

Canada Weekly

Ottawa
Canada

Volume 10, No. 27
July 7, 1982

Canadian farming picture looks optimistic this year, 1

Domestic and foreign based travel industry gets boost, 3

Burundi foreign affairs minister visits Canada, 3

Canada-U.S. forest fire pact, 3

Talks mark ten years of Canada-Japan science exchanges, 4

Co-operative energy corporation, 4

Canadian family aids formation of explorers club in Peru, 5

Kanata firm's laser marking system sales increase, 5

Artificial kidneys a boon for patients world-wide, 6

Natives model colourful fashions across the country, 6

Marine traffic system for Hong Kong, 6

News of the arts — TV, music, theatre, arts briefs, 7

News briefs, 8

Canadian farming picture looks optimistic this year

Poultry producers who enjoyed successful sales in all regions of Canada last year are expected to continue the trend while the growth of fruit and vegetables across the country and crops in the prairie provinces appear to be headed for record levels this year with ideal growing conditions in many parts of the country. In addition, a recovery of meat prices has put Canadian meat producers in their best position in more than two years.

If the conditions continue, farmers are expected to cut deeply into imports of produce, while building new export sales.

Trend to continue in poultry industry

Heavy advertising by the poultry and egg industry and higher costs for beef and pork have contributed to the growing sales of chicken over the past year and the trend is expected to continue with additional consumption of chicken increasing 5 per cent during the next year.

The consumption of turkey in Canada remains stable at 99 million kilograms, with a slight increase expected this year. Turkey producers face the problem of concentrated consumption in the October-December holiday period, but the Easter market is growing and new marketing methods are spreading sales over the rest of the year. The low cost of turkey, in relation to other meats, also makes it attractive in other months.

Egg consumption in Ontario rose by 9 per cent as prices declined 8 to 9 cents a dozen since last August, owing to a drop in feed grain prices. Although Ontario's 820 egg producers represent only 25 per cent of the country's total, they account for 40 per cent of national production.

In the west, Saskatchewan egg producers have benefited from high consumption, reducing the previous surplus to manageable levels in the past year. The harsher climate, longer distances and higher capitalization put the province's poultry and egg producers at a disadvantage under eastern-weighted formulas for costs of production, but producers hope

for changes in these formulas after hearings of the National Farm Products Marketing Council being held this summer.

Manitoba's turkey production increased 5 per cent this year and egg production increased 4 per cent. Chicken producers expect sales of 15 million kilograms this year.

In British Columbia, producers suffer from cost-of-production formulas that they claim favour eastern Canada. Egg producers receive only 90 to 92 cents a dozen.

New Brunswick poultry producers realized a receipt growth of 20 per cent to \$18 million last year but rising production costs have left them in a cost-price squeeze. Farm-gate chicken prices are 6 cents a kilogram below the cost of production, while turkey prices are 4 cents a kilogram below cost. Demand for eggs in New Brunswick is up 3 to 6 per cent, but prices are down by an average 3 cents a dozen.

In Prince Edward Island, agriculture officials say price increases for poultry and eggs will be modest this year, pro-



The low price for turkey appeals to Canadian consumers.

F. Royal, NFB



External Affairs
Canada

Affaires extérieures
Canada

vided costs do not rise.

Newfoundland's poultry producers are experiencing some financial difficulties as they claim that prices are far below costs.

Quebec's poultry and egg industry is expected to post slower gains this year. Producers will benefit from some respite in feed and energy costs.

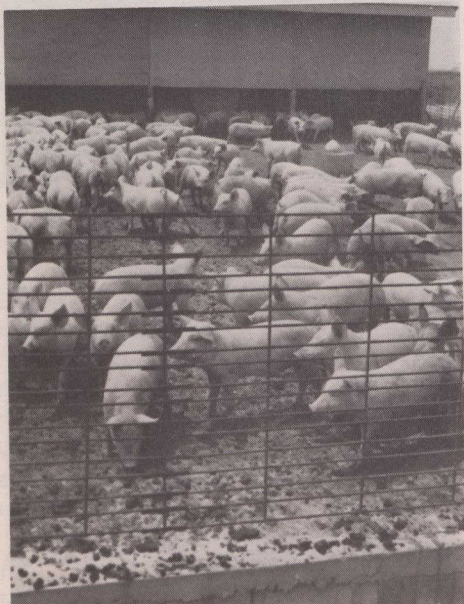
Record levels expected

Barring poor climatic conditions, such as a shortage of rainfall, this year's harvest of most fruits and vegetables across the country is expected to be excellent.

