board will be responsible for issuing the requisite export licences and, under Part I of the Petroleum Administration Act, will be responsible for administering the collection of export charges.

The board is considering a basic system of quarterly licences. Persons requiring export licences for bunker fuel will be:

- refiners/terminal operators engaged in selling fuel to foreign airlines and foreign flag ships;
- domestic airlines and domestic shipping companies engaged in international commerce; and
- any other person providing bunker fuel to aircraft or ships for consumption in international commerce.

Quebec premier visits Europe

Quebec Premier René Lévesque made a visit to Belgium and France from December 11-17.

Mr. Lévesque was accompanied by an 18-member delegation including two ministers: Claude Morin, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Bernard Landry, Minister of State for Economic Development.

Visit to Belgium

Mr. Lévesque was met at the airport by the Minister for the French Community Michel Hansenne, the Minister for Flemish Affairs Gaston Geens, Canadian Ambassador to Belgium D'Iberville Fortier, and Quebec Delegate-General Jean-Marc Léger.

The Premier held talks first with Mr. Hansenne and then met with the Minister for the Walloon Region Jean-Maurice Dehousse to discuss economic co-operation between Quebec and Wallonia. The two regions have been co-operating in the cultural field since 1975.

During his three-day visit to Belgium, Mr. Lévesque met with King Baudouin. Accompanied by Mr. Fortier and Mr.

Léger, he also held talks with the Minister of Foreign Affairs Charles Nothomb and the President of the Commission of the European Communities Roy Jenkins.

The Quebec Premier met the Walloon regional executive in Namur and gave a lecture in Liège. He concluded his visit with a brief stop in Flanders where he was received by Mr. Geens.

Visit to France

On his arrival in France December 14, Mr. Lévesque was met by French Premier Raymond Barre, Canadian Ambassador Gérard Pelletier and Quebec Delegate-General Yves Michaud.

In Paris Mr. Lévesque held talks with French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and participated in a working meeting with his counterpart Premier Raymond Barre.

In a press conference at the conclusion of their talks, Mr. Barre and Mr. Lévesque announced the establishment of a centre to promote technological and industrial co-operation between France and Quebec. The centre will have two sections, one in Paris, the other in Montreal.

Following his meetings with Mr. d'Estaing and Mr. Barre, Mr. Lévesque was awarded an honorary doctorate by the Sorbonne. The Quebec Premier delivered an address during the ceremony at the university on the Francophonie and the future of Quebec.

Manitoba joins fire fighting pact

The Manitoba government has given approval for the province's Department of Natural Resources to become party to a Canada-United States Reciprocal Forest Fighting Resources Agreement intended to provide for the sharing of resources for fighting forest fires.

During periods of extreme forest fire conditions as occurred in Manitoba in 1980 the agreement would enable Manitoba to draw upon the resources of United States' fire suppression agencies as well as those in other provinces in Canada.

During the winter months or in years of low or moderate fire hazard, Manitoba could provide U.S. agencies with assistance in the form of aircraft or experienced fire fighters to combat extreme fire conditions.

The agreement provides for increased co-operation across the U.S.-Canadian boundary and will allow for quick action.

Vets commemorate liberation

Gilles Lamontagne, Acting Minister of Veterans Affairs, recently headed a delegation to Japan and Hong Kong to commemorate the thirty-fifth anniversary of the liberation of Canadian troops from captivity in Hong Kong.

Nearly 2,000 Canadians from the Royal Rifles and the Winnipeg Grenadiers fought to defend Hong Kong when it was attacked and overrun by the Japanese in December 1941. Over 550 Canadians were either killed in the defence or died during four years of captivity.



Minister of National Defence Gilles Lamontagne (left) speaks with a Hong Kong veteran in Hong Kong on the anniversary of the liberation of Canadian troops.

The delegation conducted commemorative ceremonies at the Yokohama British Commonwealth Cemetery in Japan where 137 Canadians are buried. They died in Japan after being transported from Hong Kong to work in labour camps.

Mr. Lamontagne attended two ceremonies in Hong Kong at the Sai Wan Bay War Cemetery and the Stanley War Cemetery. More than 300 Canadians are buried in the two cemeteries.

