

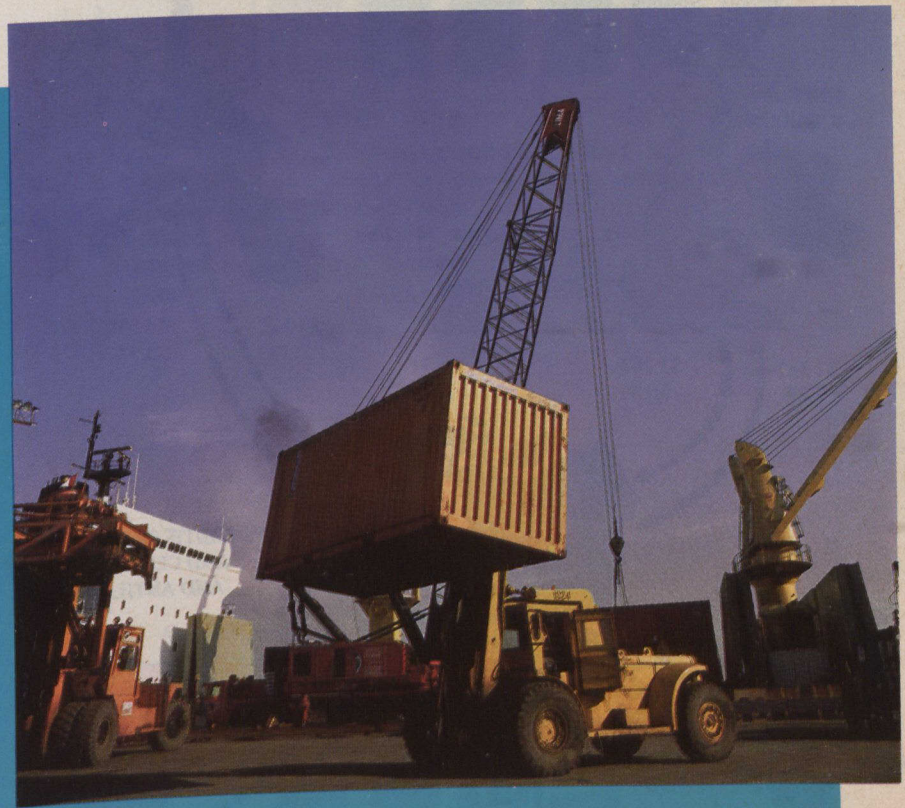
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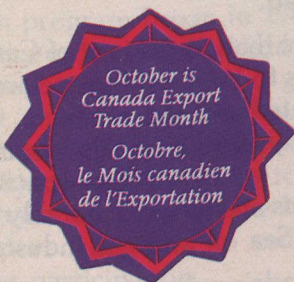
Canada is one of the world's leading trading nations. In 1985, it was the seventh largest exporter with export trade valued at \$8.7 billion (US) and accounting for 4.6 per cent of the dollar value of world exports; and it was the eighth largest importer with 3.8 per cent of world imports.



Loading cargo for export.

Trade growth in Canada over the past decade has been impressive: over-all, the average growth rate was 12.7 per cent with imports and exports increasing 11.7 per cent and 13.6 per cent respectively. Today, almost one third of what is produced in the country is exported and imports represent nearly a third of what is consumed.

There are an estimated 20 000 exporters or potential exporters in Canada and more than one quarter of the workforce is employed in jobs depending on exports. In 1985, this represented more than 3 million jobs in the workforce of 11.3 million. In the manufacturing sector alone, some 1.2 million people were employed directly or indirectly in export activity.



Canada

While Canada trades with all the major industrialized nations and sells products and services to some 147 countries, the United States is Canada's largest trading partner. Bilateral trade in 1985 amounted to some \$167 billion (Cdn) with Canada exporting 78 per cent of its total to the US. Virtually all Canadian products and services from primary resources to high-technology products are marketed in the US.

Japan is Canada's second most important trade partner and in 1985 received 4.8 per cent of Canadian goods and accounted for 5.7 per cent of Canadian imports. Other major export markets for 1985 were Britain with 2 per cent, the USSR with 1.4 per cent, the People's Republic of China with 1.1 per cent and West Germany with 1 per cent.

