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Saskatchewan's energy-saving house draws visitors

Conservation House, an energy-efficient house built by the Saskatchewan Research Council, has attracted visitors from many parts of the world because of its extraordinary thermal performance under severe winter conditions.

The house, built two years ago, is described as super-insulated, super-efficient, solar-heated and has reduced home energy consumption by 85 per cent.

Conservation House was built in the shape of a cube, which exposed a minimum amount of exterior surface relative to its floor space. There is no basement.

Energy waster discarded

"In line with what is now known as the whole-systems approach we took a look at every bit of energy used in a house from electric tooth brushes to snow-blowers," said David Eyre, a scientist with the council. "What wasn't essential was thrown out."

Almost every known energy-saving technique was incorporated into the house and its equipment. Constant tem-

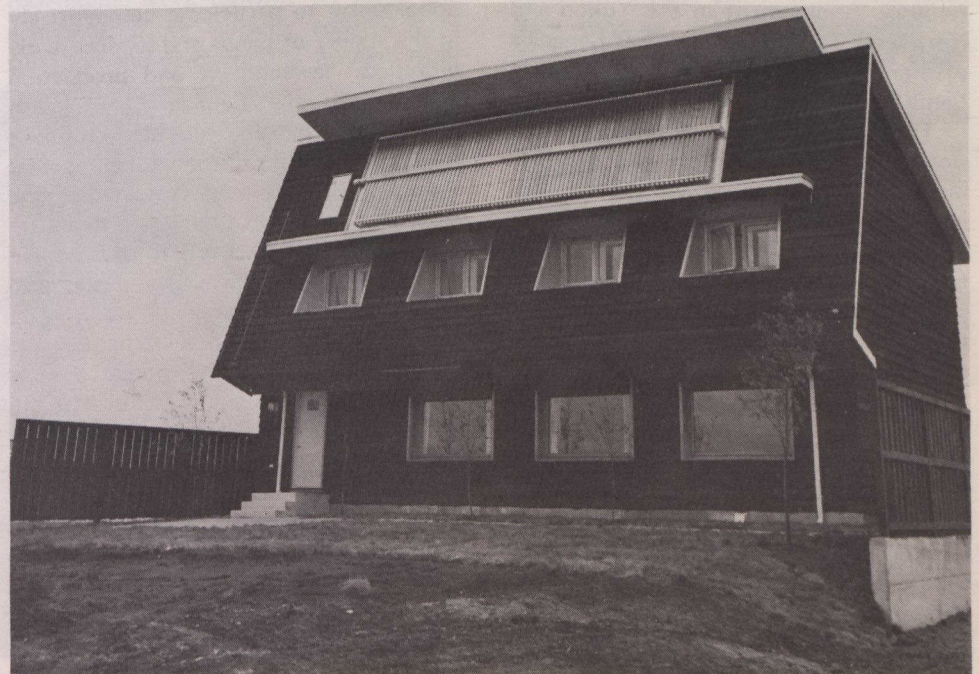
perature taps were put in the bathroom. The toilet is a water conservation model and the thermostat has an automatic night set-back. Exterior paint is dark-coloured to absorb heat.

Deciduous trees shelter the south-oriented windows in summer and permit sunlight through in winter. The windows are double-glazed and equipped with night-time shutters with an insulation value of up to R-22. Window overhangs keep out the sun except in winter. The house has insulated steel thermal doors and protective porches. Waste bath water and dishwasher flow through a heat exchanger before discharge, preheating incoming cold water.

Highly insulated

To eliminate major heat loss, Conservation House is wrapped in a giant sleeping bag of insulation. The ceiling is insulated to R-60 and the floors and walls to R-40, which is double the current standards and triple the amount in most homes.

The house is virtually sealed with a 6



Saskatchewan house is a heavily insulated, solar heated dwelling.