British Columbia producers hope for substantially better crops of small fruits and vegetables but may experience reduced yields in the big tree-fruit sector. The strawberry crop, harvested in June, looks good and raspberries promise an adequate yield in July.

Ontario's 12 000 fruit and vegetable growers will probably have a good harvest and slightly higher prices after a spring of almost ideal conditions. Tomatoes were planted later to minimize rising costs of energy for greenhouse production, and many growers have shifted to cucumbers. Prospects are also good for the major fruit crops — apples, peaches, plums and grapes. Last year, Ontario apples and peaches were in poor supply after a winterkill.

Potatoes, the province's major vegetable crop, have been almost completely sold out for some time with considerable quantities exported to Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio and Michigan in the United States. This year's plantings were delayed but the plants are already showing excellent growth.



Nova Scotia's pork prices have risen.



Potatoes, Ontario's major vegetable crop, have been sold out for some time.

In Nova Scotia, orchard acreage increased in the Annapolis Valley and the apple harvest is expected to reach record levels. Strawberry and blueberry production is also expected to rise dramatically.

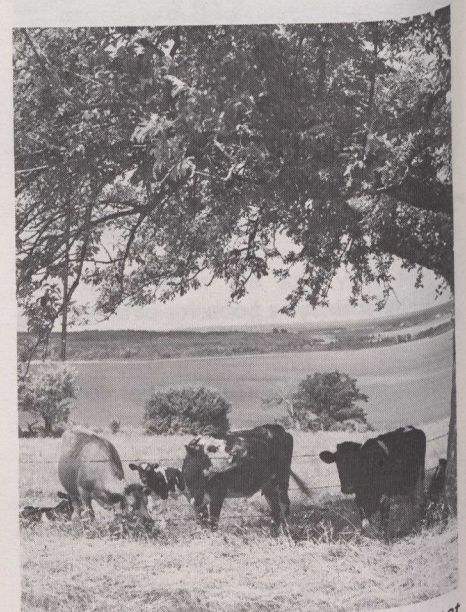
New Brunswick potato farmers are reducing acreages because of an anticipated drop in price. A North American glut has reduced prices from a high of \$7.30 a hundredweight in the 1980 crop year to less than \$4.30. Apple and strawberry output are both expected to rise.

Poor weather conditions in May delayed planting of Prince Edward Island's potato crop. Last year's crop produced record yields, but there were sharp price drops late last year because of high inventories and poor markets. Prices early this year were off as much as 42 per cent from those of the year before. However, marketing prospects appear brighter for this year's crop.

Newfoundland farmers, who produced more than 9 million kilograms of rutabagas last year, can expect stable prices. Newfoundland produced about 14.5 million kilograms of potatoes and 4.5 million kilograms of cabbage in 1981. Prices for blueberries, the only cash export crop, are expected to be favourable.

Crops in all three prairie provinces are looking very good at the moment. In Saskatchewan, pea acreage has been increased about 35 per cent from 9 700 hectares last year. Lentil acreage is up 30 per cent. Manitoba potato farmers have good prospects for an ample harvest this year. The provincial crop is worth about \$30 million a year.

With the exception of apple growers, Quebec's fruit and vegetable industry



In the prairies, beef producers expect prices to remain strong.

expects a good year, with higher prices and good production levels. The apple producers expect only 65 per cent of their normal harvest, because of severe frost last spring. Fruit and vegetable growers in Quebec had sales last year of \$104 million, compared with \$97 million in 1980.

Meat price recovery aids producers

In Ontario, the higher price trend for pork began in January this year and prices for beef have risen about 20 per cent since early April bringing some benefit to the producers. The trend is not expected to continue, however, and beef prices are expected to decline this summer.

(Continued on P. 8)

Domestic and foreign based travel industry gets boost

The Canadian Government Office of Tourism (CGOT) has begun a \$1-million program to assist domestic and foreign-based travel industry partners in marketing new or existing Canadian package tours.

Details of the Canada Marketing Assistance Program (CANMAP) were released by federal Tourism Minister Charles Lapointe during the fifty-first annual conference of the Tourism Industry Association of Canada, held in Montreal.

Objective

"The objective of this program is to increase the demand for our travel product by encouraging industry partners in both Canada and abroad to market and develop Canadian tour packages," said Mr. Lapointe.