More than 100 representatives of the Hong Kong War Veterans Association of Canada attended the ceremonies.

Representatives of the Senate, House of Commons, Royal Canadian Legion, National Council of Veteran Associations in Canada and the Hong Kong Veterans Association of Canada were part of the delegation led by Mr. Lamontagne.

Helicopter company sees bright future in oil and gas industry

A British Columbia company that has built an international reputation as an innovator in the industrial uses of helicopters expects to double its assets in the next ten years, according to company president John Pitts.

In 1979, Okanagan Helicopters Ltd. of Richmond, British Columbia, reported gross revenues in the order of \$60 million. "That is a tenfold increase in our revenues since the beginning of the decade," said Mr. Pitts. The 1979 earnings record marks the end of ten years of aggressive expansion and marketing of the company's operations. "We expect to double our present assets of \$100 million in the next ten years," he added.

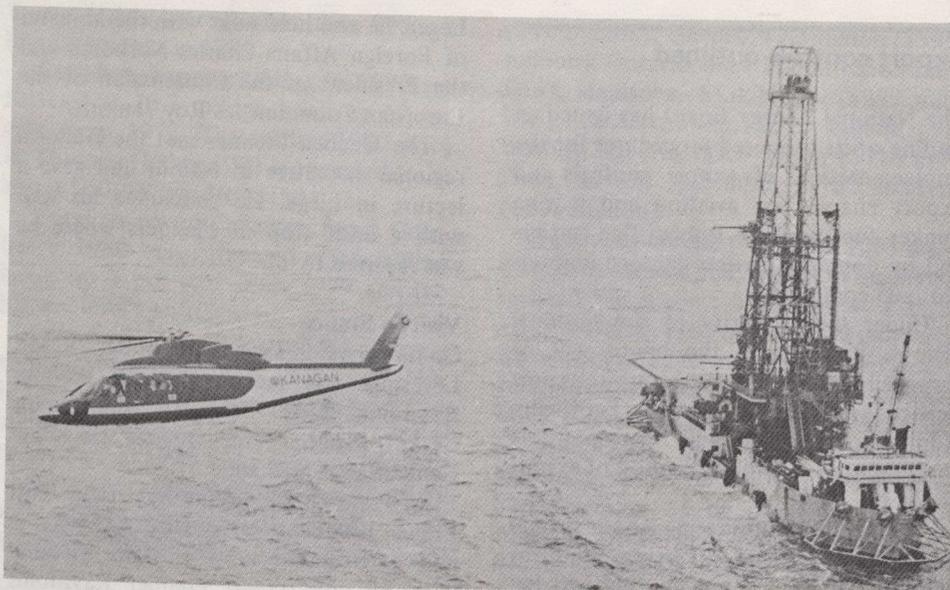
Okanagan is Canada's largest helicopter company and one of the three largest helicopter operators around the world. Okanagan has the resources, experience and expertise to bid on projects in any part of the globe. "In 1970, about 75 per cent of our business was in British Columbia," said Mr. Pitts. "In the last ten years we have expanded our business to the point where only 15 per cent of our work is undertaken in British Columbia," he said.

Okanagan's biggest customer has been the oil and gas industry in Canada and anywhere else oil and gas exploration is active. Most of the rest of the company's business comes from the forestry and mining industries, also in Canada and many other parts of the world.

With over 700 employees, the company maintains more than 40 permanent bases across Canada. Many of its overseas ventures are undertaken as joint ventures with helicopter companies based in the countries where the work is located. Amongst its fleet of Bell and Sikorsky helicopters the company maintains machines capable of doing any work a helicopter can be made to do.

Flying across oceans

Flying helicopters non-stop across thousands of kilometres of continents and oceans has also become routine for the Okanagan flying crews. In 1978, one crew established a flying record by flying a new Sikorsky S-61 helicopter from Ireland across the North Atlantic 8,000 kilometres (5,000 miles) to the company's home base at Vancouver International



Okanagan provides transportation for off-shore oil rig crews, equipment and provisions.

Airport in Richmond.

In 1965, a crew flew from the United States east coast to England recording the first unescorted flight of a helicopter across the North Atlantic.