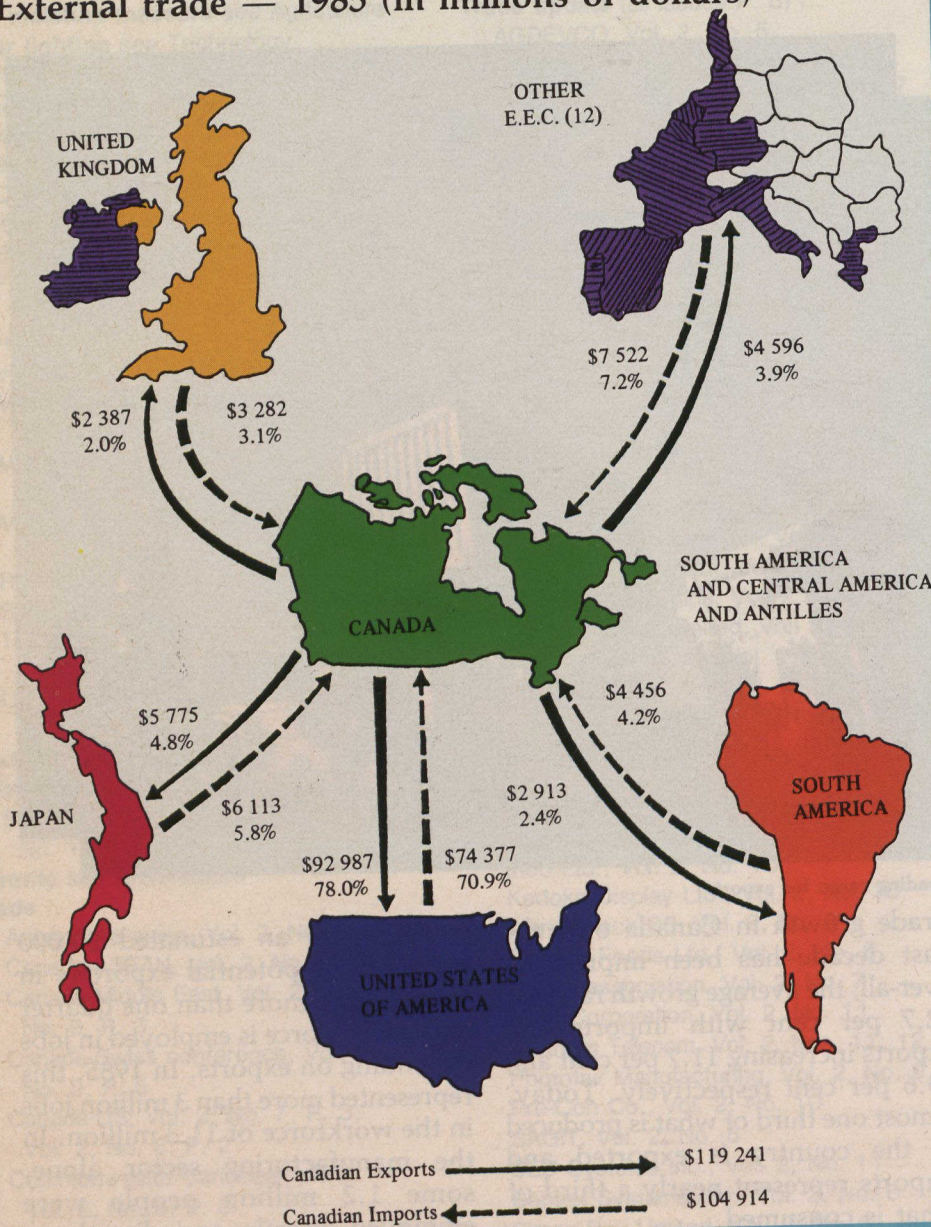
Asia and the Pacific are the fastest growing of all the country's regional export markets. Canadian exporters have successfully penetrated the Japanese market with products as diverse as custom-made sports cars and kitchen utensils. China has reached agreements to acquire farm machinery, telecommunications and various types of production equipment, while India has emphasized power generation, oil and gas exploration equipment. In Australia and New Zealand, more than half of Canadian exports are fully manufactured products and the newly industrialized countries such as Hong Kong, South Korea, Singapore and Taiwan import foodstuffs, forest products, chemicals, electronics, telecommunications and satellite equipment.

Export opportunities in Latin American and Caribbean markets are largely found in infrastructure projects in energy development and distribution; telecommunications; transportation; and in urban, tourism and resource development. Canada's primary markets in the area have been Mexico, Brazil, Venezuela, Cuba, Colombia, and Trinidad.

More than 55 per cent of Canada's exports to Western Europe are now fabricated and end products. Canadian suppliers have also been successful in exporting specialized products and services, notably to the North Sea oil and gas industry.

Canada's primary markets in the Arabian Peninsula are Saudi Arabia and the Gulf countries; in North Africa they are Egypt and Algeria.

### External trade — 1985 (in millions of dollars)



Statistics Canada  
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## Export assistance

The development of international trade is an important Canadian priority and the federal and provincial governments offer a broad range of assistance to existing and potential Canadian exporters.

