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All-terrain vehicles: Foremost in name, foremost in sales

Canadian Foremost Limited of Calgary, Alberta recently signed a contract worth more than \$25 million with the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to supply 50 of its special heavy-duty vehicles over the next 19 months.

The sale, which involves 50 of the company's *Husky-8G* tracked vehicles, spares and related parts, is the largest contract obtained to date by the Canadian-owned manufacturing company. Since 1968, the company has signed some 20 contracts involving about 390 vehicles with the USSR.

The latest contract was signed through the Canadian Export Development Corporation with Avtopromimport, a foreign trade organization, for the USSR. Deliveries are scheduled to begin in July at a rate of five units a month until May 1986.

All-terrain vehicles

The primary business of Canadian Foremost Ltd. is the design, manufacture and supply of heavy-duty, off-highway transportation equipment. One of the company's divisions, the Transportation Equipment Group, specializes in the design and manufacture of low ground bearing pressure wheeled and tracked all-terrain vehicles. The vehicle line payload capacities range from 3.6 to 64 tonnes.

Equipped with all-wheel drive and articulated steering, Foremost's Terra-tired low ground bearing pressure vehicles are designed for maximum mobility in marginal terrain conditions. These specially designed low pressure tires evenly distribute the load over a greater area thus improving vehicle traction and effectively increasing vehicle mobility and gradeability.

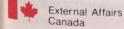
The wheeled vehicles can be equipped with a wide variety of auxiliary equipment to meet special job requirements. Supplied with a deck, Foremost wheeled vehicles are versatile logistical support units, able to transport loads weighing up to 64 tonnes across rough terrain conditions.

The wide flexible tracks on the tracked vehicles substantially reduce ground bearing pressure and provide greater traction al-



The large Husky-8G four-tracked vehicle, recently sold to the USSR, is designed to move heavy payloads in mud, muskeg, swamp, and snow conditions. The independent crankarm suspension and flexible track provide constant ground contact, absorb shock loads and increase productivity by allowing higher travel speeds than steel tracks.

Happy New Year





The Terra Bus provides all-terrain mobility to transport up to 56 passengers. Equipped with large, low pressure Terra tires, the bus can be used to transport personnel in on-road/off-road applications.

lowing them to transport heavy equipment, supplies and personnel across the softest terrain conditions.

The low profile and wide tracks provide greater stability than conventional equipment. As a result, these vehicles can be readily equipped with a wide variety of auxiliary equipment including drills, cranes and backhoes, mobile workshops, recorders or other equipment.

The *Husky-8G* can provide the payload capacity for mounting the large cranes needed for erecting extra high voltage towers in a single lift. The short cycle times between towers has already increased production on projects such as the James Bay hydro-electric project in northern Quebec. The vehicles involved in the recent deal with the USSR will be equipped with firefighting devices and used in the oil fields of western Siberia.

Another division of Canadian Fore-

most, the HEP Oilfield Equipment Group, develops and manufactures HEP oil well pumping units designed for both conventional and heavy oil production, primary and enhanced recovery programs.

Export sales increase

With high load capability and mobility in marginal terrain conditions, Foremost all-terrain vehicles are used by many industries for a wide range of functions, including pipeline and powerline construction, geophysical exploration, mining and construction, heavy oilfield hauling and logistical support units for many resource development projects in remote areas.

In 1983, only about 20 per cent of the company's sales were in Canada. The vehicles have gained international recognition and are sold for use in many countries and regions around the world including the United States, Southeast Asia, South America, the Soviet Union, Antarctica, Mexico, and the Middle East.

Currently the company is working on a longer-term agreement with the USSR for the construction and testing of vehicles that are much larger than the company's current product. Over the next three years, the tracked vehicles — with a load capacity of 64 tonnes — will be designed and manufactured by Canadian Foremost, and the Soviet Union will supply some of the components.

Foremost president Jack Nodwell said the prototypes will be shipped to the Soviet Union, then assembled and tested. If they prove suitable, the company expects to negotiate a contract for several additional units.

The company is also working on other prospective deals with the Soviet Union, China, and several countries in South America.



Foremost manufactures a variety of multipurpose powered chassis. These units are used in the drilling, well service and construction industries where highway and off-road capability is required for heavy duty carrier-mounted equipment.



The Magnum, Foremost's largest Terra-tired vehicle is designed to carry loads weighing up to 64 tonnes and can be used effectively in difficult off-road conditions.



A versatile, four-tracked carrier with articulated steering, the Chieftain which is used for mounting drills, cranes or backhoes, is widely used in the petroleum, geophysical and utility industries.

Immigration quotas for 1985

Minister of Employment and Immigration Flora MacDonald recently announced that Canada plans to admit between 85 000 and 90 000 immigrants in 1985.

