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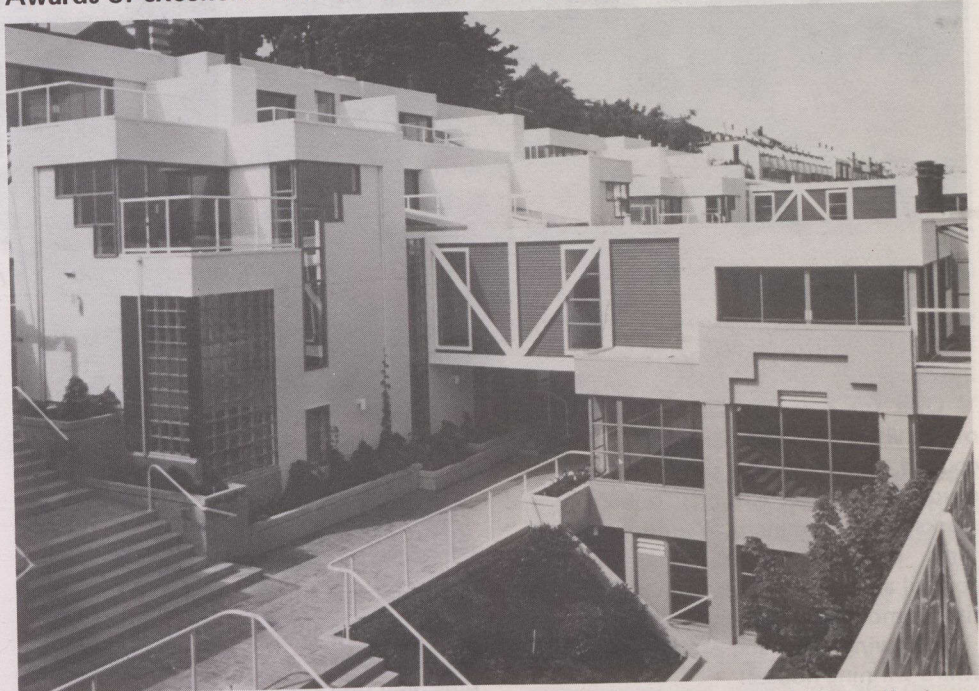
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## Awards of excellence for Canadian housing design



*The Sixth Estate in Vancouver, British Columbia. The design for these high-quality housing units built from derelict warehouse buildings is one of 17 prize-winning submissions.*

Awards for excellence in Canadian housing design were presented by Governor General Edward Schreyer at a special ceremony recently in Toronto.

Sponsored by the Canadian Housing Design Council (CHDC), a 30-member organization set up to promote quality residential design, the awards were given to 17 projects. These included warehouse conversions, a thermal home, a co-operative, non-profit and luxury housing, maritime, cottage and San Francisco-style housing built across the country within the past five years.

Another 20 entries were judged worthy of honourable mention by the council's national awards jury.

Michael Geller of Vancouver, British Columbia, chairman of the national jury, noted that regional and/or national jurors visited all projects submitted for awards and spoke with the residents. The council wants to ensure that consumers ultimately benefited from "the industry's interest in receiving design awards".