Ten years later, another Okanagan crew undertook the longest helicopter ferry flight ever undertaken. The journey stretched 20,256 kilometres (12,741 miles) from Nova Scotia on Canada's Atlantic seaboard to Thailand and took 98 hours to complete.

Okanagan's Southeast Asian regional operation has its headquarters in Singa-

pore and oversees operations in the Philippines, Thailand and India. The company provides contract service to drilling operators including flight services for off-shore oil rig crews and transportation of equipment and provisions. The Singapore headquarters recently took delivery of two more helicopters bringing their total regional fleet to eight.

Okanagan has also started operations in Australia where they operate a total of six helicopters to provide services to off-shore drilling rigs off the Western Australia and Victoria coastlines.

Apprenticeship program planned to ease skilled labour shortage

The federal government has agreed to provide funding for an apprenticeship program aimed at alleviating the shortage of skilled labour in the Canadian auto parts industry.

The Canada Employment and Immigration Commission, co-operating with the Ontario government, has agreed to support the enrolment of at least 186 apprentices in the first year of a projected three-year plan.

Employment Minister Lloyd Axworthy has signed a letter of intent that calls for the commission to pay \$643,000 in the first year. The continuation of the project after that depends on government approval of more training funds and the success rate of the program's first phase.

Funding is based on a percentage of the wage paid to the apprentice during each year of the program. Training and

wage subsidy costs are estimated at \$10,000 for each apprentice.

In the next three years, the member companies of the Automotive Parts Manufacturers Association of Canada have agreed to train 335 people in such high skill occupations as tool-and-die makers, machinists, maintenance mechanics, mould-makers and welders.

In-school training will be provided by Ontario community colleges or by participating companies. The selected apprentice will have to spend a probationary period of employment with the company before taking part in the program.

If all goes smoothly, the number of apprentices will be increased in the second and third years.

The program is one of 30 approved by the federal government with various industrial associations in Ontario.

National tourism plan for Canada slated for 1982

A national tourism plan for Canada is expected to be ready by 1982, Charles Lapointe, Minister of State for Small Business and the federal minister responsible for tourism has announced.

Mr. Lapointe's announcement followed his meeting with provincial and territorial ministers of tours in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan at the thirty-fifth annual Federal-Provincial Conference on Tourism.

At the conference, the ministers directed that steps be taken to begin implementation of the plan, an amalgam of federal and provincial/territorial tourism plans, each to reflect discussions with respective tourism industry representatives and to which both levels of government and the private sector can relate their respective activities. While mid-1982 was seen by the ministers as a reasonable date by which most provinces/territories would be in a position to provide input, Quebec, Newfoundland and the Northwest Territories indicated that they were already in a position to submit their plans for incorporation.

The ministers agreed that the Canadian Government Office of Tourism (CGOT) should be responsible for receipt of pro-

vincial input into the plan and publication of a compendium.

Also discussed at the conference was the impact of energy on tourism at the 1979 conference in St. John's, Newfoundland, the ministers had directed that a federal-provincial task force be established to "examine all aspects of the energy crisis as it affects the tourism industry in Canada with a view to bringing forward proposals, recommendations and suggestions leading to solutions, remedies and strategies to relieve the problem".

After reviewing a report responding to the issues they had raised, the ministers expressed the need for programs to respond to energy contingencies which might arise. They deemed it essential that tourism authorities be consulted in advance on any energy constraints which would affect tourism and that the importance of tourism be fully recognized by the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources in any allocation system.

The ministers agreed that urgent transportation problems relating to air, rail, highway, cruiseship and ferry services were such that a meeting was required with the federal Minister of Transport.

Energy priorities established

Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Marc Lalonde has announced that primary food production, including commercial fishing and the processing of essential perishable food products, will be given the highest priority rating by the Energy Supplies Allocation Board (ESAB) for the supply of petroleum products in the event of an emergency.

The new classification was recently approved by the board last week. There are three categories under the ESAB proposed program. Category "A" covers the use of petroleum products relating to the health, welfare and security of Canadians. Uses relating to the economic stability of the country generally fall under category "B", and category "C" applies to uses relating to the maintenance of the standard of living.