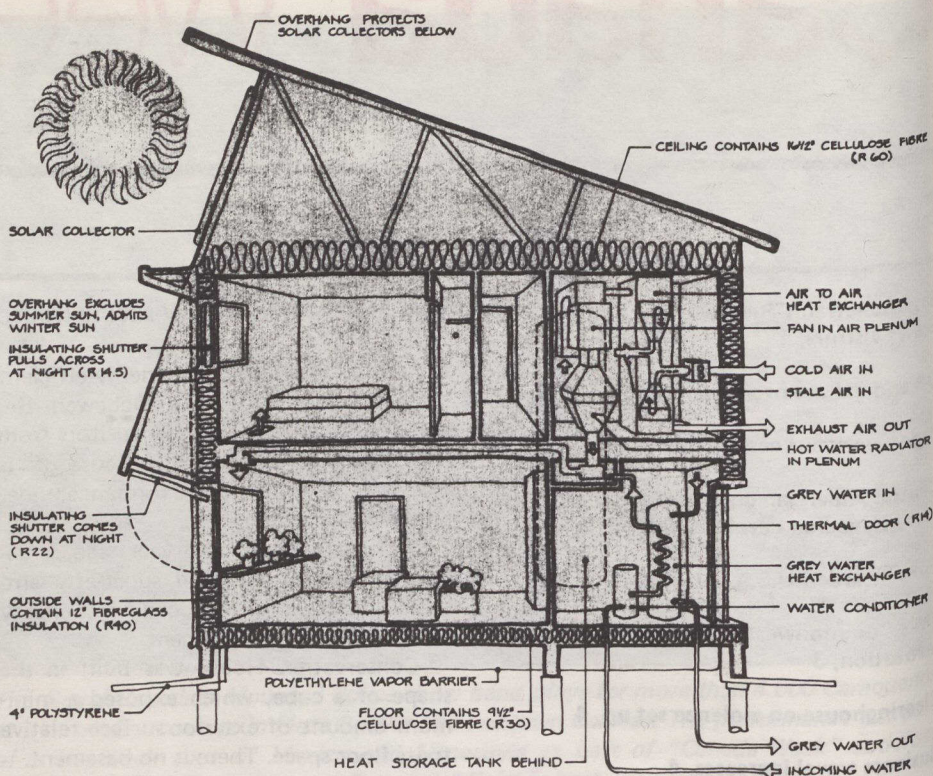
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mil polyethelene vapour barrier — as airtight as they were able to make it. The seams between strips of the vapour barrier were caulked. Special caulking techniques were developed to seal around vents, pipe openings, windows, doors and even electrical outlets. These measures have paid off with a reduction in heat loss in the demonstration house by more than 95 per cent. This leaves the residual heat demand of the house so low that it could be adequately heated by a three-kilowatt electric heater.

Although it was decided by experts at the council that an active solar heat system was not necessary such a system was installed for testing purposes. New-design vacuum tube collectors were installed on the roof. Heat was accumulated in a 12 700-litre steel storage tank in the house, which when fully heated could meet space and domestic water heating needs for up to 15 days without sunshine.

The solar heat system has not been economical but it has been a worthwhile feature in the house because of the public interest in this type of renewable resource, said Mr. Eyre.



Cross section sketch of Saskatchewan conservation house.

Oil and gas act proclaimed

The federal government has announced the proclamation of the Canada Oil and Gas Act, the legislative element of the National Energy Program that establishes a new management regime for oil and gas resource development in the Yukon and Northwest Territories as well as Canada's offshore seabeds, known as the Canada Lands.

The new act contains several provisions which will promote the development of a Canadian oil and gas industry in the Canada Lands. The new legislation stipulates that Canadians, through the federal government, will retain a 25 per cent interest in any oil and gas rights on the Canada Lands, excepting fields already in production.

The new act also establishes a minimum level of 50 per cent Canadian ownership in new oil and gas production in the Canada Lands. A third provision ensures that benefits are provided to Canadians through royalties paid on oil and gas revenues from Canada Lands production. The act sets the basic royalty at 10 per cent of gross oil and gas revenues, with an additional royalty of up to 40 per cent of net profits above a 25 per

cent rate of return on the investment of the exploration company.

A fourth way the new act will promote a Canadian oil and gas industry is through its requirement that Canadian manufacturers, consultants, contractors and service companies have a full and fair opportunity to participate competitively in the supply of goods and services in exploration, development and production activities in the Canada Lands. With regard to exploration activities, proposals have been received from 11 companies for seven parcels of seabed located off the east coast of Canada. While the new Canada Oil and Gas Act promotes Canadian industry, jobs and skills, it will respond to the social and environmental issues relating to frontier energy development.

The new act also reinforces already stringent regulations and practices to ensure that the contribution of the Canada Lands to energy security will not be at the expense of the environment.

Although the Canada Oil and Gas Act encourages Canadian participation in the energy development of the Canada Lands, the federal government has indicated that it continues to provide excellent opportunities for foreign investment in the frontier areas.

Paper work cut eases exports

A federal government-industry venture has developed a system that will reduce documentation costs for Canadian exporters.

Devised by COSTPRO, which receives funding from the federal government, the new method is expected to significantly reduce the paper burden of Canadian exporters.