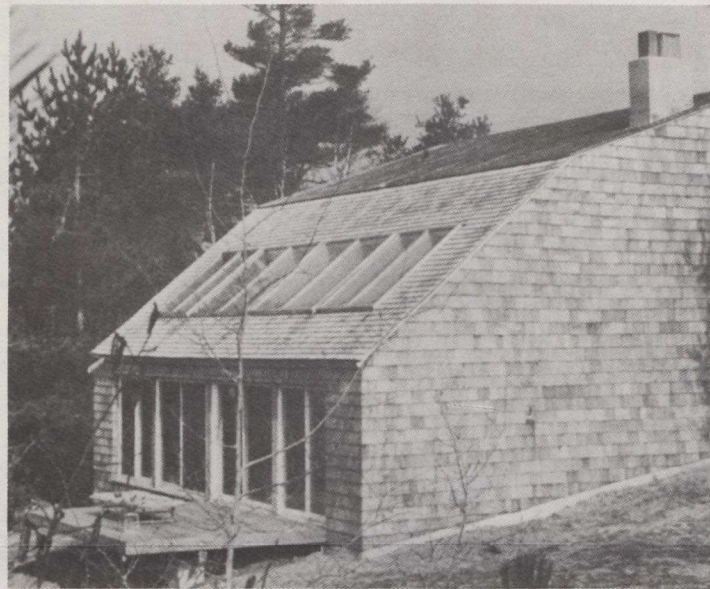
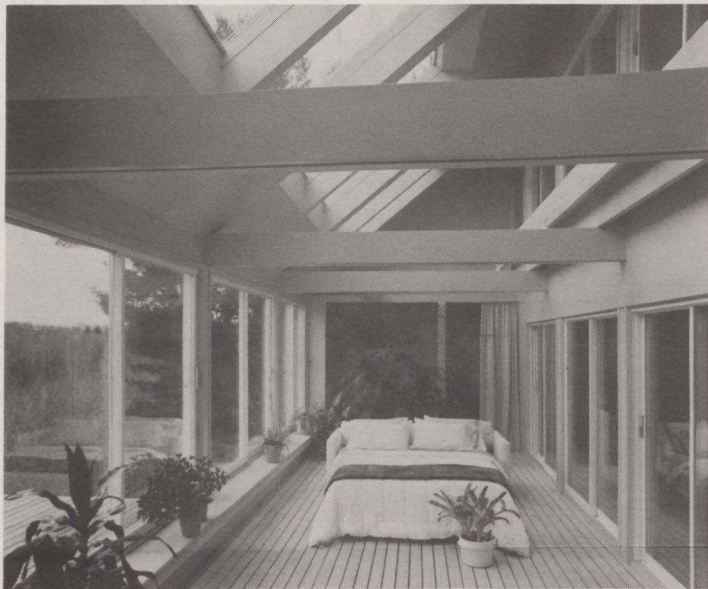
Henry Sears, past chairman of the council, said the award competitions were "a means of recognizing the considerable efforts necessary to produce well designed housing. It is particularly the case today in this most difficult economic climate. The competitions are serious and rigorous...based on projects which have been built rather than simply designs which need not necessarily meet the practicalities of budgets and marketplaces. Also, this is one of the few competitions in which all finalists are visited by the jury to ensure that the winners are selected as good examples of housing rather than of photography".

This is the council's fourteenth residential housing design awards program since the 30-member volunteer organization was established in 1956 to foster excellence of housing design in Canada. It was created by a group of free-thinking professionals concerned about all the elements that improve housing design in Canada, develop sound community plan-



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*Alpha Thermal Home in Beeton, Ontario is a compact, energy-efficient and economical rural house. Heating bills average \$130 a year.*

ning procedures, improve construction techniques and enhance quality in housing design.

Over the past 25 years, a broad range of activities has been undertaken by the council, including the annual awards for residential design, exhibits, publications, workshops, seminars, lectures, tours, films and educational programs. The council also sponsors research and competition among architectural students.

Following are some of this year's award-winning houses:

— **The Sixth Estate**, Vancouver, British Columbia. Architect: Roger Hughes.

Derelict warehouse buildings have been restored to make 48 high-quality housing units and commercial office

space. Townhouse units are of various sizes on two or four levels with two or more bedrooms, maximum sun penetration and two covered parking spaces *per* unit. Plans also incorporate circular metal stairways and atriums.

— **Alpha Thermal Home**, Beeton, Ontario. Architect: John Hix, Toronto.

This energy-efficient and economical farm house is situated within a protected micro-climate on a southern slope shielded to the west and north by screens of pine and thicket. The two-storey greenhouse glazing provides commanding views and maximum solar exposure for plants, warmth, and recreation.

The house is compact, well-insulated, and has shuttered side windows. Sun-

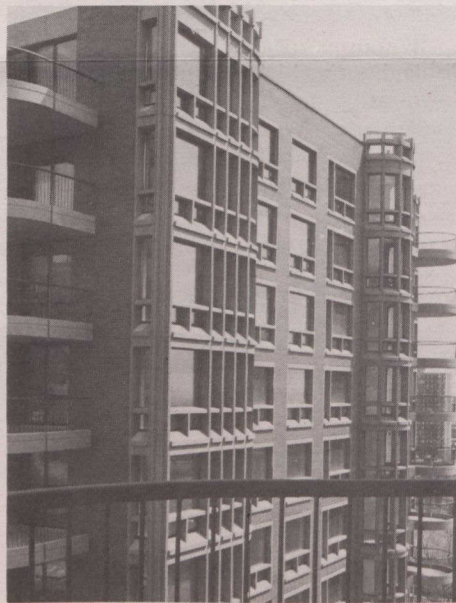
warmed greenhouse air is fanned to and absorbed by the masonry-earth below. Rising by natural convection, it keeps the greenhouse temperature above freezing with no extra heat. Operating costs are low: heating bills over two winters showed an average of \$130 a year.

— **Streethouse Duplex**, Calgary, Alberta. Architect: Kenneth V. Nasedkin.

This project is the first design response to a new zoning category which allows the development of two units on a 7.5 metre lot. The intent is to maintain the narrow frontages of inner city neighbourhoods. The most common design for such a narrow frontage is an up/down or back/front duplex but this project demon-



*Streethouse Duplex in Calgary, Alberta.*



*Le Fort de la Montagne, Montreal.*



*Squirrel Corner, Banff, Alberta.*

strates a unique approach in combining both.