Under the \$1-million program, CGOT will contribute 50 per cent — up to a maximum of \$25 000 — for costs directly related to:

- consultant fees and professional services used in tour development;
- design and printing costs for brochures, displays and other sales aids, including foreign-language versioning;
- co-operative advertising campaigns for retail and consumer audiences; and
- direct marketing programs undertaken by the applicant or on a contract basis, including production costs of special publicity material.

Those eligible for assistance include tour wholesalers-operators, transportation companies, automobile clubs and other firms involved in travel who offer Canadian packages or are interested in developing new ones, as well as retail travel agencies capable of offering such products.

U.S. and overseas

CANMAP applies to marketing activities undertaken in the United States and overseas markets.

In Canada, only programs which promote interprovincial travel are eligible for assistance.

More information concerning CANMAP is available in Canada from regional offices of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce (attention CGOT) or, outside Canada, at the nearest Canadian consulate general.

Burundi foreign affairs minister visits Canada

Burundi's Minister of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation Edouard Nzambimana visited Canada from May 30 to June 2, at the invitation of the Minister for External Relations Pierre De Bané.



Minister for External Relations Pierre De Bané (left) greets Burundi Minister of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation Edouard Nzambimana.

In addition to talks with Mr. De Bané, Mr. Nzambimana's itinerary in Ottawa included meetings with Minister of Agriculture Eugene Whelan, Minister of State Serge Joyal and senior officials of the Canadian International Development Agency, the International Development Research Agency and Petro-Canada International. The visit also included a trip to Montreal where a dinner was given in his honour by the Canadian Institute of African Affairs. The Burundi minister met with officials of non-governmental organizations and with representatives of the Burundian community.

Co-operation program to aid development

During the talks with Mr. Nzambimana, Canadian officials expressed Canada's desire to strengthen development aid to Burundi. Transfer mechanisms of a \$3-million co-operation program are to be set up after consultations between the various Canadian participants and the Burundian authorities. The funding will be used to finance projects concerned with institutional and industrial co-operation, non-governmental organizations and mission-administered funds. Much of the

available funds would be used for technical assistance, including fellowships awarded in various fields.

In the area of oil exploration, Petro-Canada International pledged to closely examine reports from sources indicating the possibility of oil in the subsoil of Burundi, and to take further action where warranted.

The situations in eastern Africa, the western Sahara and southern Africa were also discussed and Mr. Nzambimana expressed his appreciation for Canada's continued efforts to settle the Namibian problem. He was reassured that it was Canada's wish for Namibia to obtain its independence as soon as possible through the provisions associated with Security Council Resolution 435.

Canada-U.S. forest fire pact

Canada and the United States have signed an agreement that will enable fire fighting agencies in both countries to exchange resources as the need arises.

The arrangement was negotiated by the Department of External Affairs on behalf of provincial and federal departments involved in fighting forest fires, and ratified through an exchange of diplomatic notes between the two countries. The Canadian Committee on Forest Fire Control, which includes representatives from federal, provincial, industry and non-government fire control agencies, was instrumental in working out the terms.

This agreement allows individual provincial and federal agencies to deal directly with U.S. federal agencies in exchanging fire fighting resources when needed without going through complicated channels of approval each time.

All provinces are included in the agreement except Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Newfoundland which have chosen to opt out. These provinces may join at any time.

Canada experienced record fire seasons in 1980 and 1981. The area of commercial timber burned in 1981 actually exceeded the combined area logged in the provinces and territories.

Fire fighting agencies in Canada and the United States are unable to constantly maintain the level of equipment and personnel required during the worst fire seasons. Exchanges under this agreement will permit the most efficient use of resources.

Richard Vroom

Talks mark ten years of Canada-Japan science exchanges

The fifth Canada-Japan Science and Technology consultations were held in Ottawa, June 14-15.

The meetings marked the tenth anniversary of the science and technology relationship between Canada and Japan which began with the visit to Japan in 1972 of a mission led by the then Minister of State for Science and Technology Allistair Gillespie.

Provinces participate in talks

The Canadian delegation to the 1982 meeting was led by Dr. D.E.L. Maasland, assistant secretary of the government branch, Ministry of State for Science and Technology. L.D. Hudon, secretary, Ministry of State for Science and Technology, also addressed the participants at the opening of the consultations. The Japanese delegation was led by Ambassador K. Mikanagi who was accompanied by Mr. Tsuji, assistant vice-minister for the Administration, Science and Technology Agency, Tokyo. The provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario and Quebec were also represented at the discussions.