The Department of External Affairs administers two major programs, the Program for Export Market Development and the Promotional Projects Program, and operates Info Export, a toll-free telephone information service for the country's exporters. Abroad, some 500 trade commissioners work in 90 embassies and high commissions to identify market opportunities and help Canadian exporters capitalize on trading opportunities.

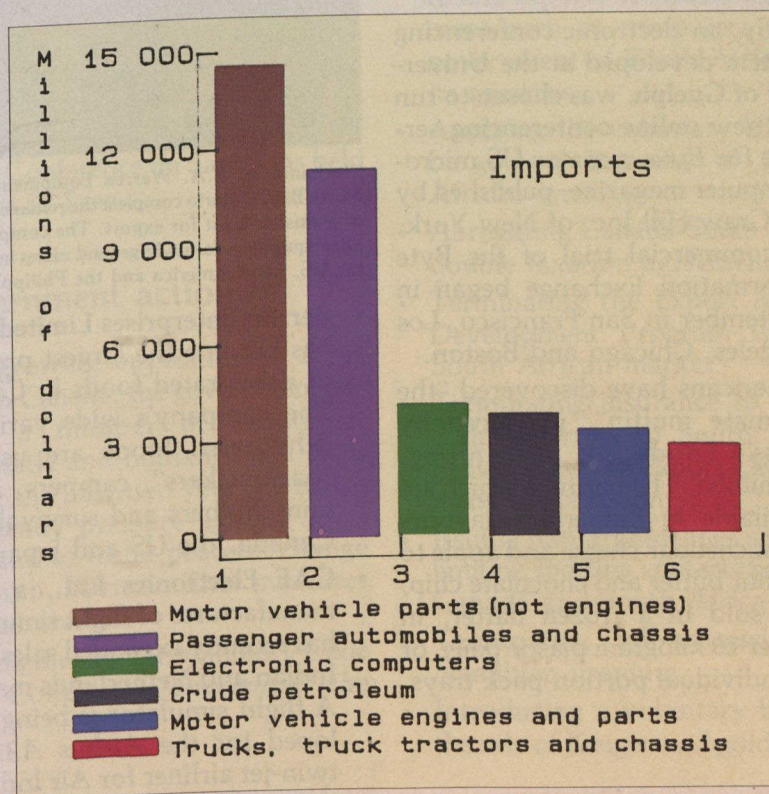
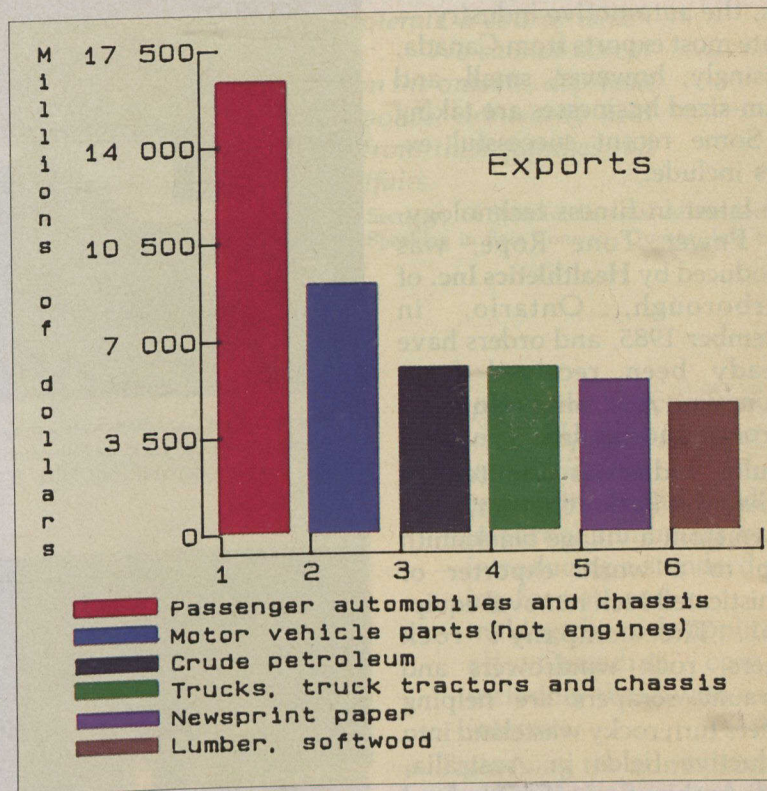
Specialized export assistance is also available to Canadian companies through a number of agencies.