— **Le Fort de la Montagne**, Montreal, Quebec. Architect: Rosen Caruso Vecsei.

The major design objective was to create a large condominium apartment of the highest quality while capturing the spirit of the old single-family residences. The topography of the site, resulting in a difference of six storeys between the street and rear elevations, was a major factor in the design. It was also important that every unit receive some aspect of the view of the St. Lawrence River and downtown Montreal.

The Concourse, a partially-covered arrival level, acts as a link to unify the three buildings.

— **Squirrel Corner**, Banff, Alberta. Architect: The Sturgess Partnership.

One of the main objectives of this project was to develop a building that would be compatible with the cottage-style of the single family housing of the 1920s. The architect wished to respond to the mountains which loom over the town and reflect the tradition initiated originally by the design of the nearby Banff Springs Hotel.

Passive solar heat gain was a major criterion in this project with emphasis on orientation, glazing and suitable levels of insulation. Staircases, bay windows and steeply peaked roofs provide continuity with the adjacent single-family houses.

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## McGill honours Aga Khan

Prince Karim Aga Khan IV, spiritual leader (Imam) of Ismaili Muslims since 1957, recently received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at the fall convention of Montreal's McGill University.

The honour recognized the work of the Aga Khan Foundation with the United Nations and other agencies in 25 countries where Ismaili Muslims live — in social welfare, health, education, business, industry and rural and resource development.

McGill's Institute of Islamic Studies receives an annual grant for staff, books and scholarships and shares academic programs with the Institute of Ismaili Studies in London, England established by the Aga Khan in 1977.

## Munich consulate general "office of the future"



*Gerald Regan demonstrates Telidon system at opening of Munich consulate general.*

Canada has opened a new consulate general in Munich, West Germany, bringing to seven the number of diplomatic missions in that country.

At the official opening, November 7, the Minister for International Trade Gerald Regan described the new consulate general as "the office of the future" and stated that it would contain "equipment and techniques which will shape office procedures for years to come". This is the only government office outside Canada with such a distinction.

The official opening ceremony and open house provided an opportunity of displaying the high technology in operation. This included two Norpak Mark IV Telidon systems, a Memotec communications processor, an Electrohome computer graphics projection system and a word processor system from AES, Montreal.

During the opening, all the systems were combined to produce a media presentation. A video prepared specially for the occasion, using Telidon graphics, was run through an Electrohome projector. The ten-minute video outlined the state of Canada-West Germany relations, focusing on future potential.

The two Mark IV systems were also available for guests to observe. Two separate Telidon data bases were in operation: one, built specially for the Munich office included trade and invest-

ment data, details about the role of the consulate general and public affairs and cultural information. The second data base ran a "high tech quiz" with a series of true and false questions relating to high technology.

The consulate general's AES word processor system, which was also demonstrated, comprises a main computer, six terminals dispersed throughout the chancery and three printing stations.

A demonstration of the ability to rapidly access Canadian data banks took place through the Memotec processor. Guests were amazed at the fraction of a second it took to reach data banks in Canada and the wealth of information they contained.

All the equipment demonstrated at the opening will be used in the daily operations of the consulate general.

The new office in Munich will concentrate heavily on trade. Its territory will encompass the two most southern states, Bavaria and Baden-Wuerttemberg, areas which jointly represent one third of Germany's market potential and industrial power. This region is the centre of Germany's electronic, aerospace, automotive and mechanical engineering industries. As such, it is of particular interest to Canada as a dynamic market for finished products and high technology sales and as a natural partner for technology transfers and joint ventures.

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## Algerian minister visits Canada

Algeria's Minister of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform Salim Saadi paid an official visit to Canada, November 24-30. Minister of Agriculture Eugene Whelan acted as official host for the visit, which focused on agricultural co-operation and exchanges between Canada and Algeria.

Mr. Saadi visited Ottawa, Manitoba and Montreal. As joint chairman of the Canada-Algeria Joint Commission, he also met with Canadian government officials to discuss their over-all bilateral relationship.

Exchanges between the two countries have increased remarkably over the past decade. In 1982, Algeria advanced to thirteenth among Canada's economic partners in the world.

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## Whale of a tale



*Gigantic outsized whale bones are being dug up in Gloucester, near Ottawa. Why Ottawa? Apparently 15 years ago, staff at the Museum of Natural Sciences buried an entire carcass of a blue whale and parts of several killer whales. Because scientists had no efficient way to clean the flesh from the bones, the whales were buried so that nature would take its course and the flesh would decompose naturally. Museum director David Campbell stressed that the whales which had been washed ashore were already dead of natural causes long before being harpooned into the service of science.*

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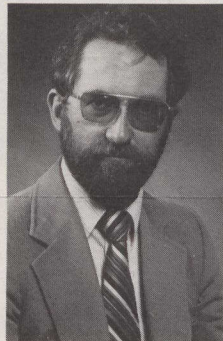
## New research centre

Michael Caughey, vice-president of technology and design resources at Ottawa's Mitel Corp., has taken an eight-month leave of absence from the telecommunications company to become the first president of the newly-formed Ottawa-Carleton Research Institute, a research co-operative which will carry out studies in microelectronics, communications and computers.