The program calls for allocation factors to be set by the board for each category assuring a greater relative security of supply of petroleum products to category "A" than to category "B"; category "C" being the last in the order of priority. Primary food production includes livestock, crop, fruit and vegetable farming and commercial fishing.

Specially-designed vehicle plows snow from tracks

This winter, CN Rail is testing a newly designed snow removal vehicle specifically created for clearing snow from tracks in railway yards.

Snow removal in yards has always been a problem, requiring both time and the use of many pieces of equipment.

CN Rail's *Snow Fighter* is a switch engine equipped with adjustable plow type blades and wings on one end and a two-stage blower/loader on the other end, all controlled from the cab. It moves progressively from one track to the next, alternately plowing and blowing the snow to one side. When enough snow has accumulated, the *Snow Fighter* will blow it into gondola cars positioned on an adjacent track.

For quick unloading of the gondola cars another CN Rail innovation is being used. A front end loader equipped with a powerful blower attachment moves down the cars, passing from one to the other on the drop ends which have been specially



CN Rail's new snow removal vehicle, the Snow Fighter.

adapted for the purpose.

CN Rail designed the prototype and it was built jointly by SMI Québec, in Montreal, and Industech Incorporated in

Victoriaville. If testing this winter proves successful, the *Snow Fighter* will be introduced in other CN Rail yards across the system.

Canada holds skating championships

Eighty of the world's top young figure skaters met in London, Ontario, December 9-14, for the World Junior Figure Skating Championships. It was the first time this competition was held outside Europe.

Of the six Canadian entries in the championships, the two pairs finished in the medals standings. Lorri Baier of Mitchell, Ontario and Lloyd Eisler of Seaforth, Ontario placed second in the pairs competition behind Larisa Selezneva and Oleg Makarov of the Soviet Union.

Karyn and Rod Garossino of Calgary took the bronze in ice dancing behind silver medallists Natalia Aneko and Vadim Karkatchev of the Soviet Union. Elena Batanova and Alexei Karkatchev of the Soviet Union successfully defended their ice dancing title.

To be eligible for the World Junior Figure Skating Championships, single skaters must have been under 16 years of age and couples under 18 as of July 1, 1980. The event was sanctioned by the International Skating Union and all member countries were permitted to enter competitors. There were 20 countries participating in this year's event.

University convocation in Kenya

Twenty-four students recently received degrees from the University of New Brunswick at a ceremony in Nairobi, Kenya.

It was the second time the university had held a graduation ceremony in Nairobi for Kenyans educated at the University of New Brunswick. The graduates received their Bachelor of Education degrees enabling them to take up posts on the faculty of the Kenya Technical Teachers' College (KTTC).

The University of New Brunswick has been involved in a project with the KTTC since 1975 when it signed an agreement with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) to provide scholarship education and technical assistance for the establishment of the college.

CIDA funding was projected at \$21 million, of which \$16 million is being administered by the University of New Brunswick. It is the largest technical education project funded by CIDA.

The Kenyan government provided land

and construction funds for the KTTC campus, and pays the operating costs of the college. It also pays the salaries of the professional Kenyan teachers and tradesmen recruited to study at the University of New Brunswick for about three years, to upgrade their credentials to the teacher's college level.

The program's current schedule calls for the college's faculty and administration to be composed completely of Kenyans by 1983. At present, the 500 students enrolled at KTTC are served by a faculty made up of Kenyans and between 20 and 30 Canadians. Eighty Kenyans have enrolled at the University of New Brunswick to date.

(From UNB Perspectives, December 1.)

First solar suburb

Canada's first solar-heated suburb will be built outside Ottawa.

Plans announced recently show that 85 per cent of a proposed 420-unit housing development will incorporate some form of solar heating with gas or electricity as a backup.

The development is the idea of developer Jack Johannsen, who feels the time is right for mass-produced homes with energy-saving technology.

Six models priced from \$150,000 to \$200,000 are expected to be completed by this spring. Computer programs have been used to determine the best designs for the energy-efficient housing. The developers estimate it will cost about \$200 a year to heat the single-family homes as opposed to the average homeowner's bill of \$600.