Following the Gillespie mission, the first consultations took place in Ottawa in 1973 and since that time meetings have been held alternately in Tokyo and in Ottawa. From modest beginnings, the program has matured into a relationship covering about 30 projects in areas such

as personnel exchange, transportation, environmental studies, space and communications research, agriculture, construction, energy, disaster prevention and basic particle research.

The representatives at the fifth consultations reviewed ongoing projects and considered new Canadian and Japanese proposals. In addition, both sides reviewed the mechanisms for further promoting exchanges between Canadian and Japanese science-based departments and agencies. Both sides agreed to examine the possibility of concluding a science and technology agreement which would further and consolidate the present science and technology relationship.

Agreement signed

A statement of intent in the field of remote sensing was signed during the consultations and new or expanded projects were agreed to in the areas of toxic gases produced by burning of construction material, Arctic marine transportation, agricultural bio-technology, forestry, the effect of low temperature on concrete, etc.

The two delegations agreed that further development of the science and technology relationship was in the interest of both countries because of its increasing importance in relations between Canada and Japan.

Co-operative energy corporation

Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Marc Lalonde and Minister of State responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board Senator Hazen Argue recently announced the establishment of the Co-operative Energy Corporation (Co-Enerco), an association of co-operative financial and marketing institutions that will actively participate in the Canadian oil and gas industry.

"This new co-operative will play a vital role in achieving the goals of the National Energy Program by providing a new source of funds to the petroleum industry, new investment opportunities to individual Canadians, and an increase in the share of the oil and gas industry that is owned by Canadians," said Mr. Lalonde.

The members of the co-operative system will participate through three newly-created organizations: the Co-operative Energy Corporation (CEC), a holding company; the Co-operative Exploration and Development Corporation (CEDC), a company that will become active in oil and gas exploration and development; and the Co-operative Energy Investment Fund (CEIF), a trust fund.

Federal funding

Up to \$100 million in funds is being provided by the federal government over the next five years to match investment funds generated by participating co-operative organizations. To date, the co-operatives have committed \$57.8 million.

The co-operative organizations participating in the venture include: the Alberta Wheat Pool, B.C. Central Credit Union, Canadian Co-operative Credit Society Limited, Co-op Atlantic/Co-op Atlantique, Coopérative Fédérée de Québec, Co-operative Fire and Casualty Company, Co-operators Insurance Association, Co-operators Life Insurance Company, Credit Union Federation of Alberta Limited, Federated Co-operatives Limited, Fédération des Caisses Populaires Acadienne, Manitoba Pool Elevators, Newfoundland and Labrador Credit Union Limited, Nova Scotia Credit Union League, Saskatchewan Co-operative Credit Society Limited, Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, United Co-operatives of Ontario, CUMIS Life Insurance Company, CUMIS General Insurance Company, and Prince Edward Island Credit Union League Limited.



Director General of the Canada Centre for Remote Sensing E.A. Gotby (left) and Deputy Director General of the Japan Science and Technology Agency, Mr. Tsuji (right) sign a statement of intent on remote sensing during the talks.

Richard Vroom

Canadian family aids formation of explorers club in Peru

Almost 25 years ago, Canadian Marion Sharon from Napanee, Ontario, and her three children Douglas, then 16, Robert, 14, and Anne 9, sold their home and belongings and moved to Peru where they helped to form the Andean Explorers' Club.

Because of a background in art, she was chosen to be artist and researcher for the club headed by a 28-year-old American explorer. She also did the club's general office work.

For the next ten years, Sharon and her three children lived in Peru, Yucatan, Mexico and Florida where she pursued studies in Indian art.

Ran explorers' club office

While her elder son Douglas was on expedition, she and her younger son Robert ran the office and did illustration maps from photos the explorers brought back. This left the marketing, cooking and general housekeeping duties to her daughter Anne.

"It was quite an experience, although at times it was terribly difficult," said Sharon. "Customs were so different. Women were chaperoned and weren't expected to walk on the streets unless accompanied by their husbands or



Marion Sharon, 70, admires some of her Peruvian artifacts. Behind her is a painting she did of Yungay, a small town where she and her children lived almost 20 years ago.

children. They didn't speak to anyone unless formally introduced."

During her sojourn in Peru, Sharon visited and studied many known archaeological sites and did research on them. However, she was never on an expedition

through the jungle and surrounding country.