A long-term president of the institute is to be appointed by July 1, 1984. The institute will use the talents of students and faculty from Carleton University, the University of Ottawa and Algonquin College — all located in Ottawa — for research projects related to the high-technology industry.

Researchers will work closely with industrial affiliates of the institute — companies which will pay an annual fee to share the results of new research and make suggestions for projects of interest to the hi-tech industry.

Mr. Caughey said his first priority will be to contact federal and provincial government funding agencies to give the institute a firm financial base. Local industry, government and the three academic institutions have already contributed \$122 000 in seed money for the institute.



Michael Caughey

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## Line of credit with Mexico

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) has signed a \$20-million (US) line of credit agreement with Nacional Financiera, S.A. (Nafinsa) and a \$10-million (US) line of credit agreement with Banco Nacional de Comercio Exterior, S.A. (BNCE) to support the sale of Canadian goods and services to Mexico.

The line of credit agreements will help Canadian exporters competing for sales in Mexico by providing their public or private sector buyers with simple and easily accessible credit facilities for small transactions through Nafinsa and BNCE.

Nafinsa, established in 1934, is Mexico's national development bank. BNCE is owned by the Mexican federal government.

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## Trade mission to Pacific Rim

Canada's Minister for International Trade Gerald Regan headed a trade mission of 15 Canadian businessmen to Australia and New Zealand recently.

The purposes of the mission were to seek out opportunities for increased Canadian sales in these markets and to enhance the perception by Australians and New Zealanders of Canada as a secure and reliable supplier of sophisticated and high quality manufactured goods.

He began his visit in Perth where he officially opened a new Canadian consulate, Canada's fourth trade post in Australia and met with senior members of the government.

In Canberra, Mr. Regan met with the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade Lionel Bowen. Both ministers reaffirmed the strong desire of their countries to expand their trade relationship, particularly to develop their potential in high technology and defence equipment manufacturing. They also stressed the need for stronger commercial, industrial and technical links between the private sectors in Canada and Australia.

One of the most important results of the discussions concerned the Canada-Australia Trade Agreement. Both ministers have asked that officials explore the question of the stability and security of the preferential tariff arrangements that exist under the agreement, which provide an incentive for both countries to increase bilateral trade.

Mr. Regan also visited Sydney and Brisbane where several successful discussions took place leading possibly to sales of high technology products, including Telidon. Discussions could also result in new joint ventures for the production of oil and gas equipment, industrial co-operation in the Submarine Replacement Program and the procurement of armoured personnel transport equipment.

In Melbourne, at a "round table" sponsored by the Victoria Chamber of Manufacturers, Mr. Regan held frank discussions with 15 senior Australian businessmen on the possibilities of increased mutual industrial co-operation.

In New Zealand, Mr. Regan visited a number of senior businessmen to discuss Canadian interests in several major capital projects.

He also met with Prime Minister Muldoon and other senior Cabinet ministers, including New Zealand's Minister of Trade Warren Cooper.

## Radar system probes icy waters

Canadian Astronautics Ltd., an Ottawa high-technology company, has landed a \$2.3-million government contract that it says will be a stepping-stone to further business throughout the world.

The new contract calls for Canadian Astronautics to build a radar system for Environment Canada's ice reconnaissance plane, which provides information on ice patterns and blockages to such users as Canadian Coast Guard icebreakers, drilling rigs and other vessels in ice-infested waters.

The radar system, called a side-looking airborne radar, will enable its operators to look 100 kilometres on each side of the plane, a much wider range than older visual and technical systems allow.

The radar will also be able to "see" through clouds and operate day or night in all weather conditions. This feature is particularly important for operating during the Arctic winter.

"We're glad we have proved we can handle a challenge such as this," said vice-president Michael Stott. "We see this contract as a stepping-stone to an expansive international market."

## Broadcasting pioneer dies

Graham Spry, an award-winning journalist, diplomat and oil company executive, died recently at his Ottawa home of an apparent heart attack. He was 83.

Mr. Spry, who ventured onto the domestic and international scene as both a news-maker and a news-breaker, served as chairman of the Canadian Broadcasting League from 1968-1973. In 1972, he was presented with the John Drainie Award for his distinguished contribution to broadcasting. Called "the father of Canadian broadcasting" by Prime Minister Trudeau, a \$1-million foundation honouring Mr. Spry was set up in 1981.