## Export trade month

The importance of exports to the Canadian economy is stressed during Canada Export Trade Month in October. The annual export trade month program began in 1983 and has since proved to be a highly effective co-operative venture of governments, business, industry and the academic and cultural communities. The objectives this year are to create an intensified focus on the benefits of export trade and to encourage greater participation.

Some October 1986 activities are part of on-going trade programs while others are being initiated across the country. A number of foreign trade missions will be in Canada to investigate markets, while Canadian business and industry groups will participate in many trade events abroad in various countries including the United States, China, Malaysia and India ■

## Major 1985 commodity exports and imports



## Successful exporters

The larger businesses — forest and mining companies, energy producers, the automotive industry — generate most exports from Canada. Increasingly, however, small- and medium-sized businesses are taking part. Some recent successful exporters include:

- The latest in fitness technology, the Power Tone Rope, was introduced by **Healthletics Inc.** of Scarborough, Ontario, in December 1985, and orders have already been received from Indonesia, Australia, Norway, Morocco and the US.
- **Schulte Industries Limited** of Englefeld, Saskatchewan, has grown from a village blacksmith shop to a world exporter of sophisticated rock removal equipment. The company's rock pickers, rock windrowers and hydraulic scrapers are helping farmers turn rocky wasteland into productive fields in Australia, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Switzerland and Mexico.
- CoSy, an electronic conferencing system developed at the **University of Guelph**, was chosen to run the new online conferencing service for *Byte*, a major US micro-computer magazine, published by McGraw Hill Inc. of New York. A commercial trial of the Byte Information Exchange began in September in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago and Boston.
- Americans have discovered "the ultimate muffin", produced by **Ross Foods** of Winnipeg, Manitoba. The muffins, which are available in numerous flavours from cheddar cheese and apple to peanut butter and chocolate chip, are sold in a frozen batter, in either 16 kilogram plastic pails, or in individual portion-pack trays.



Technicians from Canadian Scale Company Limited in Toronto install a fully electronic in-motion truck scale system in a coal handling facility in Taiyuan, Shanxi, People's Republic of China. It is the first of its type to be installed in the country.



Mechanics at R.A. Warren Equipment Ltd. of North Bay, Ontario complete the remanufacturing of a slusher hoist for export. The company supplies equipment for underground mines in Canada, the US, Latin America and the Philippines.

- **Berron Enterprises Limited** in BC has become the largest producer of dehydrated foods in Canada. The company's wide variety of dehydrated foods are used by "backpackers", campers, mountain climbers and survivalists in Canada, the US and Japan.
- **CAE Electronics Ltd.**, a major manufacturer of flight simulators, has recently expanded sales to the Indian and Netherlands markets. A flight simulator is being developed for the *Airbus A310-300* twin-jet airliner for Air India and an operational tactics trainer is being manufactured for the Royal Netherlands Navy.
- The Donair meat loaf with **Bonté's Foods Limited's** (Dieppe, N.B.) pita bread and special sauce are becoming popular rivals to the hamburger in the US, where a growing number of Donair "take-out stores" are being established.
- British Columbia gas producers have become major gas suppliers in California. **Pacgas Ltd.**, a consortium of provincial gas producers, recently signed B.C.'s first long-term contract with the state to supply the gas over 25 years.
- **Westronic Inc.** of Hull, Quebec produces remote terminal units for oil and gas, power utility and telecommunications industries. After developing US, Southeast Asian and Australian markets over five years, last year the company expanded its operation to Europe and the Middle East ■

# Strong stand against apartheid

*The time has come for basic change — for the repudiation of apartheid as a concept and a policy. . . . Canada cannot tolerate a course which means continued repression within South Africa. . . . We cannot accept that the majority of South Africans should remain on the outside, deprived of dignity and basic human rights, harassed by police, arbitrarily held in detention, denied citizenship, some separated from their families, all deprived of a true voice in their own country's affairs.*

Secretary of State for External Affairs Joe Clark.  
Speaking in Baie Comeau, Quebec, July 6, 1985.



Joe Clark

Seeking the realization of a free and equal society in South Africa, living at peace with its neighbours, the Canadian government has taken a firm stand against *apartheid*. It agrees with the report of the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group that only a process of genuine negotiation with recognized black leaders can avert tragedy in South Africa and that more pressure must be exerted on the South African government to dismantle *apartheid* and initiate dialogue.

Canadian efforts to help bring justice and greater harmony to the region have been undertaken through consultations with other nations, particularly those in the Commonwealth. Canada has been very active in seeking consensus among Commonwealth leaders and has adopted many of the measures outlined in the accord signed at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Conference in Nassau in October 1985 (see *Canada Reports*, November 20, 1985). The country was also represented on the Commonwealth Group of Eminent Persons on South Africa by Archbishop Ted Scott.