"The purpose of exploration is to make earlier civilizations known to the world," she explained. "Explorers promise not to disturb ruins and they are not allowed to dig. No artifacts are ever removed from the sites. Civil guards always accompany expeditions to protect the explorers from wild animals because the explorers are not permitted to carry guns."

Legitimate souvenirs

Some 60 pieces of pottery and artifacts — legitimate souvenirs of her sojourn — have been exhibited at various galleries. She has also loaned them for display in gift shops and shopping malls. She uses a colourful collection of Peruvian crafts of wool and beads as backdrops for her many lectures.

"My Peruvian pottery collection is a modern copy of pieces found in tombs," she said. "They were moulded by Moche Indians, the many-gifted healers."

Earthquake disaster

While living in Yungay, in the Peruvian Andes in 1962, an earthquake struck which trapped her and her two younger children in the mountains for five months. It caused avalanches of ice and snow to pour down the mountains to the valleys. Parts of five towns were destroyed within five minutes. Markets were flooded but helicopters were able to drop food and blankets.

Sharon attributes their well-being to the Indians who were very kind to them. "The food was fabulous," she said. "The Indian women cook creole-style with herbs and peppers. They are experts in the proper use of herbs and use a great variety of vegetables and fruits, mostly accompanied with rice. Everything is cooked fresh."

Shortly after the disaster struck, her older son Douglas became ill with amoebic dysentery and was flown out of the region by helicopter. Just after his departure, the mountain roads were washed out and all transportation ceased. It was five months before the family was reunited.

When Sharon returned to Canada in 1969 she opened an art gallery in Kingston, Ontario. It provided her with an excellent opportunity to display her collection and her own paintings.

(Excerpts from an article by Jean O'Bright in Housing Ontario, December 1981.)

Kanata firm's laser marking system sales increase

A system, introduced by Lumonics Incorporated of Kanata, Ontario in 1976, is providing code markings for an increasing number of products ranging from barely visible electronic components through food products to beer bottle caps and whiskey bottles.

During the past year sales of the Lumonics LaserMark system totalled \$5.6 million and according to president Bob Atkinson, in the less than six months this year the company had passed the half-way mark of their 1982 target of \$7.6 million.

Pulse of light imprints mark

The system imprints a desired code or message on products by selectively changing or removing the surface material of the part or package to be marked. This is done with a pulse of light from a laser lasting one-millionth of a second.

The infrared burst of energy is guided through a stencil-like mask which forms

the letters or numbers, then projected through a lens system onto the surface to be marked.

When the system was first introduced, companies bought a single unit for up to a year's evaluation, said Mr. Atkinson. Coca-Cola, the first company to test the system agreed to try it but pay for it only if it was successful.

Today there are so many LaserMark systems operating that first-time buyers buy in bulk. Motorola Incorporated has just purchased 15 units, at about \$30 000 (U.S.) each to add to the more than 40 they already own.

Of the total sales to date, 90 to 95 per cent are outside Canada with about 60 per cent made in the United States and about 25 per cent in Europe.

Owing to the large United States market, Lumonics opened a new plant in Houston, Texas in June this year to service the market there, especially the integrated circuit industry.

Artificial kidneys a boon for patients world-wide

The Ottawa *Citizen* reports that "medical companies around the world are racing to use Canadian-designed 'artificial cells' to produce \$50 replacements for faulty human kidneys".

Dr. Thomas Chang of Montreal's McGill University, said that a Montreal-based firm has joined eight foreign companies producing artificial kidneys with the techniques his research group developed at McGill.

Clinical trials of the kidneys — tubes about 38 centimetres long — are underway in Japan and Europe and have begun in Montreal.

If all goes as planned renal patients in Canada could be using the artificial kidneys within a few years, said Dr. Chang.

Attachments to wrist

The devices, which would not be put into the body but attached to veins and arteries in the wrist when needed, have

thousands of the "artificial cells" which Chang programmed to copy the blood-purification process performed by healthy human kidneys.

The cells, with nylon membranes, absorb toxins in the blood that would normally be trapped by the kidneys and excreted in urine, Dr. Chang told the Canadian Science Writers at their annual meeting recently.

Today, most patients with kidney failure must undergo dialysis two or three times a week. Dialysis treatment, in which blood is filtered through a sophisticated machine, usually lasts about six hours.

If the artificial kidneys work as well in humans as they have in animal trials, Dr. Chang said that patients would have to use the device for only two-and-a-half hours about three times a week.