The 1985 levels were set following consultations with provincial and territorial governments, as well as numerous non-governmental organizations and groups concerned with refugees.

Miss MacDonald said that renewed emphasis will be placed on the business immigration program. In 1983, business immigrants brought \$820 million to Canada, half of the total capital brought by all immigrants, and created about 4 600 jobs for Canadians.

"We intend to promote this program abroad vigorously since it makes the most immediate contribution to Canada's economic growth, relative to other immigration components," she said.

In effect since 1982, is a requirement that immigrants admitted as selected workers have prearranged employment. This requirement will be maintained.

Families reunited

The reunification of family members remains a first priority. Miss MacDonald said there were "no restrictions on the number of eligible family class members who can be admitted if they qualify". There are some 45 000 applications based on family reunification for 1985.

The government-assisted refugee component has been increased by 10 per cent to 11 000, "reflecting our continued concern for displaced and persecuted people", said Miss MacDonald. In addition, about 4 000 refugees are expected to be spon-Sored privately, and from 5 000 to 8 000 immigrants will be admitted under relaxed Criteria for humanitarian reasons.

The immigration levels are for one year only, pending a major review of immigration Policy during the coming year.

"Following this thorough assessment of all factors involved in immigration planning, We will be in a better position to effectively establish immigration levels over the longer term." said Miss MacDonald.

Details of immigration policy issues considered in establishing the 1985 levels are Outlined in the Background paper on future immigration levels which accompanies the Annual Report to Parliament on Future Immigration Levels. Copies of the report and background paper are available from Enquiries and Distribution, Employment and Immigration Canada, Ottawa-Hull, K1A 0J9.

Prime minister's greeting





Season's Greetings

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Auto parts for Japan

Three Ontario companies have recently signed deals to sell automobile parts to Nissan Motor Company of Japan and a subsidiary for the company's assembly plants in the United States and Japan.

One of the deals is with Degussa Canada Limited of Burlington, Ontario. The company will supply Nissan with catalytic converters beginning in September 1985.

The exhaust emission devices will be shipped for installation on the Sanata, a new passenger car model produced by Nissan.

Sales to Japan are expected to total about \$2.1 million annually.

In another agreement, Marui Industrial Company, a subsidiary of Nissan, will establish a joint venture with G.S. Woolley Limited of Scarborough, Ontario, to produce automotive name plates, emblems and symbols using acrylic resin products.

The new deal will give the Canadian company access to improved technology from Japan and Canadian employees will be trained by the Japanese before production begins in 1986.

The third deal has been struck by a major supplier to Nissan. Commencing next July, Progressive Moulded Products Limited of North York, Ontario, will manufacture 20 000 plastic cooling fans a month for the Japanese parts producer, Usui Kokusai Sangyo. The fans will be shipped to the new Nissan plant in Smyrna, Tennessee, for installation in light trucks.

In 1986, that US plant will also produce Sentra passenger cars and it is expected that Usui's contract with Progressive Moulded Products will be expanded to supply that production line.

Italian-Canadian studies chair established

York University in Toronto, Ontario, is setting up a chair of Italian-Canadian studies to conduct research and develop teaching programs of an Italian-Canadian nature. The programs will be designed to contribute to a better understanding of Canada's pluralistic nature.

The chair, which will allow the study of the contributions and evolution of Italian culture on a continuing basis, is being financed by the Endowment Assistance Program of Multiculturalism Canada and the Murray Anthony Elia Charitable Foundation. Their equal contributions of \$350 000 will be placed in an endowment trust account.

The Italian-Canadian chair is the seventh one established with aid from the Endowment Assistance Program. The program promotes the establishment, at Canadian universities, of chairs of studies in humanities, social sciences, communications and fine arts relating to Canadian ethnocultural groups. Program funds must be matched by a sponsoring voluntary organization.

Other chairs established to date are: Hungarian studies at the University of Toronto; Mennonite studies at the University of Winnipeg, Manitoba; Ukrainian studies at the University of Toronto; Acadian studies at the University of Moncton, New Brunswick; Gaelic studies at St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia; and native and aboriginal cultures of Atlantic Canada at St. Thomas University, Fredericton, New Brunswick.