The system resulted from private and public sector consultations to reduce the costs and complications of paper work and procedures in international trade. It is based on the international standard for trade documents, the United Nations Layout Key, on which at least 40 other national organizations have developed or are developing similar techniques.

The new method, called the COSTPRO Standard Overlays, makes trade document preparation simple and inexpensive. Exporters type shipment information once onto a master document. Then, with the use of overlays and a photocopy machine, all documentation required for a shipment can be made. Pre-printed forms and additional typing are no longer required. The Canadian business community is expected to save up to \$54 million by using the new method.

Central American countries to receive more Canadian development aid

Canada will expand its development assistance program significantly to the countries of Central America, Secretary of State for External Affairs Mark MacGuigan has announced.

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) has allocated up to \$106 million for the region over the next five years which compares to total Canadian bilateral disbursements of \$60 million in the area since 1972, of which \$40 million were spent in the past five years.

Dr. MacGuigan said the government's decision followed a comprehensive review of development assistance to the area.

He added that the government's intentions reflect its deep concern for the conditions of poverty and economic dislocation in Central America which lie beneath the current instability and traumatic social change there.

Because of the turbulent situation in Central America, a flexible approach will

have to be taken towards the extent and modalities of the assistance for the time being, said Dr. MacGuigan.

Honduras, the poorest of the Central American countries, would be the largest recipient of assistance as it has been in the past. Among the other countries in the region, Costa Rica and Nicaragua, which are experiencing serious economic problems, also will be recipients of increased aid, as will be Panama.

Nicaragua has already received \$4.5 million in wheat shipments and approval for the food sector strategy study was given last autumn.

Dr. MacGuigan expressed the hope that conditions in countries such as Guatemala and El Salvador where the current level of violence has made it difficult to maintain or plan for new development assistance projects would improve so as to permit a continuation of Canada's contribution to the social and economic development needs of these countries as well.

Firm awarded U.S. contracts

The Canadian Marconi Company of Montreal has received contracts valued at \$41.7 million (U.S.) for the supply of military communications equipment required by the United States government.

The two contracts were awarded through the Canadian Commercial Corporation under the Canada-U.S. Production Sharing Arrangement.

The communications equipment being supplied is a line of equipment developed in Canada which has proved to be a popular export item. It has resulted in export sales of about \$70 million since September 1981 and approximately \$475 million since its initial development.

The Canadian Commercial Corporation is a Crown agency that arranges contracts for the supply of Canadian goods and services with foreign governments and international agencies. Last year the corporation achieved sales of over \$400 million involving over 500 Canadian companies and 50 foreign governments.

PM's Commonwealth Day idea now an institution

Commonwealth Day was observed in Canada and throughout the Commonwealth on March 8 for the sixth consecutive year.

Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau proposed the annual observance at the 1975 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Kingston, Jamaica in order to make the Commonwealth better

known to its people, particularly in the schools.

The Commonwealth is a world-wide association of 46 countries, representing one-quarter of the world's population. Member nations, both developed and developing, work together on social and economic issues through political consultation and co-operation, through tech-

nical assistance and through many other forms of co-operation.

In Canada, the observance of Commonwealth Day is intended to emphasize the value Canada attaches to this unique association which represents many different races and cultures. In a statement made on Commonwealth Day this year, Prime Minister Trudeau said, "It behoves us to commemorate our longest continuous multilateral association with other countries to remind ourselves of the value of that association and the contribution Canada can make politically and economically to its further evolution and well being."

Various programs

Across the country, schools, public libraries, numerous organizations and branches of the Royal Commonwealth Society were provided with Commonwealth Day posters and information materials to assist in plans to mark the occasion and varied programs, both official and non-governmental, were carried out.

Interfaith services were held in Ottawa, Halifax, Vancouver, Victoria and Toronto under the auspices of the Royal Commonwealth Society. Governor General Edward Schreyer and Mrs. Schreyer attended such a service in Ottawa.



R. Vroom

External Relations Minister Pierre De Bané (right) and Jamaican High Commissioner Leslie Wilson (centre) view Commonwealth display designed by Peggy Steele (left).

Clearinghouse on violence set up

National Health and Welfare Canada has established a clearinghouse on family violence.

The National Clearinghouse on Family Violence aims to provide information, consultation and technical expertise and to undertake research in the field of family violence. Until now there has been no national program to collect and make available such information throughout Canada.

"We need to get in touch with those who are working on programs or with victims of family violence and find out how we can assist them," said Dr. Susan Lee Painter, the newly appointed head of the clearinghouse.

Besides answering requests, the clearinghouse is planning workshops for professionals, a national newsletter, speakers, reading lists and research.