The United Nations is another important forum for Canadian attempts to influence South African policy on *apartheid*. Recent efforts include participation at the UN World Conference on Sanctions held in Paris in June.

## Government action

With growing opposition to *apartheid* in Canada, the government has taken a number of economic, diplomatic and humanitarian steps during the past two years to maintain steady pressure against *apartheid* and to foster peaceful change in South Africa. The measures adopted are:

- Strengthening the voluntary *Code of Conduct Concerning the*

## *Employment Practices of Canadian Companies Operating in South Africa* by:

- appointing an independent and impartial administrator;
- introducing a standard reporting format; and
- making the code applicable to all Canadian companies including those with minority interests.

- Tightening the administration of the United Nations arms embargo to end exports of sensitive equipment such as computers to the government of South Africa and its agencies.
- Applying the voluntary UN embargo on imports of South African arms.
- Abrogating Canada-South Africa double taxation agreements.
- Terminating the Export Market Development Program for the South African market.
- Terminating insurance to Canadian exporters to South Africa provided by the Export Development Corporation.
- Issuing public guidelines severely limiting sporting contacts between Canada and South Africa.
- Terminating toll-processing of Namibian uranium.
- Introducing a voluntary ban on the sale of Krugerrand gold coins.

- Monitoring official contacts especially in sensitive sectors.
- Introducing a voluntary ban on new loans to the government of South Africa and its agencies.
- Introducing a voluntary ban on the sale of crude oil and refined products to South Africa.
- Applying an embargo on air transport (cargo and passenger flights) between Canada and South Africa.
- Establishing a National Register of Anti-Apartheid Measures to record voluntary actions taken by individual Canadians, other levels of government and private organizations and firms.

### Public response

For the past year, individuals and organizations across Canada have been positive in their response to the invitation made by Secretary of State for External Affairs Joe Clark to register the measures they have taken to oppose *apartheid*.

Canada's anti-*apartheid* register, the first in any country, was opened on September 13, 1985 by Mr. Clark, who expressed the hope that "other nations would follow suit" so that there will develop a world-wide register of the actions of individuals who abhor *apartheid*.

More than 2 000 responses have been received describing a wide variety of peaceful actions ranging from the boycott of South African products to the awarding of scholarships for the training of black South Africans at Canadian universities. The National Register of Anti-Apartheid Measures will be presented to the secretary-general of the United Nations.



Prime Minister Brian Mulroney (centre) with Commonwealth leaders in London.

- Allocating \$7 million for an expanded program of scholarships for the black community to be administered through private channels.
- Appointing an officer at the Canadian embassy to facilitate cooperation in the labour area.
- Condemning the use of repression, such as the imposition of a state of emergency, and calling upon the government of South Africa to enter into an equal partnership with all South Africans.
- Ending Canadian government procurement of all South African products.
- Introducing a voluntary ban on the promotion in Canada of tourism in South Africa.
- Cancelling non-resident accreditation of the five South African attachés to Canada.
- Closing the Canadian embassy in Pretoria on Soweto Day, June 16, 1986 ■

### Additional sanctions

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney met with six other Commonwealth leaders in London, England, August 3 to 4, to discuss possible further action by the Commonwealth to increase pressure against *apartheid*. Six of the leaders, representing Canada, Australia, the Bahamas, India, Zambia and Zimbabwe, agreed to adopt, and recommend to all 49 nations in the Commonwealth and other nations, a program of economic measures against South Africa. Canada has already adopted some of the sanctions and Mr. Mulroney said he hoped that procedures for putting the measures in place would begin immediately.

The new measures for Canada from the conference in Nassau are:

- a ban on new investment or reinvestment of profits earned in South Africa;
- a ban on agricultural imports;
- a ban on any government contracts with majority-owned South African companies;
- a ban on all new bank loans in the public or private sectors;
- a ban on imports of uranium, coal, iron and steel; and
- the withdrawal of all consular facilities except those dealing directly with each country's own nationals and nationals of third countries where Canada renders consular services.

# Summer in review

## Visits

A number of foreign leaders were in Canada to meet with Canadian leaders and attend EXPO 86 this summer. Britain's Prime Minister **Margaret Thatcher** met with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney during her three-day July visit prior to the meeting of the seven Commonwealth leaders in London and Czechoslovakia's Prime Minister Lubomir Strougal's September 1-6 visit focused on trade issues. The July 21-29 visit of Prince **Maha Vajiralongkorn** of Thailand coincided with the twenty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Canada and Thailand.

Secretary of State for External Affairs Joe Clark met with Australian Minister of Foreign Affairs **Bill Heyden** in Vancouver on August 7 to discuss a broad range of multilateral and bilateral issues of common concern. At the conclusion of the meeting, the two ministers signed a Consular Sharing Agreement.