(Top row, left to right): The Toronto International Festival in June, the largest international cultural event ever held in Canada. • The Canadian Forces Snowbirds marked the seventy-fifth anniversary of powered flight in the Commonwealth and the sixtieth anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force with special performances. • International Trade Minister James Kelleher (right) presents a Canada Export Award to Don Parks of Dicon Systems. The company, Canada's largest manufacturer of residential smoke alarms, won special mention among the 14 companies that received the awards for excellence in developing exports. • Juliana Chin of Toronto, believed to be the first person in the world to have an electrical implant in her back to help correct scoliosis. The technique was invented by Dr. Walter Bobechko at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children. • Alex Baumann of Sudbury established two new world and Olympic records in the individual medley at the summer Olympics. • Marc Garneau, experiencing weightlessness during training, became Canada's first astronaut as part of the crew on NASA's Challenger in October. • Former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau announces his resignation after more than 15 years as leader of the Liberal Party. (Middle row: left to right): Telesat Canada's newest communications satellite, Anik D2, was stored in space on November 9. It will provide communications across Canada into the 1990s. • TRIUMF's cyclotron magnet, the largest in the world, is used by Canadian and international scientists to study the nature of atoms. • Prime

Minister Brian Mulroney with his wife Mila, after leading the Progressive Conservative Party to its largest majority in Canadian history in the general election, September 4. • Queen Elizabeth during her 14-day Canadian visit to mark the two-hundredth anniversary of the arrival of the Loyalists.
• Model of the Sea Orb, a 14-person lifeboat invented by John Ingle of Toronto that contains provisions for six days, self-powered beacons, homing devices and a radio. • Canada marked the four-hundred-and-fiftieth anniversary of Jacques Cartier's arrival from France with a major celebration highlighted by four events closely linked to the sea. (Bottom row, left to right): Synthesizer developed by Bell Northern and INRS Telecommunications to vocalize printed computer messages. • Prime Minister Mulroney and US President Reagan in Washington in September. • Joe Clark became Canada's secretary of state for external affairs, September 17. (Below): Les Grands Ballets Canadiens perform Sérénade during their 20-city tour of the Far East. • Science North, which opened in Sudbury, provides the unique "hands on" approach to science. • Pope John Paul II aboard the "popemobile" on the Rideau Canal in Ottawa in the first papal parade on water in North America. • Speedskater Gaetan Boucher won one bronze and two gold medals at the winter Olympics. (Below): France's Prime Minister Fabius meets with Prime Minister Mulroney in Ottawa in November. • Canada's first female governor general, Jeanne Sauvé, was invested on May 14.

Radio Canada International Programming

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News of the arts

Concert for television

Canada's celebrated tenor Jon Vickers recently appeared at the National Arts Centre (NAC) in Ottawa singing excerpts from some of his most famous operas. The concert was then broadcast on CBC television on December 6.



Jon Vickers

The National Arts Centre Orchestra accompanied Mr. Vickers and performed orchestral excerpts from the operas under the direction of Franz Paul Decker. Journalist and broadcaster Patrick Watson was the host for both the concert and telecast.

Mr. Vickers opened the concert with a recitative and aria from Handel's dramatic oratorio *Samson* and then sang substantial excerpts from operatic roles in which he has attained pre-eminence in our time: Florestan in *Fidelio* and Peter in *Peter Grimes*. A scene from his portrayal in *Otello* shown on a large screen during the concert was also part of the television special.

Jon Vickers is the only heroic tenor of international standing who, with equal authority and dramatic conviction, sings the major roles in Italian opera, French opera, German opera and English opera. He is noted both for the unique timbre of his voice and for his powerful identification with each character he portrays.

Mr. Vickers, who has sung at Covent Garden, Bayreuth, the Vienna Statsoper, Teatro Colon, La Scala and the Metropolitan Opera, has recorded his greatest roles, sometimes more than once, under leading-conductors.

Popular song winner

A Canadian song, *Party Lights* composed by George Duke and sung by Quebec vocalist France Joli, shared top honours in the fifteenth International Popular Songs Festival held at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo, Japan.

The two best songs were selected from 19 entries from 15 countries and six from Japan. Party Lights shared the honours with the Japanese entry Rock 'n' Roll for Pains by Atsumi Matsuzaki and sung by the four-member group, Tomcat. Both songs were awarded \$10 000 (US).

France Joli, 21, also won the \$3 000 award for outstanding performance, together with Hungary's Korali Katona.

Nineteenth century quilts featured in exhibition

The innovative achievements and skilled craftmanship of quilt-makers of the past are currently being revealed in an exhibition entitled *Early Canadian Quilts*, at the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto.

The exhibition, which includes 30 nineteenth century quilts from Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes will remain open until April 8, 1985.

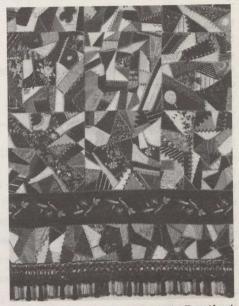
Craft with artistic touch

The quilts, colourfully pieced, skillfully appliqued or embroidered, illustrate a utilitarian craft that often may be described as art. As well, they demonstrate the surprisingly wide variety of fabrics available in Canada at the time.

Pieced quilts also show a genius for economy of material as well as a good sense of design and colour. Produced from many small fragments into a satisfying whole, they can be looked on as feats of engineering.