Workplace health survey begins

The Canadian Labour Congress has begun a detailed national survey of about 2,500 white-collar workers in an attempt to find links between health problems and office working conditions.

The survey covers members of seven unions in all regions of the country at 14 different places of work — such as airline reservation clerks, rail freight clerks, telephone operators, government filing clerks and television technicians.

The congress, the country's largest labour organization representing about 2.3 million workers, said the size and depth of the study is unprecedented in

North America.

The survey, which will cost the congress \$40,000, contains about 100 questions. Results from the survey should be available in the spring.

Cause-and-effect relationship

The study is designed to determine how widespread are complaints of bad health among white-collar workers and whether there is a cause-and-effect relationship between such complaints and working conditions.

In the case of video display terminals, the survey is designed to compare workers who use them constantly with workers who use them only partially and not at all. The terminals are computerized information machines that look like combined television sets and typewriters.

The survey was prompted by concern among unions about the effects on health of the terminals and other equipment, plus such working conditions as poor ventilation and lighting.

CIDA assists Bangladesh railways

A team of Canadian advisers will help Bangladesh Railways improve its operating efficiency over the next five years, Bill McWhinney, acting president of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) has announced.

Canadian Pacific Consulting Services Limited of Montreal will provide technical assistance through a \$5.1-million CIDA-funded project aimed at helping Bangladesh Railways strengthen its locomotive maintenance capacity and modernize its material management system. The goal is to raise the service availability of diesel electric locomotives to about 85 per cent, comparable to prevailing standards in Canada, from the previous level of 65 per cent, and to extend the improved stores and inventory system already established with Canadian assistance at the railway's Dacca workshop to other parts of the country.

The Canadian technical assistance team will include a director and several short-term and long-term advisers, to a total of some 33 man-years of services. In close co-operation with counterparts in Bangladesh Railways they will develop a program of preventive maintenance for diesel electric locomotives, help railways staff upgrade their skills, and improve the spare parts system.

News of the arts

Cultural review begins in March

The federal government's cultural policy review committee plans to hold public hearings in 18 Canadian cities from March to June 1981, Toronto composer Louis Applebaum, who heads the 14-member group, has announced.

Mr. Applebaum said the committee plans to present a consolidated statement to the government at the end of next year. This will contribute to a proposed government white paper on cultural policy scheduled for publication in 1982 (see *Canada Weekly* dated September 17).

A review of this nature has not been undertaken since the Massey Royal Commission of 1949-51.

"We can't, unfortunately, visit all the important communities across Canada because of the element of time," said Mr. Applebaum, adding that the committee still hopes to "invoke the whole country."

To help Canadians prepare their briefs, the committee has published a discussion guide entitled *Speaking of Our Culture*. Some 50,000 copies are to be distributed across the country.

The guide identifies a number of general issues and themes to which Canadians may wish to address themselves, such as funding, the role of federal cultural agencies, and the question of public access to culture.

The committee will not have the time to hear everyone who submits a brief, but will make a selection of groups or individuals to be heard.

Canadians win at film festival

A Canadian actress and film-maker have won first prizes at the sixteenth Chicago International Film Festival.

Bravery in the Field by Giles Walker of the National Film Board of Canada won a Silver Hugo award in the educational films category, while actress Marie Tifo received the award for the best actress (or actor) for her performance in Francis Mankiewicz's *Les Bons Débarras* (*Good Riddance*).

Last Days of Living, a Canadian film directed by Malca Gillson, received a Gold Plaque at the festival. The documentary was filmed in the Palliative Care Unit of the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal.

Three other Canadian films received

Certificates of Merit: *Black Ice*, *Nails* and *The National Scream*. *Black Ice*, directed by Peter Shatalow, is a short film on the sport and competition of ice sailing. *Nails*, a documentary short tracing the history of nail manufacturing, was directed by Phillip Borsos of Mercury Productions for the NFB. *The National Scream* directed by Robert Awad, is a short comedy about the day Canada's national symbol, the beaver, was stolen.