## Celebrations

Canada's one-hundred-and-nineteenth birthday was celebrated on July 1, **Canada Day**, with events and activities across the country and, for the first time, a celebration in London, England, where the Edmonton Youth Orchestra, the Ridley College Choir from St. Catharines, Ontario and the Mennonite Children's Choir from Mission, B.C. performed in Trafalgar Square in front of Canada House. The largest shows were held simultaneously in Ottawa and Vancouver and were attended by record numbers of people. The Ottawa celebration, sponsored in part for the first time by the private sector, climaxed with a spectacular fireworks display launched from four locations near Parliament Hill.

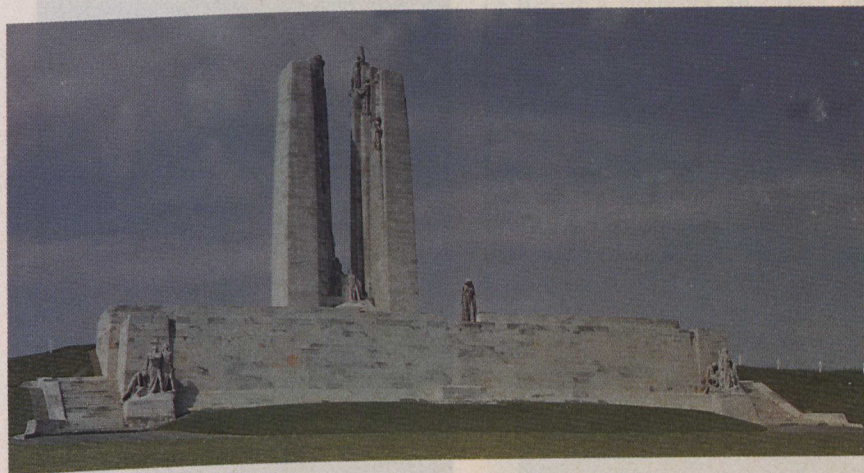


Fireworks light up Chateau Laurier in Ottawa.

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Two plaques were unveiled July 2 in a special ceremony at **Rideau Hall**, the governor general's official residence, to commemorate the national historic significance of the house and of Canada's first governor general, **Sir Charles Stanley Monck**. Rideau Hall was built in 1838 and purchased by the government in 1868. Lord Monck was appointed governor-general of British North America in 1861 and was instrumental in the events that led to Canadian Confederation in 1867.

In honour of the fiftieth anniversary of the **Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC)**, Canada Post issued a special 34-cent stamp on July 23 featuring the



The Vimy Ridge Memorial.

The fiftieth anniversary of the **Vimy Ridge Memorial**, Canada's most impressive tribute overseas to the Canadians who fought and died in the First World War, was observed on July 26. The memorial, which overlooks the Douai Plain from the highest point of Vimy Ridge in France, was designed by Toronto sculptor **Walter S. Allward**. Inscribed on the ramparts are the names of 11 184 Canadian soldiers who were posted as "missing, presumed dead" in France.

CBC logo over a stylized map of Canada. It is the first time in Canada that the image on a stamp was generated entirely by computer. First created on



paper by designers **Raymond Mah** and **Gus Tsetsekas** of Vancouver, the design was then transferred to the computer to create a transparency of the design.

## Sports

Canadian athletes won 51 gold, 33 silver and 31 bronze medals at the thirteenth **Commonwealth Games** in Edinburgh, Scotland, July 24 to August 2. It was the most gold and combined total of gold, silver and bronze medals ever won by Canada at major international games.

**Sharon Bowes**, the first woman shooter to compete in the Commonwealth Games for Canada and team mate **Guy Lorion** won Canada's first gold of the games in the team rifle competition. In individual competition, Guy Lorion was first and Sharon Bowes was second. The shooting team of **Tom Guinn** and **Claude Beaulieu** took the gold in the team pistol competition.