Plans for the clearinghouse were announced by the federal government last fall in response to recommendations made in *Towards Equality for Women*, the federal government's national plan of action on the status of women.

Business travel increases

The importance of business travel to the industry has greatly increased in recent years. While pleasure travel still accounts for the bulk of revenue in the industry, business travel has provided a much more steady source of revenue.

In 1972, for example, 8 per cent of visitors from the United States to Canada came only for business reasons, while in 1980, about 14 per cent came for that purpose. About 11.5 per cent of the 1.4 million Canadians travelling to the United States in 1980 went on business.

Approximately 15.9 per cent of Canadians going abroad, and 15.4 per cent of overseas visitors to Canada, make their trips entirely or partly for business reasons. Domestically about 16.4 per cent of travel is for business.

New services

To meet the growing business demand, many segments of the industry are developing special services and marketing approaches tailored exclusively to the business person.

Business class — a combination of the first-class and regular economy fares — has been introduced by virtually every

major Canadian airline. Various bus and rail lines offer special business services, and car rental companies offer business discounts.

Travel agencies have also begun to specialize in many larger agencies in metropolitan areas, business travel represents 50 to 70 per cent of the volume.

Hotels too have been gearing services towards the needs of business travellers. Some offer larger rooms with desk space or secretarial and courier services. Corporate room rates, once offered only to a select few, have been extended to most regular business travellers.

Hotels catering to business people usually are located in city centres and have large meeting and convention rooms.

An emphasis on speed and efficiency is a major factor in the new business travel services. Airlines promise faster check-in and priority baggage service. Hotels offer simpler registration procedures and one-stop check-out.

Computers make learning easier

An Ottawa firm has entered the new field of computer-assisted learning by developing computer-based courses for schools, adult education, and business training programs.

The courses will eventually be used on home computer systems, Telidon terminals, in classrooms and in offices.

"The initial thrust will be into the business market but the potential for



Information is entered into computer at Bailey & Rose Limited.

home education after that is just phenomenal," said Ken Tongue, president of Bailey & Rose Limited, a computer consulting firm.

Education centre

His firm plans to set up a regional computer education centre in Ottawa in the next year or two. The centre would act in two ways. Consumers, who wanted to learn, for example, how to fix the plumbing in their homes could dial up the service over their Telidon terminals, ask for a course on plumbing and take the lessons at their own speed. It would also act as a kind of "computer publishing house" enabling consumers to buy a variety of courses for use on their home computers. The firm's subsidiary, Pedacomp Limited, has developed ten courses so far — mostly on language and grammar — and are working on dozens more.

The company's research, backed up by other studies, indicates that students who take a good computer-assisted course retain information better, learn faster and become more involved in their learning than with conventional teaching methods.

The classroom courses, which are being marketed by the Ottawa firm, are called multi-media and keep students interested by using music, computers, audio-visual presentations and written material with frequent questions and answers.

Funds combat piracy

Canada will contribute \$150 000 to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) for a program to combat piracy against Vietnamese refugees in the international waters of the Gulf of Thailand.

The objective of the program is to support and strengthen the anti-piracy efforts of the government of Thailand. It provides for regular patrol of the Gulf of Thailand and will ensure more effective enforcement and prosecution of those caught engaging in piracy.

The Canadian contribution is being made by the Department of External Affairs in response to a humanitarian appeal by the UNHCR for \$3.6 million (U.S.) to fund the program.

The program has been developed jointly by the UNHCR and the International Committee of the Red Cross. The Thai government will be responsible for the operational aspects.

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Bike rack saves space

A Canadian bicycle enthusiast has come up with a new type of bicycle storage system that is less cumbersome than the conventional bike rack.

The bicycle storage system, developed by Terry Smith of Nepean, near Ottawa, extends 7.5 centimetres from the wall.

The BIKE-UP rack is a metal U-channel about five feet long with a series of holes slotted along both sides. The rack can be attached to anything upright such as a wall, pillar, post, pipe or stud with screws, or it can be ramset into concrete. Bikes are secured in place by a locking pin.

Spawned by the need to economize space, Smith found that the answer was to store his family's bikes in the vertical position. Soon after, apartments and condominiums discovered it was the ideal way to store their bikes and save space. Stores began using them next, the BIKE-UP revolving display being the most popular model.

The most recent addition is the anti-theft ten-bike pedestal rack developed for Bell Northern Research; it will be available this year.

The National Arts Centre, the Bank of Canada and various federal and municipal departments in Ottawa already use the BIKE-UP system.