Founder and first president in the 1930s of the Canadian Radio League, Graham Spry was a life-long advocate of public broadcasting. Until recently, he remained active at licensing and policy hearings of the Canadian Radio-television



Graham Spry

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## "Tougher-than-steel" rope lassos world sales



Vice-president Charles Plaxton with map. Sales have reached about 25 foreign markets.

Pilots in the United States Navy depend — literally — on wire rope made by a company in Hamilton, Ontario. So do tourists taking elevator rides to the top of the Toronto's CN Tower.

Greening Donald Co. Ltd. is one of Canada's most aggressive exporters. A map of the world in the company's head office identifies about 25 foreign markets by means of lines that radiate from Hamilton. They seem to extend to every corner of the globe — except eastern Europe. "But we plan to be moving in there soon," vice-president and general manager Charles Plaxton hastens to tell visitors. Already, exports account for some 25 per cent of annual sales, now in excess of \$50 million.

### First needle factory

The company's lines of ancestry go back to 1492, when an Englishman, Christopher Greening, opened the first needle factory in France. A descendant, Benjamin, came to Canada in 1858 and established the country's first manufacturer of wire rope, cloth and screens. The Greening Company was amalgamated with Donald Ropes and Wire Cloth in 1970. Today, Greening Donald has six plants in Ontario and one in South Plainfield, New Jersey.

For many years the company has supplied the sophisticated wire rope assemblies for launching and landing aircraft on US Navy carriers. But a dramatic expansion in other export markets has been achieved in recent years thanks largely, says Mr. Plaxton, to a product called PFV (plastic filled valley). This is wire rope filled with a sealing of thermo-

plastic — to fashion, as the company slogan describes it, a rope that is tougher than steel. It has a durability 50 to 100 per cent higher than that of conventional wire rope.

International tests on elevator cables have determined that Greening's wire rope is of the highest quality available. Greening wire ropes — conventional and PFV — are now used in oil drilling operations from the western Atlantic Ocean to the Far East, in mines from Norway to the Philippines, and in forests from Austria to Kenya.

But while wire rope is its mainstay, the company has a wide range of products.

### Sugar refining

Greening Donald wire cloth screens are used in sugar refining in Cuba and Venezuela. Closer to home, its perforated metal panels make it possible for Shakespeare buffs to hear a stage whisper from the back row of the Stratford Festival Theatre.

Charles Plaxton has home markets especially in mind these days. Foreign manufacturers recently have increased their share of Canadian wire rope sales and are also busy in the perforated metal business. "It is vital," Mr. Plaxton says, "that we continue to address these challenges in import replacement."

Meanwhile, the company sees exciting possibilities for a revolutionary new Greening product which was unveiled recently. It is a "wire" rope made entirely of synthetic fibre, especially adaptable to underwater applications such as sub-sea mooring. It, too, is as strong as steel.

(Article from Ontario Business News.)

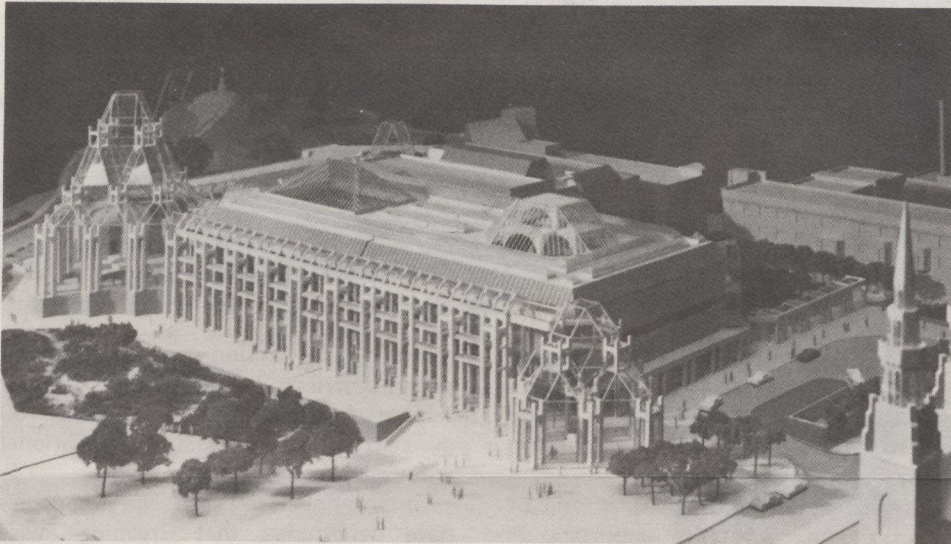
and Telecommunications Commission.

A Rhodes scholar in the 1920s, Graham Spry was a journalist, soldier, anthropologist and assistant to British statesman Sir Stafford Cripps.