But he said the biggest advantage of the artificial kidneys is that the treatment

would cost a fraction of what it does now. The artificial kidneys can be produced for about \$50 each while a dialysis machine costs about \$5 000.

Another application of the artificial cells is already used in hospitals in many parts of the world in the detoxification of patients with drug overdoses. The cells packed into tubes operate on much the same principle as artificial kidneys.

Dr. Chang and his research team are now trying to produce artificial versions of human liver cells that help filter the blood and synthesize various compounds. The job promises to be tricky because researchers have yet to identify all the functions of the liver.

Eventually, he said, it may be possible to insert such artificial cells into the body to replace faulty organs and cells.

Marine traffic system for Hong Kong

A contract has been signed by the Hong Kong Marine Department and Canadian Commercial Corporation for the system definition phase of a vessel traffic management system (VTMS) valued at approximately \$2 million. The work will be undertaken by the Canadian Coast Guard and Leigh Instruments Limited.

The contract was awarded as the first phase of a total design, procurement and construction package including the training of Hong Kong operators. The VTMS will give the Port of Hong Kong an effective means of controlling ships in its congested waters thereby increasing the safety and efficiency of marine traffic.

Leigh Instruments Limited of Ottawa, one of Canada's leading high technology firms, has been instrumental in the design and implementation of similar systems in Canada and has employed technology in the building and supply of domestic air traffic control systems.

Federal Trade Minister Edward Lumley originally discussed the Hong Kong project with Governor Murray MacLehose during his visit there in 1980. He noted that the award of this contract was an excellent illustration of the way in which public sector resources can be used to support Canadian companies to meet advanced technological requirements of foreign governments.

The work began last month and is to be completed within a period of 21 months. Canadian Commercial Corporation contracts with foreign governments and international agencies on behalf of Canadian suppliers of goods and services.

Natives model colourful fashions across the country

Native groups from as far as the Yukon and Northwest Territories gathered earlier this year in Ottawa to display their delicate and colourful handicrafts and art works.

Stars of the large gathering were a group of young natives from Edmonton, models from Sundance Modelling Limited, the first native modelling agency in Canada. Director Bernadette Pagett

brought 11 adults and four children to Ottawa to show off the native fashions produced across the country.

"I had never heard of an agency for native girls," the former advertising executive admits, "but when Woodward's (a western department store chain) showed an interest in a native fashion show in Edmonton, I thought, why not? I knew nothing about modelling agencies, but I knew I had a good idea."

Established a year ago, Sundance now represents 50 models, most of whom appear in catalogues, posters and fashion shows in western Canada. The show in Ottawa was the first eastern Canadian venture for Pagett who hoped to attract attention from advertisers and marketing executives.

Gary Oker, a 21-year-old former construction worker, wore a maroon split cowhide vest and matching head band that he designed for the show. The young native from Fort St. John, British Columbia hopes to make his future in the fashion world.

Another new venture for Pagett is a newly formed company called Kee-Ano, meaning "Our", which will provide native talent for films and commercials. She has already been approached by several TV producers interested in using her personnel for commercials.



Leah Crier, one of the models.

The Citizen

Pilot science-fiction adventure planned for U.S. TV

A pilot episode of a science-fiction television adventure series, tentatively titled *U.F.O. Kidnapped*, will be produced this summer by Carleton Productions of Ottawa for nationwide cable distribution in the United States.

Veteran TV producer Roger Price is the show's creator. Price, who also produced *You Can't Do That On Television*, would not reveal the new show's storyline but said it would emphasize sophisticated video special effects.

The show will be shot at the studios of CJOH-TV and will be entirely the work of area actors and technicians.

The show was sold to Warner Amex, a U.S. pay-cable company that has agreed to underwrite half the \$300 000 production cost of the pilot. If accepted as a series it would begin a 26-episode season in September 1983 at a cost of \$120 000 an episode.

Varied music program offered

The Guelph Spring Festival celebrated its fifteenth anniversary this year with another successful program of Canadian and international music.

Over the years, the festival has an impressive record of staging operas, bringing outstanding international artists to Guelph in southern Ontario and regularly commissioning new works.

"We stick mainly to music," said artistic director of the festival, Nicholas Goldschmidt, "because we do not want to enter the field of theatre, except for special occasions, since the Shaw and Stratford theatre festivals are so close to us."

Sponsored by the Edward Johnson Music Foundation, formed in memory of the Metropolitan Opera tenor who was born in Guelph, the festival also features major musical competitions with \$13 000 in prizes being awarded this year.