Besides the BIKE-UP racks, Smith is involved with bicycle safety and has developed a series of accessories for cyclists which are made from retro-reflective material. Among Smith's safety items are flash flags, streamer flags, handlebar jets, badges, buttons, arm and leg bands and



The BIKE-UP storage rack can be affixed to almost any solid flat surface.

letters and decals.

BIKE-UP, from its start in Smith's garage in 1975, has become a full-fledged business aimed at the safety and convenience of the cyclist.

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University promotes human rights

The University of Ottawa is taking part in an international effort to encourage the development of human rights teaching.

The university, as part of a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization plan to promote human rights education, established an institute for this purpose last spring.

The Human Rights Institute was set up with the support of a three-year grant from the Donner Canadian Foundation. By the end of the three years, the institute expects to operate from a fund built from donations from universities and alumni and from private, corporate, union and foundation support. The various sources of funding are expected to ensure the institutional and academic independence of the institute.

The directors of the institute come from the university's law faculty and members of other faculties which have an interest in human rights form an executive advisory committee.

The institute also has a council of associates from throughout Canada who are engaged in human rights teaching or

research or who are involved in human rights work for non-governmental organizations and government agencies. The co-operative structure of the institute is intended to ensure eventual national impact and increased general awareness and application of human rights principles in Canada.

Three priorities

The three areas of priority for the institute are research, education and promotion.

Research activities include:

- acquisition of international and Canadian human rights materials and their integration into existing libraries at the university;
- a computerized catalogue of all human rights related material in the national capital region;
- a senior fellows program to ensure the collection, collation and annotation of archival materials on the progress of human rights;
- a scholars-in-residence program to attract outstanding persons for research, teaching and the supervision of graduate students;
- a junior fellows program to enable graduate students to pursue studies related to human rights;
- specialized research projects commissioned by government departments, international institutions or private organizations; and
- a periodical publication specializing in human rights.

The institute is devoted to developing courses in human rights for undergraduate and graduate students in various faculties. It also sponsors guest lectureships at the university on the protection of human rights internationally and domestically. The institute offers specialized courses for police personnel, teachers, lawyers, judges, trade unionists, business executives, journalists, doctors, military officers and human rights workers. Seminars and work shops are also conducted to develop teaching techniques in human rights at both pre-university and university levels.

The human rights group promotes the production of written and audio-visual materials as classroom aids for teaching human rights in pre-university years and also through continuing education programs. The institute also plans special events and publications, convenes national or international conferences and prepares briefing materials on decisions and activities of legislative bodies and tribunals in the human rights field.



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The pedestal bike rack fits into a parking space and can hold up to ten bicycles.

Canadian skaters improve standings at world championships

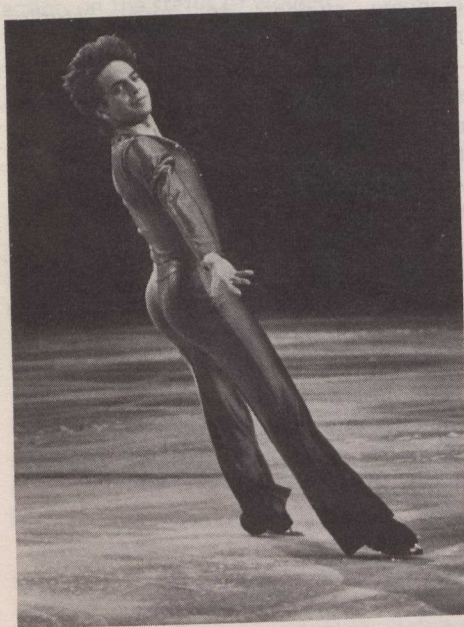
The Canadian team had its most successful showing in the world figure skating championships in 15 years at the recent competitions held in Copenhagen.

The team won one medal and improved its standings over previous years' in every category — men's, women's, ice dancing and pairs.

"We're extremely pleased with every one of the athletes," said Barbara Graham, technical director of the Canadian Figure Skating Association. "They met not only their personal goals but the objectives of the skating development committee."

Bronze medal

Brian Pockar of Calgary won the bronze medal in the men's singles event — Canada's first medal in the world's championships since 1974. Pockar, a former three-time Canadian champion had never finished higher than eighth at the world competitions. The 1981 Canadian champion Brian Orser of Penetanguishene, Ontario placed fourth.



Brian Pockar

David Leonardi

In the women's event Kay Thomson of Toronto, Ontario skating in her first world championship placed eighth, while Elizabeth Manley of Ottawa, Ontario was thirteenth.