In swimming, Canada and Australia tied for most gold medals with 11 apiece. Canadians also received seven silver and seven bronze. Commonwealth records were set by a number of swimmers including **Jane Kerr** who became the first woman to win six medals — two gold, two silver and two bronze — in Commonwealth games while **Allison Higson** captured two gold and, at 13 years, 135 days, became the youngest gold medal winner

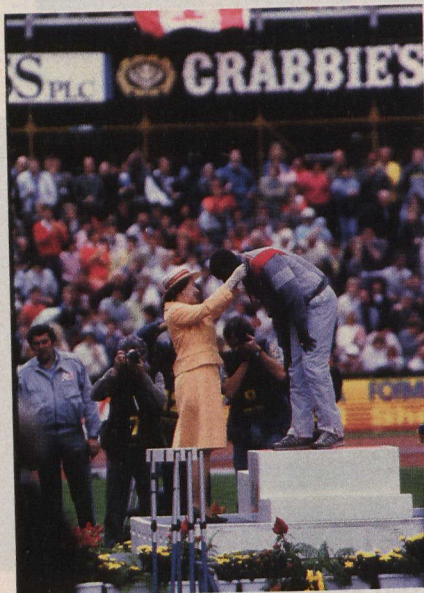


Allison Higson, the youngest person to win a Commonwealth Games gold medal, shows her style.

Athlete Information Bureau

in the history of the games. **Debbie Fuller** won gold medals in both the three-metre springboard and tower diving events while the Canadian synchronized swimming team won gold medals in all their events — solo, duet and team.

**Ben Johnson**, who holds the title the fastest man in the world, won two golds. His time of 9.95 seconds in the 100-metre sprint at **Moscow's Goodwill Games** earlier in July was the best ever recorded at sea level and the second fastest time in history. Other track and field gold medalists were **Atlee Mahorn**, **Angella Issajenko**, **Milt Ottey**, **Lynn Williams**, **Mark McKoy** and **G. Fell**.



Ben Johnson receives one of his gold medals at the Commonwealth Games from Queen Elizabeth.

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In Madrid, **Carolyn Waldo** recorded the first 200-point score ever in world championship synchronized swimming on August 15 when she won the gold medal in the solo competition at the fifth **World Aquatic Championships**. She also won the gold with **Michelle Cameron** in the synchronized swimming duet competition.

All 14 gold medals were won by Canadians at the **Commonwealth Gymnastics Championships** in Falkirk, Scotland in August. Canada also won five silver and three bronze to lead the event with 22 over-all. The top winners, **Philippe Chartrand** and **Monica Covacci**, each won four gold medals.



Canadian Equestrian Team

Up and over! Gail Greenough and Mr. T.

**Gail Greenough** of Edmonton, Alberta became the first Canadian and the first woman ever to win the **World Show Jumping Championships**, held this year in Aachen, West Germany. She rode four faultless rounds on the eight-obstacle course — one on her own horse, Mr. T, and three on the other finalists' horses — to finish with no penalty points. Two other Canadian riders, **John Anderson** of Calgary and **Ian Millar** of Perth, Ontario finished eighth and tenth respectively. The Canadian team placed fourth.

Canadian fencers won all the medals in the men's individual épée event at the **Commonwealth Fencing Championships** in Cardiff, Wales. **Michel Dessureault** of Ottawa won the gold while **Daniel Perrault** and **Jean-Marc Chouinard**, both of Montreal, took the silver and bronze respectively. It was the strongest showing ever by a Canadian fencing team and the first medal sweep at the Commonwealth championships since 1958.



## Defence

In the largest move of Canadian troops and military equipment to Europe since the Second World War, more than 5 500 soldiers and 15 000 tonnes of equipment and supplies were air- and sea-lifted to Norway for **Exercise Brave Lion** in early September. Consisting of brigade-level and division-level exercises, Brave Lion was designed to test plans for the deployment, reception and employment of the Canadian Air-Sea-Transportable Brigade Group and two Rapid Reinforcement Squadrons, as part of Canada's commitment to help protect the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's northern flank in a crisis.

Minister of National Defence Perrin Beatty announced the **Canadian Submarine Acquisition Project (CASAP)** to replace Canada's current fleet and restore a minimum submarine capability on the west coast. In the initial phase, fully costed options for four, six, eight and 12 submarines are being developed by potential Canadian prime contractors. Construction of the first submarine is expected to begin in 1990 with completion by 1995. Four submarines are expected to join the fleet by 1999.

## People

**James McGrath**, former member of Parliament representing St. John's East in Newfoundland, was sworn in as lieutenant-governor of the province in September. His appointment to the vice-regal post ended a distinguished career in Parliament that spanned almost 30 years.

**Dr. Paul Gaw** of Guelph, Ontario received a decoration ordered by Mexican President Miguel de la Madrid for his work in Mexico City last September, helping to set up a clinic where he treated hundreds of earthquake victims. He had been there awaiting a government posting to finish his medical training.

**Bill Vander Zalm** was sworn in as premier of the province of British Columbia on August 6, replacing Bill Bennett, who announced in May he would retire as party leader and premier after 13 years. Mr. Vander Zalm won the leadership of the British Columbia Social Credit Party on July 30.