In the early Thirties, Mr. Spry and

Alan Plaunt of Ottawa helped establish the national broadcasting system through the league, which had support of 68 newspapers. They were instrumental in getting legislation passed to set up the CBC in 1936.

## Plans for new National Gallery of Canada and National Museum of Man



*A model of the design for the National Gallery of Canada viewed from Sussex Drive with the main entrance pavilion on the left and the tour group entrance on the corner.*

Communications Minister Francis Fox recently unveiled architectural models of the new buildings that will house the National Gallery of Canada and the National Museum of Man.

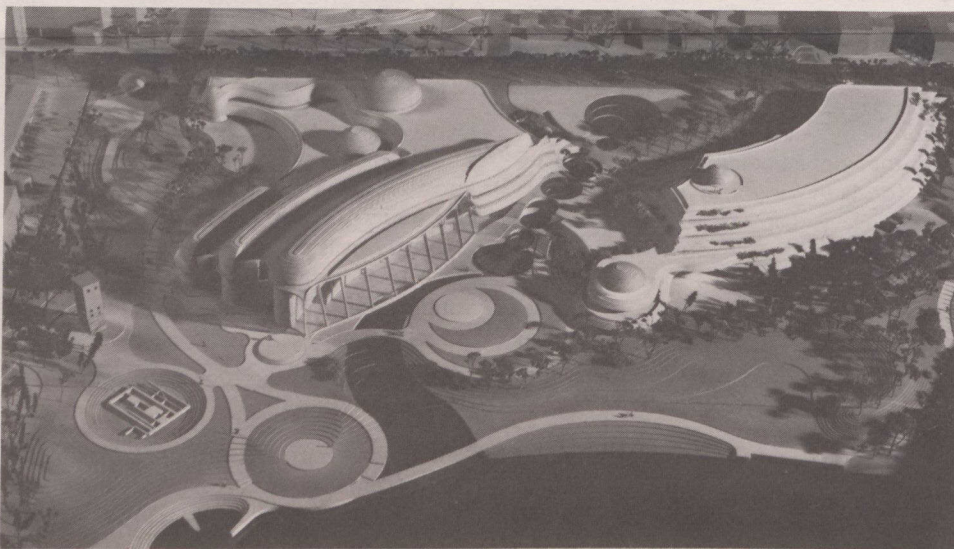
Present at the opening ceremony marking the official beginning of excavations were chairman of the Canada Museums Construction Corporation Jean Sutherland Boggs and the architects, Moshe Safdie and Associates of Montreal and the Parkin Partnership of Toronto and Douglas Cardinal Architect Ltd. of Edmonton and Tétrault, Parent, Languedoc and Associates of Montreal.

"These models testify eloquently to Canadians' creative genius," Mr. Fox said. "Their unveiling today marks a concrete

step toward the construction of facilities that will provide the space and protection required for the priceless collections held by these national institutions."

The ceremony was held at the rear of the Library of Parliament, within sight of the two construction sites. Mr. Fox triggered simultaneous explosions, which were followed by fireworks displays at both locations.

The new National Gallery will be built on land next to Nepean Point, at the intersection of St. Patrick Street and Sussex Drive in Ottawa. The new National Museum of Man will be built in Parc Laurier in Hull, on the opposite side of the Alexandra Bridge. The buildings will open their doors to the public in 1988.



*Model of the National Museum of Man as seen from above the Parliament Buildings looking west across the Ottawa River to Hull, Quebec.*

## CBC recognizes multicultural growth

*Canadian Scene* reports that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) has chosen eight candidates to take part in a broadcast journalism training program for members of Canada's minority groups. First of its kind in Canada, the program was developed by the CBC in co-operation with the multicultural directorate of the Department of Secretary of State. It came about because of the major change in the multicultural make-up of the country, a fact which the CBC noted had not been reflected in the high profile area of broadcast journalism.

Chosen for the program from among more than 800 applicants from across Canada were:

— Paul Winn, a black Canadian from Vancouver, British Columbia who is regional chief for the anti-discrimination directorate of the federal Public Service Commission and host of CBC Vancouver's recent series *The Canadians*;

— Anthony Chan from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, university lecturer and author of *Gold Mountain: The Chinese in the New World*;

— Claire Prieto, a Trinidad-born documentary film producer from Toronto, who has worked extensively with immigrant women's organizations in that city;

— Dan David, a native Canadian from the Oka Reserve in Quebec and an information officer with the Assembly of First Nations in Ottawa;

— Jari Brodie of Chinese descent who has taught Canadian culture, folklore and literature at York University in Toronto and recently worked in television as a researcher and freelance reporter;

— Deepa Mehta, a Canadian of East Indian descent whose work as writer, producer and director of documentary films has won 20 international awards;

— George Boyd, a fifth generation descendant of black loyalists with experience in the book publishing field and more recently a radio news reporter in Halifax, Nova Scotia; and

— David Lam of Chinese descent, a graduate of the University of Manitoba in film studies, with a variety of experience in the communications field, having worked as a documentary filmmaker, freelance writer and public relations officer.