Barbara Underhill of Oshawa, Ontario and Paul Martini of Woodbridge, Ontario were fourth in the pairs event and in the dance, Tracy Wilson of Port Moody, British Columbia and Robert McCall of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, made their

world debut as partners and finished tenth.

This collective effort has given Canada an opening to do appreciably better next year in Helsinki. Under international skating rules, each country can send one skater or pair for each event. Any country with a representative in the top ten may send an extra skater in that event the following year. A country with a representative in the top five can send a third skater.

This means that Canada, which was allowed seven entries this year, will have ten next year — three men, two women, three pairs and two dancers.

Working for six years

The Canadian Figure Skating Association, which receives 17 per cent of its budget from the federal government, has been working for more than five years to build the kind of success that the skaters enjoyed at Copenhagen.

Bothered by the inconsistent performances of Canada's skaters, the association reassessed its work about six years ago. The result was improved training, earlier identification of promising skaters and, some years later, gratifying results at the world championships.

Teenager wins top award in science competition

A Canadian youth has won a top award in the McGraw-Edison Foundation competition held in Texas.

David Schneider, 17, of Nepean, outside Ottawa, won the award for his work on a bacterial insecticide to combat spruce budworm. Schneider, who is currently in his final year at high school, has received a number of awards for his research.

Of the 6 000 entries to this North American science competition, Schneider was the only Canadian selected as one of the ten finalists. The other finalists came from centres throughout the United States. Schneider and a student from Indiana were chosen to share top honours.

The prizes for each of the students included \$5 000 in grants for study or research and a trip to the twenty-sixth annual Edison birthday celebration in Essen, West Germany.

Nature of research

Schneider's research involves using genetic mutation and a virus to improve

the effectiveness of the bacterium bacillus *Thuringiensis* in infecting and destroying the spruce budworm which has caused much damage to Canada's forests. The viruses affect the bacteria so they stay in the environment longer and keep on infecting the budworm.

The improved bacteria has not been tested on the budworm and it will probably be at least another five years before the process can be developed for use. Schneider hopes it will provide an alternative to the controversial chemical spray which has been linked to Reyes Syndrome.

The Canadian student began his experiments in Grade ten, and for the past two summers has worked on the project in the Ottawa labs of the Toronto-based company Ens Bio Logical Incorporated.

Baseball museum slated for Montreal

Carey Diab's passion for baseball runs deep, reports the *Canadian Press*.

The 70-year-old Montrealer has spent 16 000 hours collecting about 15 000 photographs, 300 personalized bats, 350 balls and countless other pieces of baseball memorabilia.

Diab's collection could fill a museum, and that's exactly what he has envisaged for about the past 20 years.

Backed by an estimated personal investment of close to \$100 000, Diab's dream moved a step closer to reality recently when he unveiled the future site of the Carey Diab Baseball Museum of Canada in Montreal.

Money to charity

All proceeds from the museum will be donated to charity, including three hospitals in the city as well as the Montreal Heart Institute.

Some of the revenue required to support the project has come from contributions of \$1 000 each by ten private individuals or corporations, who are listed as founding members of the museum. Montreal Expo catcher Gary Carter is the honorary president of the museum.

Diab, who still has the ticket stub he attended in 1923, estimated that 500 000 people will pass through the museum in its first year of operation. Besides having the chance to view bats used by Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig, they can watch films of baseball from another era or look at rare photographs from the days of Montreal Royals, an affiliate of the former Brooklyn Dodgers.

Gallery presents Jock Macdonald retrospective

The Vancouver Art Gallery is presenting *The Inner Landscape*, a major retrospective exhibition of paintings by Jock Macdonald, who was a pioneer in the development of abstract art in Canada.

The exhibition, organized by the Art Gallery of Ontario under guest curator, Joyce Zemans of York University, includes 158 works produced between 1930 and 1960, the year of Macdonald's death in Toronto.

Inspired by nature

Macdonald always looked to nature as his primary source of inspiration but he preferred to capture the spirit of nature rather than its physical manifestations or, as he put it, "the inner rather than the outer landscape". It is from this that the exhibition *Jock Macdonald: The Inner Landscape* derives its title.

A graduate of the Edinburgh College of Art, Macdonald emigrated to Canada in 1927 to become head of design and instructor in commercial advertising at the newly-established Vancouver School of Decorative and Applied Arts (now the Emily Carr College of Art and Design).

During his 20 years in British Columbia Macdonald was active as artist, teacher, exhibitor, and arts organizer. He was a member of the British Columbia Society of Artists, with whom he exhibited regularly, a charter member of the Federation of Canadian Artists and a member of the

Vancouver Art Gallery Council for 11 years.