One pieced quilt, made around 1870 in the Newmarket area of Ontario, is called a "friendship" quilt because many pieces were given to the maker by different friends. The colour placement of the small squares produces a curious optical effect.

Appliqued quilts, made of new materials and sometimes from published patterns, are more sophisticated. Frequently included in trousseaus, these quilts were created with an eye more for beauty than function and used only on special occasions. One outstanding example of an embroidered quilt that is on display, was made by a Ladies' Congregational Society in the Brantford area of Ontario as a gift to a local minister leaving



Detail of a "crazy quilt" made in Brantford, Ontario, 1875-1899. This patchwork quilt is made of coloured velvets and fancy silks in many shapes and sizes. The band of black satin across each end is embroidered with very bright coloured floral meander.

to do missionary work in Africa. It was embroidered with parishioners' names and the names of pet dogs on the reverse.

Some of the other quilts of note are: an all-white quilt, made in Port Elgin, Ontario, about 1850, that demonstrates quilting without the diversion of colour; a "house" pattern quilt, pieced with multiples of a stylized house in a variety of patterned cottons; and a recent acquisition, a Renfrew County homespun quilt stitched in a shell pattern.



Section of a white cotton quilt appliqued in red, green and burnt orange. The appliqued motifs are quilted in cutline, the field in lozenge pattern. The quilt was made in the third quarter of the nineteenth century in Napanee, Ontario.

News briefs

Consultations between Canada and the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics, that took place in Ottawa on November 14-15, covered a range of arms control and disarmament matters as well as international cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and efforts to promote the nonproliferation regime. The USSR delegation was headed by Ambassador Vladimir F. Petrovsky. Stephen Heeney, director general of the Bureau of Energy, Transport and Science, Department of External Affairs, led the discussions on international co-operation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and non-proliferation, while Louis Delvoie, director general of the Bureau of International Security and Arms Control, led the discussions on arms control and disarmament.

Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Pat Carney has announced natural gas export licence amendments to allow six Canadian companies — Alberta and Southern Gas Company Limited, Pan-Alberta Gas Limited, ProGas Limited, TransCanada PipeLines Limited, Westcoast Transmission Company Limited and Sulpetro Limited — to export gas to US buyers at negotiated prices. Under the new amendments, the companies expect to sell an additional 11.3 billion cubic metres of gas, earning

\$1 billion (US) more in export revenue, than they would under government-prescribed export prices.

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney has announced that the government will place a minimum tax on the rich in the next budget due to be brought down in April 1985. Neither the income level of a minimum tax nor the size of the tax have been determined, but a discussion paper is expected to be ready early in 1985.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) and the National Bank of Canada (NBC) have signed two financing agreements totalling \$10.1 million (US) to support sales by the Canadian Commercial Corporation (CCC) to The Republic of Ecuador. EDC is lending \$8.596 million and NBC is lending \$1.517 million to support sales of teaching aid equipment and related services by Lab-Volt Limited of Montreal to two agencies of the government of Ecuador.

Governor General Jeanne Sauvé was invested as a Companion of the Order of the Red Cross in recognition of her "distinguished service to the people of Canada". The Red Cross set up the order in 1984 to honour those who have made "significant contributions to its work, or who have rendered valuable service in the cause of humanity". There are three categories: companion, officer and member.

Splashdown of gigantic ship causes near tidal wave



The MV Hon. Paul Martin, the largest ship ever to be side-launched in Canada and the largest ship built at the Collingwood Shipyards in Collingwood, Ontario, was launched on November 1. The 225-metre, self-unloading bulk carrier, was designed to carry a variety of cargoes that can be unloaded at a rate of 6 000 tonnes an hour. The \$40-million vessel was named after Liberal Senator Paul Martin and christened by his wife, Eleanor, at the launching ceremony.

Tricycle trek for MS



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Richard Beecroft

Multiple sclerosis (MS) sufferer Richard Beecroft of Ottawa, Ontario is currently on the second leg of his round-the-world tricycle trip through Europe to publicize the disease and to help local MS societies raise money.

Multiple sclerosis is an incurable disease that attacks the central nervous system. Its symptoms include slurred speech, fatigue, dizziness, loss of balance and numbness.

Mr. Beecroft, who has completed an 11-month tour of North America, (see *Canada Weekly*, September 28, 1983), expects to travel 17 700 kilometres throughout Europe over the next ten months.

"I don't raise money myself," he said in an interview, "but I work with MS societies." He has no organized financial support, depending instead on the generosity of strangers. He travels with a tent and camping equipment.

Mr. Beecroft expects to pedal a further 4 800 kilometres in Australia, covering about 75 kilometres a day. He also hopes to do some cycling in Asia.

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