Following five weeks at a training centre in Toronto, the candidates will be attached to CBC regional current affairs units across Canada for seven months.

## Shaw announces 1984 line-up

Organizers of Canada's popular Shaw Festival, held in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, have announced that the following productions will be presented during the 1984 season: Shaw's *The Devil's Disciple* and *Androcles and the Lion*, a one-day spectacular of George Orwell's *1984*, Thornton Wilder's philosophical comedy *The Skin of our Teeth*, a little-known French farce, *Celimare*, the musical *Roberta* and two Noel Coward plays, *Private Lives* and *The Vortex*.

"Nineteen-eighty-four promises to be our most stimulating and ambitious season ever," says Christopher Newton, the Shaw Festival's artistic director.

*The Devil's Discipline*, set during the American Revolution, will be a tribute to Ontario's bicentennial year, opening the season on the festival stage May 23, 1984.

The other opening week productions on the festival stage will be Thornton Wilder's *The Skin of our Teeth*, May 24 and a revival of the 1983 production of *Private Lives*, May 25, probably starring, as it did this past season, Christopher Newton and Fiona Reid.

## Mini-musical

At the Royal George Theatre there will be a mini-musical treatment of Jerome Kern's *Roberta*, presented at a *matinée* May 24.

*Androcles and the Lion* will open the Court House season July 5, followed by a redesigned version of *The Vortex*, presented in the festival's "risk" series last season.

*Celimare* by Eugene Labiche will be presented on the festival stage August 17. Derek Goldby, a Shaw associate director who has guided all the successful farces at Shaw to date, will probably be directing. The one-day spectacular, *1984*, will take place in September.

Shaw's lunchtime theatre will this year include a variety of productions, including Shaw one-acters, *How He Lied to Her Husband*; *Poison, Passion and Petrification* and *The Fascinating Foundling*; Patrick Crean's one-man show, *The Sun Never Sets*, and the mime company Theatre Beyond Words.

In the festival's "risk" series, shows that are presented briefly at the Court House and Royal George Theatres, there will be a production of *Carnival Scenes* by the Romanian Ion Caragiali, and *Rio Rita*, a Broadway hit of 1927.

## Winnipeg hosts top Inuit collection

The first major public exhibition of Inuit art drawn from the permanent collection of the Art Gallery of Ontario is on view at the Winnipeg Art Gallery, the first step in a two-year international tour that will take it to Chicago; Calgary, Alberta; Victoria, British Columbia; Montreal, Quebec and Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

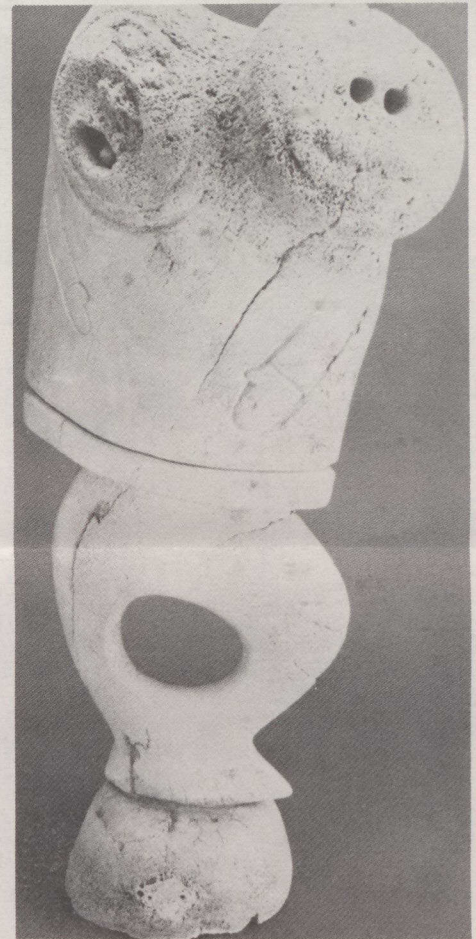
The exhibition is called *Grasp Tight the Old Ways: Selections from the Klamer Family Collection of Inuit Art*. It was organized by noted specialist in Canadian Inuit art, Jean Blodgett, and shows selections from an outstanding gift to the Art Gallery of Ontario of 605 Inuit sculptures, prints, drawings and wallhangings dating from about 2 000 years ago to the present.

The gift was made in 1978 by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Klamer of Toronto and their family, who wished to focus attention on the quality and importance of Inuit art. Although small displays taken from the collection have been presented, this is the first exhibit showing the scope and value of the Klamer family collection.