Their interest in the natural environment led Macdonald and his colleague Frederick Varley to spend much of their free time sketching and camping in the Garibaldi Mountains. Macdonald's rendering of the familiar Table Mountain, Black Tusk, Castle Towers and Howe Sound are early representative pieces included in the exhibition along with other well-known canvasses such as *Lytton Church*, *British Columbia*, in the collection of the National Gallery of Canada and *Indian Burial*, *Nootka*, in the collection of the Vancouver Art Gallery.

Founded college of art

During the Depression, Macdonald and Varley founded the British Columbia College of Art which only operated for two years. It quickly established a reputation, however, as a centre of new and stimulating ideas in a variety of art forms including music, dance and photography as well as the visual arts. It was at the college Macdonald began experiments in abstract painting.

Macdonald moved to Toronto in 1947 and became instructor of painting at the Ontario College of Art. In 1953 he was instrumental in the founding of Painters Eleven, a group dedicated to the promotion of abstract art.

The Vancouver Art Gallery accorded

Macdonald his first one-man show in May 1941 and five years later mounted a solo exhibition of his "automatic" water-colours.

An illustrated catalogue written by Joyce Zemans and tracing Macdonald's career has been produced for the exhibition.

Gospel song dedicated to Terry Fox

British rock star Rod Stewart has dedicated a song on his latest album to Terry Fox, who ran to raise money for cancer research.

Never Give Up on a Dream was written by Stewart, Bernie Taupin and guitarist Jim Cregan. It is a broad gospel ballad which describes the pain and struggle the one-legged man endured during his marathon. Fox's run began in St. John's, Newfoundland on April 12, 1980 and ended in Thunder Bay, Ontario on September 1, 1980. Fox died of cancer on June 28.

The recording features the Pentecostal Community Choir from the Los Angeles area.

Cultural centre opens in London

The new Canada House cultural centre, designed to promote Canadian culture in Britain, was opened recently in London, England by the Queen Mother.

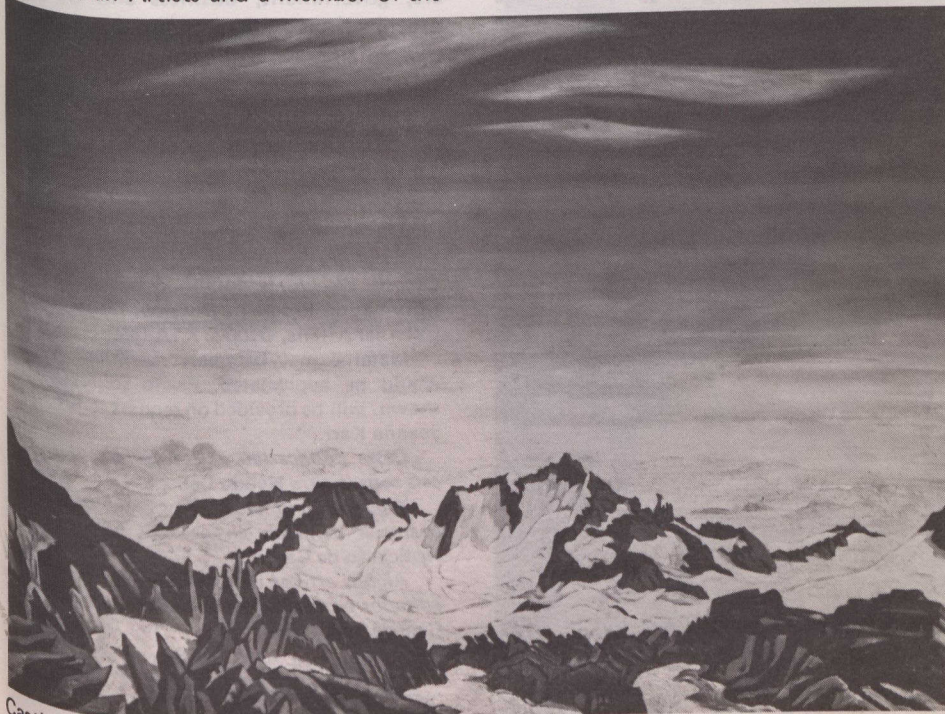
Canadian architect Tim Murray planned the centre which includes two art galleries, an auditorium and a small cinema. It is located in Canada House, a mid-Victorian building on Trafalgar Square.

Canadian Art in Britain, the inaugural exhibition, also opened by the Queen Mother, features more than 80 contemporary works by 52 artists, gathered from private and public collections in Britain. Among the artists represented in the exhibition are Paul-Emile Borduas, Jack Bush, Alex Colville and Jean-Paul Riopelle.