In *Les Bons Débarras*, Miss Tifo plays the impoverished mother of a 13-year-old girl, the sister of a mildly retarded man and the girl friend of a policeman. The movie is about her ability to meet (and manipulate) the demands of the people in her life. *Les Bons Débarras* opened in New York at the Cinema Studio theatre on Christmas Day.

Miss Tifo, 31, a native of Chicoutimi, Quebec, has studied acting in Quebec City, Montreal and Wrocław, Poland. She was active in the Trident Theatre Company where she performed leads in *Twelfth Night*, *The Threepenny Opera* and *The Seagull*, from 1975 to 1978. She is currently a member of Théâtre populaire du Québec.

Toronto-Amsterdam artist exchange

Toronto video artist Susan Britton has been named the recipient of the 1980 Toronto-Amsterdam Artist Exchange award.

Administered by the Toronto's Albert Franck Committee, in co-operation with the Toronto-Amsterdam Association, the award is given annually to enable a Toronto artist to live and work in Amsterdam for several weeks.

Miss Britton took up her residency in the Netherlands in early December, and will probably work on videotapes at Amsterdam's De Appel Gallery. The Dutch recipient of this year's award was Janneke van de Staaij, a watercolourist, who worked in Toronto last spring.

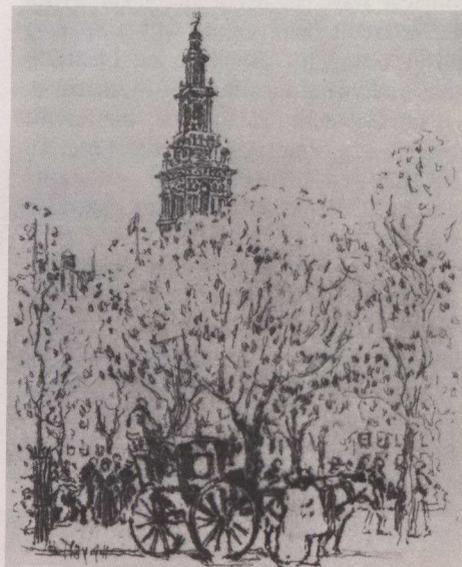
Toronto was twinned with Amsterdam by Toronto City Council in 1972. Since that time, the two cities have undertaken a number of cultural exchanges, including an appearance in Toronto of the Dutch National Ballet. The Albert Franck Committee has sponsored residencies in Amsterdam by two other Toronto artists.

National Gallery of Canada displays water colours

The art of David Milne (1882-1953), a Canadian painter, watercolourist and printmaker, is on view at the National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa until January 11, 1981.

The exhibition entitled *Reflections in a Quiet Pool: The Prints of David Milne* includes more than 170 prints and 29 related watercolours and paintings from public and private collections. Milne's earliest prints, a group of 22 etchings and drypoints made between 1909 and 1912, form the bridge between his careers as a commercial artist and a serious painter. The most important prints are the multiple plate colour drypoints, a technique invented by Milne. With this original technique the artist explored his colour theories and innovated freely: no two impressions of a colour drypoint are alike because he varied the colours used. The variations are exhibited to show the richness and variety of David Milne's unique approach to printmaking.

Milne's painting and printmaking interact with each other. One series of watercolours, paintings and prints of *House of*



Madison Square Spring by David Milne.

Mt. Riga, 1922 is being shown in its entirety. It includes three watercolours, a painting and three colour drypoints. The drypoints are Milne's very first, scratched with a darning needle and printed with a borrowed laundry wringer.

News briefs

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau has announced the appointment of **Kenneth M. Dye** as **Auditor General of Canada**, effective April 1, 1981. Mr. Dye replaces **James Macdonnell** who retired as Auditor General on September 13, 1980.

The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council has awarded the 1981-82 E.W.R. Steacie Memorial Fellowships to four Canadian researchers. The four winners are: **Dr. Christopher Beaumont**, Dalhousie University, Halifax; **Dr. Arthur D. Pelton**, Ecole Polytechnique, Montreal; and **Dr. M. Vidyasagar**, University of Waterloo. Fellowships are awards and are made annually to outstanding researchers in Canadian universities to permit them to devote their time entirely to their research for a period of up to two years.