Of the 174 works on view, about half are sculpture and carvings and half prints, drawings and wallhangings. Primarily contemporary Canadian works from 14 communities, there are also historic Canadian carvings and 11 artifacts, mostly from Alaska. Selections range from prehistoric ivory figurines from Alaska to well-known Cape Dorset prints from the 1960s and 1970s. Noteworthy among the prints are five 1961 graphics from Povungnituk,



Woman Holding Child (1967), black stone sculpture by Matthew Aqiggaq.



Two-headed Figure (1971), whalebone, ivory and stone carving by Karoo Ashevak.

dating from the first experiments in print-making there. Among the sculptures selected are works by well-known artists such as Aqjangajuk Shaa and Osuitok Ipeelee of Cape Dorset, Karoo Ashevak of Spence Bay and earlier artists such as Elijassiapik of Inukjuak and Mugualuk Padlayat of Sugluk.

The exhibition also draws attention to the invaluable resource in the Klamer's collection of 50 Cape Dorset and Baker Lake drawings. Among those displayed is a discovery made during cataloguing: Lucy's 1962 original drawing for the famous 1963 print, *Family of Birds*.

Another discovery was a small, unassuming carving of two ivory figures with clenched hands by Aupilarjuk of Repulse Bay. Incised on the stone base is the Inuktitut phrase "Grasp tight the old ways". It was in consideration of this plea and also of the dedication of the Klamer family to the cultural heritage of Canada's North that the exhibition and its catalogue were named.

The exhibition will be in Chicago at the Field Museum of Natural History from February 17 to May 27, 1984.

## Toronto Argos edge B.C. Lions to capture 1983 Grey Cup



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The Toronto Argonauts beat the British Columbia Lions 18-17 to capture the 1983 Grey Cup, November 25. It is Toronto's first Canadian Football League championship in 31 years. The game was played before 59 345 fans in the new covered stadium at B.C. Place in Vancouver. Following their victory, Argonaut quarterback Joe Barnes (left) and teammates hoist Toronto coach Bob O'Billovich on their shoulders.

### News briefs

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh have accepted an invitation to visit Ontario, Manitoba and New Brunswick during the second half of July 1984, Governor General Edward Schreyer has announced. The Queen last visited Manitoba in 1970, Ontario in 1973, and New Brunswick in 1976. The latter two provinces will be celebrating bicentennials in 1984.

A. Edwin Story of Tillsonburg, Ontario will assume the responsibilities of first president and chief executive officer of Canagrex, the Canadian agriculture export corporation. In his most recent position as vice president of a major tobacco processor, Mr. Story has been active in numerous export development activities, as well as being responsible for domestic sales and producer relations.

Rio Algom Ltd. of Toronto has announced that engineering will soon be

under way for its \$150-million tin concentrate project near Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. Construction is to start next spring with production scheduled for late 1985. Tin concentrate production is forecast at about 4 500 tonnes a year, with byproduct output of 1 500 tonnes of copper concentrate and 2 400 tonnes of zinc concentrate.

Cominco Ltd. of Vancouver, British Columbia has officially opened its new \$210-million electrolytic zinc smelter and melting plant in Trail, British Columbia. It replaces a much-expanded version of its 1916 predecessor, and has production capacity of 272 000 tonnes of refined zinc yearly, about 11 per cent more than produced at the old plant, which will be scrapped.

Canada's industrial production index rose for six consecutive months to 130.7 in August, from 123.6 recorded a year earlier, according to Statistics Canada. Index base is 100 for 1971. Included are

manufacturing, mines, quarries, oil wells, utilities.

Two Quebec accountants have just published, through McGraw-Hill Ryerson Publishing Co., Canada's first French-language text on auditing. The value is great to francophone accounting students and businessmen in Quebec, who find English texts and continental French texts unsuitable for Quebec. Most English-language texts are based on the Ontario system, but Quebec's securities law imposes different responsibilities on auditors for prospectuses, for example, than do other provincial regulations. Authors are Gilles Chevalier and Yvon House; title is *L'Expert-Comptable et la Mission de Vérification*.

Northern Telecom International has a five-year contract with the Turkish postal administration to supply digital telecommunication systems and components for \$300 million. In addition, a Turkish manufacturing company, 31 per cent owned by NorTel, will manufacture and market NorTel's digital switching system for Turkey and other international markets.

Hot, dry weather on the prairies last summer has produced the best quality crop of wheat to date, according to the Canadian Grain Commission. Of the spring crop 56 per cent was good enough to be graded No. 1, compared with only 25 per cent in 1982. Only 2.5 per cent of the spring wheat was downgraded to Canada Feed, compared with 20 per cent last year. No. 1 spring wheat is worth about 30 per cent more than Canada Feed. Results were similar for durum wheat; barley quality was about average, and rapeseed (canola) was markedly better, but volume was well below last year's record.

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