Greater exposure

Over the years, High Commission staff have presented Canadian art to the British, but often they have been hampered by the lack of adequate space. The new specialized facilities will allow them to give greater exposure to Canada's playwrights, poets, musicians, artists and film-makers.

The centre will make possible regular



Larry Ostram, Art Gallery of Ontario

Castle Towers, Garibaldi, oil painting done by Macdonald in 1943.

play readings, concerts, poetry readings and films. The High Commission's cultural affairs counsellor David Peacock said it will be the launching platform for younger lesser-known artists, as well as a forum for established ones.

All events are open to the public, free of charge, but the appeal for a public audience in Britain is limited. The events, therefore, will be aimed at professional audiences — the critics, producers and directors who might be persuaded to bring Canadian culture to the British public.

"I think perhaps the more important steps which lead to general acceptance is professional acceptance," Mr. Peacock said. "If the professional community begins to perceive that the work that is being presented...is exciting and is interesting, and if therefore our plays, our music, our performers become accepted within the professional gamut of activity in this country because they're good, not because they're Canadian, then that I think is the most important step."

News briefs

The firm of Arthur Erickson Architects of Toronto and Vancouver has been selected to design the new Canadian embassy in Washington, D.C. The firm was one of 11 finalists chosen from 300 firms from across Canada. The new building will be located on Pennsylvania Avenue, opposite the new east wing of the National Gallery. Mr. Erickson was the winner of the design competition for the Canadian pavilion at Expo 70 in Osaka, Japan and has been the recipient of numerous Canadian

and international awards.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) has signed a \$5-million (U.S.) line of credit with Banco Real South America of Brazil to assist Canadian exporters competing for sales in Brazil by providing their Brazilian buyers with a simple and easily accessible credit facility through the bank. It is expected that the main beneficiaries of the line of credit will be small- and medium-sized Canadian manufacturing companies.

The Centre for Canadian-American Studies of Western Washington University will hold a symposium on acidic precipitation on June 24-26 in Bellingham, Washington. The meeting will discuss among other things the impact of acidic precipitation in North America and Europe and political and economic aspects of transboundary air pollution. One workshop will evaluate the present data base for the western United States and Canada and will develop plans for co-operative research.

Police officers in Ontario will receive safe driving instruction as part of their basic training, starting this October. Gerald Hunsberger, deputy-director of the Ontario Police College said that police chiefs have been asking for this type of training for many years.

The Royal Bank of Canada has agreed to purchase all outstanding shares of the Finance Corporation of the Bahamas Limited (FINCO) for an undisclosed price. FINCO, with assets equivalent to \$89 million (U.S.), is the biggest mortgage finance company in the Bahamas. The takeover is subject to approval by Bahamian authorities.

The Foundation Company of Canada Limited of Toronto has signed a \$130 000

contract with Joint Sunray Flour Mills Limited to conduct a feasibility study for construction of a flour mill in Nigeria costing about \$20 million. The Foundation Company will head a group involving Maple Leaf Mills Limited and Fodor Engineering Limited of Toronto and Cansilo Limited of Montreal and Thunder Bay. Of the proposed mill's \$20 million capital cost, \$16 million is allocated for construction and \$4 million for shipping and transshipment equipment such as tugs, barges and unloaders.

The Alberta Wheat Pool has made a \$300 000 sale of barley seed to China. The sale, the first of barley to China, involved 1 009 tonnes of grain.

The Canadian fashion industry recently exhibited their wares for potential foreign buyers at the Canadian Outerwear Fashion Fair held in Winnipeg, Manitoba. One-hundred Canadian exhibitors displayed their fall and winter clothes and accessories for buyers coming primarily from the United States, Europe and Japan. The fair, which was first held two years ago, included leathers, suedes, sheepskin, down-filled fabrics, tweeds, wools, ski and other sportswear such as co-ordinate outfits for men and women and men's clothing such as slacks, suits, shirts and accessories.

Labour Canada recently sponsored a three-day conference on sexual equality in the workplace in Toronto. Labour Minister Charles Caccia said, the purpose of the conference was to "provide workers, government, business and women's organizations with a forum for an effective dialogue. The issues surrounding equality are not just women's issues. These are critical economic and human issues. Our own economic interest demands an urgent assessment of the progress we have made".



The Royal Canadian Mint has changed its one-cent coin so that it can be more easily recognized by the blind; the pennies have been easily confused with dimes. Instead of being round shaped the coins now have 12 sides.


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