Bombardier Inc. of Montreal has been awarded a contract worth more than \$50 million from the New Jersey Transit Corporation, a state agency, to build 60 commuter train coaches similar to 57 ordered last May. Delivery of the combined order of 117 coaches, worth more than \$100 million, is scheduled to start late in 1981 and to be completed by the end of 1982.

A group of lenders led by the Bank of Montreal have signed a nine-year \$100-million credit arrangement with a Spanish utility, **Compania Sevillana de Electricidad SA**. Joining the Bank of Montreal in the management group for the credit package are **Barclays Canada Limited**, **CIBC Limited**, **LBI (Canada) Limited**, the **Mercantile Bank of Canada**, **National Bank of Canada International Limited (Nassau)**, and **Natwest Canada Limited**.

Vancouver's Capilano Golf and Country Club will be the site of a new professional golf championship beginning next June. **Edmond Ricard**, chairman of the

board of **Imperial Tobacco Limited**, sponsor of the event, said that 52 golfers will compete for \$200,000 in prize money, with the winner taking home \$30,000. The tournament, to be known as the **Peter Jackson Champions**, joins the **Canadian Open** and the **Peter Jackson Classic**, as major events on the **Professional Golfers Association** and **Ladies Professional Golf Association** tours.

Brights Wines Limited of Niagara, Ontario has received a gold medal for its **Baco Noir** red table wine at the eighteenth **Brussels Monde Selection**. The **Monde Selection** jury also awarded silver medals to three other Brights wines — **WarnerHof, 1978 Seyval Blanc** and **President Sherry**.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) has announced an allocation of \$1.5 million (U.S.) under a line of credit with **Nacional Financiera, S.A. (Nafinsa)** of Mexico to support the \$2-million (Cdn.) sale of three locomotives by **Bombardier Inc. of Montreal** to **Ferrocarriles Unidos del Sureste, S.A. de C.V. (FUS)**. The transaction is in addition to a \$47.5-million sale of 69 locomotives by **Bombardier** to two other Mexican railways earlier this year, which also was supported by **EDC** financing.

McMaster University is offering a training program in robotics made possible by a \$26,000 grant from the **United States Society of Manufacturing Engineers**. The university will purchase robot machines and the computer equipment to run them and give engineering students training in the use of robots in repetitive or risky manufacturing. The equipment will be set up in the engineering department as part of a new program in manufacturing engineering.

Canadian Kathy Cox of Waterloo, Ontario has won the over-all title at the **Chinese national parachuting championships**. The **Canadian champion**, who won the world crown in Bulgaria, finished third in freefall style with an average time for six manoeuvres (four turns and two backloops) of 8.09 seconds. She was fifth in accuracy.

Britain's Multitone Electronics Limited the world's largest supplier of paging equipment, is making **Ottawa** its research and development headquarters for North America. **John Raftis**, president of **Multitone's Canadian subsidiary**, said the **Ottawa plant** is being expanded into an engineering and design centre specializing in automatic paging terminals and other

computerized products, which will be sold across North America, South America and Southeast Asia.

A commemorative stamp will be issued this year in honour of former Governor-General **Jules Léger**, **Postmaster-General André Ouellet** has announced. The stamp will be issued October 5, the anniversary of Mr. Léger's appointment as governor general in 1974.

A perky four-year-old charcoal grey poodle named **Shadow** is top dog at a Toronto modelling agency and at times even overshadows its owner, model **Maria Hoyt**. **Miss Hoyt** bought the dog for \$32 to save it from imminent destruction at the **Toronto Humane Society**. Since that time **Shadow** has appeared in a television commercial, a department store fashion show, and fashion photographs. And that could be just the start: television, radio, newspapers and dog food companies have expressed interest. At \$30 an hour for **Shadow's** charms, **Miss Hoyt** may have a growing (growling?) industry.



Cheoung Yok Troeung (left) and her son **Dang** arrive in Canada as part of the last planeload of Southeast Asian refugees to come to Canada in 1980 under a special program established by the federal government. The **Troeung family** visited **Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau** before travelling to their new home in **Goderich, Ontario**, west of Toronto. The **Troeungs** were officially designated the "last" arrivals of the planeload of 418 new immigrants.

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