Six premières featured

Opening with *The Glory of Bach* featuring Andrew Davis as harpsicord soloist and conductor of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, the 1982 festival presented six premières: the Canadian première of Smetana's sparkling comic opera *The Two Widows*; the first recital in Canada by Metropolitan Opera soprano Gilda Cruz-Romo; the first Canadian perform-



Andrew Davis

ance by the Smithsonian Jazz Repertory Ensemble; and the first performances of commissioned works by Canadian composers Oskar Morawetz, Talivaldis Kenins and Ruth Watson Henderson.

Other performances at the festival included the Borodin String Quartet from the U.S.S.R.; the Boston Symphony Chamber Players; the Waverly Consort from New York; Canadian pianist Arthur Ozolins; the York Winds Ensemble; the Famous People Players and the National Tap Dance Company.

The festival closed with a gala choral concert conducted by Victor Martens, which celebrated the one-hundred-and-fiftieth anniversary of St. George's Anglican Church in Guelph.

Play staged to celebrate Rideau Canal's anniversary

The Rideau Café, a musical play celebrating the one-hundred-and-fiftieth anniversary of the completion of the Rideau Canal is being staged in various locations in Ottawa this summer by the Sock 'n' Buskin Theatre Company of Carleton University.

Funds for the project are being provided by the Rideau Canal 150 Committee, Carleton University's Student Association and Sock 'n' Buskin, with Theatre Ontario contributing the services of the director, Jim McNabb, as part of their talent bank. Wintario is also expected to make a grant.

The play, presented in the vaudeville tradition, depicts the lives and times of

those involved in the construction of the canal from 1826 to 1832, from Momma Firth's Dancing Girls to Colonel By's Royal Engineers.

The show has a book and lyrics by David N. Fanstone, with music and additional lyrics by Norman Nurmi. The cast of seven has done extensive research to ensure historical accuracy in their work.

Arts briefs

Encyclopedia of Music in Canada, the first standard reference work on Canadian music, edited by Helmut Kallmann, Gilles Potvin and Kenneth Winters, has been published by the University of Toronto Press. It is a comprehensive volume covering the entire range of Canadian music — classical, folk and popular — with entries on people, groups, institutions, theatres and societies, among many other categories.

A French-language short film, produced by Quebec filmmakers Pierre Falardeau and Julien Poulain, has won the grand prize at the prestigious short-film festival in Lille, France. The film, called *Elvis Gratton*, is about a garage owner who is an Elvis Presley fan.

The Banff Centre school has announced the establishment of a \$50 000 scholarship for the performing arts. Three Sir Mark Turner Memorial Scholarships will be awarded each year to outstanding young artists from Britain who have been accepted to study at the Banff Centre. Turner was chairman of Rio Tinto Zinc Corporation of London, England — the parent company of Rio Algom Limited, the firm which will provide one of the scholarships. The other two will be established with funds from the provincial government.

An Ottawa recording company, Marc Productions has recorded *Song for Terry*, composed by Dr. Pierre Turgeon, a University of Ottawa professor. The record, featuring members of the National Arts Centre Orchestra and local musicians, is sung by Rob Valiant of Montreal. Proceeds from sales of the record will go to the Canadian Cancer Society.

The Montreal Symphony Orchestra conducted by Artistic Director Charles Dutoit, has won the 1982 grand prize of France's Academie Charles-Cros for its recent recording of Ravel's symphonic suite *Daphnis et Cloe*. The recording was made and issued by England's Decca Records.

Canadian farming this year

(continued from P. 2)

Rising prices have brought welcome relief to hard-pressed beef and pork producers in New Brunswick but again the relief may be temporary. Hog production in the province is expected to rise this year to 125 000 from 47 000 in 1976.

In Nova Scotia, livestock producers have also experienced a sharp increase in beef prices. Curtailment of pork imports from Denmark has helped to raise Nova Scotia pork prices. The trend towards higher red meat prices in the province is expected to last until fall.

Industry officials also predict higher prices for Canadian lamb this year. A marketing agreement between lamb producers and Sobeys Stores Limited of Stellarton, Nova Scotia, may put lamb more in the mainstream of consumer meat purchases.

News briefs

Queen Elizabeth II has appointed Victor Chapman of Vancouver as her assistant press secretary. It has been a longstanding practice for the post of assistant press secretary in London to be filled by appointees from various Commonwealth countries. Mr. Chapman, a former public relations consultant, has been federal media co-ordinator for members of the Royal family during their visits to Canada. In 1977, Mr. Chapman was appointed a Member of the Royal Victorian Order by the Queen.

The federal Fisheries Prices Support Board will buy \$2.5-million worth of canned mackerel which will be donated to developing countries. The mackerel will be bought from Atlantic and Quebec processors and will be distributed mainly in South America by the Canadian International Development Agency and the World Food Program. Canada contributed nearly \$2-million worth of food to developing countries in 1981-82 — more than double that of the year before.

The Ontario government is providing eight southern Ontario businesses with export support loans totalling \$2.9 million. The loans will assist in financing annual exports worth over \$15.5 million and help create an estimated 375 new jobs over the next five years.

Scholarships totalling \$1.3 million have been offered by Canada Mortgage

and Housing Corporation for graduate studies in housing to 75 students from across Canada. These scholarships are awarded to students pursuing master's and doctoral degrees in the social, economic, technical, environmental, physical and management aspects of housing in regular university programs during the 1982-83 academic year.

In the prairie provinces, producers expect beef prices to remain strong for the foreseeable future because of herd reduction in the past two years. Garth Larson, a director of the Saskatchewan Hog Marketing Commission, said the outlook for producers appears reasonably good, with prices hovering near 90 cents, 10 cents above cost.

The high prices are encouraging British Columbia meat producers to believe the poor years of 1980 and 1981 are behind them. Pork marketing climbed to 333 000 last year from 262 000 in 1980 and 149 000 in 1979.

In Quebec, a drop in feed costs and cutbacks in both pork and beef supply are expected to help stabilize pork prices. Although the provincial government strongly supports beef and lamb producers with grants and stabilization programs, they are not yet major factors in the province's red meat industry.

Corrigendum

An article on the oil and gas industry in *Canada Weekly*, May 26, 1982, contained inaccurate information; paragraph three of the article on Page 6 should read as follows:

Royalty reductions for conventional crude oil (to 36 per cent) and on natural gas (to 34 per cent) and a royalty holiday for certain gas wells are expected to generate \$3.7 billion. In addition, the province is offering special short-term financial measures including an increase in the royalty tax credit to small producers to 75 per cent of royalties, the expansion of the natural gas royalty holiday for certain wells to three years from one year, and a \$250-million grant program for some well service and maintenance work. These special short-term measures are estimated at \$1.18 billion in 1982-83 with other measures for 1984-86 estimated at \$555 million.

The Export Development Corporation has announced an additional allocation of \$50.2 million (Cdn.) under a line of credit to Banque Algérienne de Développement (BAD) to support an expansion of a project in Algeria awarded to Lavalin International Incorporated of Montreal. The signing brings to \$97.8 million (Cdn.) the agreement to support a sale by Lavalin of Canadian goods and services valued at \$115 million (Cdn.) for the construction of a national memorial and museum marking the twentieth anniversary of Algeria's independence and for development of related public facilities.

Some 31 Canadian firms displayed their products and services in a consolidated national exhibit at the Offshore Technology Conference (OTC) in Houston, Texas, May 3-6, 1982. Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Marc Lalonde represented the federal government and addressed the conference. Last year, on-site business generated by the 56 participating Canadian firms totalled some \$44.2 million, the largest such sales recorded by Canadian exhibitors since the first conference in 1974.

The Quebec government has announced that it will spend \$170 million over the next year to create jobs in the province. The money will go to help farmers hire labourers, to encourage municipalities to hire maintenance workers and road crews, and to help other departments to create short-term clerical and manual jobs.

Mitel Corporation of Kanata has landed a \$10-million contract to supply telephone switching systems to Sidcom of Milan, Italy. The agreement covers an unspecified number of SX-200, SX-20, Super 10 and SX-2 systems. Mitel's delivery of the SX-200 switch will begin immediately and will be completed by June 1983, the company said.

Canada Weekly is published by the External Information Programs Division, Department of External Affairs, Ottawa K1A 0G2.

Material may be freely reprinted. A credit would be appreciated. Photo sources, if not shown, will be provided on request to the editor, Joanna Kerr.

Cette publication existe également en français sous le titre Hebdo Canada.

Algunos números de esta publicación aparecen también en español bajo el título Noticiario de Canadá.

Alguns artigos desta publicação são também editados em português sob o título Notícias do Canadá.

Canada

ISSN 0384-2312