Paraplegic pilot **Carl Hiebert** flew his ultra-light aircraft across Canada to raise money for the Canadian Paraplegic Association. He left Halifax at the beginning of July and arrived in Vancouver at Expo at the end of August.

**Jeff Sarwer**, 8, became the world's best chess player in the 10-and-under category after placing first among 26 children at the world championships in Puerto Rico in July. His sister Julia, 10, was first among girls in her age group.

## New ministers

A new cabinet, announced by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney at the end of June, includes two ministers — **Pat Carney** as minister for international trade and **Monique Landry** as minister for external relations — for the Department of External Affairs. Joe Clark continues as secretary of state for external affairs while James Kelleher and Monique Vézina were sworn in as solicitor general and minister of supply and services respectively.

Miss Carney, who was born in Shanghai, China, on May 26, 1935, holds a B.A. in political science and economics from the University of British Columbia and an M.A. in regional planning from the University of British Columbia School of Community and Regional Planning. She was first elected to the House of Commons in February 1980 and became the minister of energy, mines and resources on September 17, 1984. She is a member of the Planning and Priorities Committee, the Executive Committee of Cabinet; is vice-chairman of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Development; and is on the Foreign and Defence Cabinet Committee. She has



Minister for International Trade  
Patricia Carney

also served as a member on other standing committees and is a member of the Association of Professional Economists of British Columbia and the Canadian Institute of Planners.

Born in Montreal, Quebec, on December 25, 1937, Mrs. Landry was educated at the University of Montreal and was a former vice-president and co-owner of Cordevin International. She was first elected to the House of Commons in 1984 and has served as



Minister for External Relations  
Monique Landry

parliamentary secretary to the secretary of state and the minister of international trade, as well as on a number of standing committees. She is a member of the Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association, the Canada-France Inter-parliamentary Association and the Canada-NATO Parliamentary Association.

## Arts

Canadian, Chinese and French film companies have signed an agreement valued at \$10 million to make a film about **Dr. Norman Bethune**, the Canadian doctor who became a hero in revolutionary China. The pact, which also calls for making a four-hour television mini-series, is the first film agreement ever signed by Canadian and Chinese interests. Canadian actor Donald Sutherland, who played Dr. Bethune in a Canadian Broadcasting Corporation television production, will play the lead in the film.

To honour **International Year of Canadian Music**, several special events were organized across the country to promote awareness of Canadian music. Festivals, exhibitions and conferences were held in numerous centres. One exhibition, *300 Years of Canadian Composition*, organized by the National Library and on view at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa until October 30, depicts the history of Canadian composing from the seventeenth century to the present. A highlight during the year was the world premiere of *Winthrop*, a major opera created by Canadian composer Istvan Anhalt, in Kitchener, Ontario, with subsequent broadcasting across Canada and in the US.

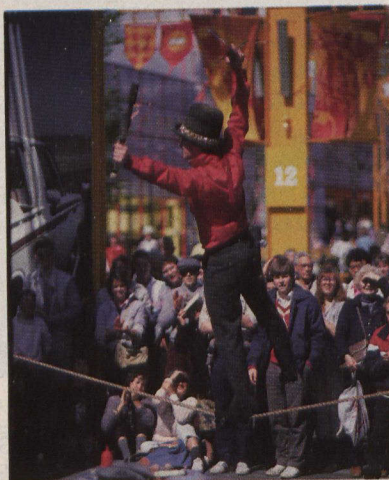
Montreal's tenth annual **World Film Festival**, August 21 to September 1, became even larger this year as the number of countries sending films increased from 45 to 50. The festival, firmly established as one of the world's top ten film festivals, opened with Franco Zeffirelli's version of Verdi's opera *Otello*. More than 200 films were shown and a number of the stars and film makers attended. ■

## EXPO 86: a winner

As the closing date, October 13, approaches, EXPO 86 is considered one of the most successful world expositions ever. In all, more than 20 million visits are expected to be recorded, up considerably from the 13.75 million predicted at the outset of the exposition and passed by August 20.



Much of Expo's success is attributed to its scope and variety. In the more than 80 pavilions, plazas and theatres, there were some 260 live performances every day. Visitors enjoyed almost every conceivable type of entertainment, from the highly-technical exhibits reflecting many of the modern achievements in transportation and communications, exciting films and world-class performances inside the pavilions to the visual excitement outside with windsox, flags and weather-vanes in shades of fuchsia, turquoise and yellow lining the walkways, continuous outdoor entertainment and amusements for all ages.



## Chinese treasures in Montreal

*China: Treasures and Splendours*, described by Ambassador Yu Zhan of the People's Republic of China as the greatest collection of artifacts ever to leave his homeland, is having an exclusive showing in Montreal from May 18 to October 19.



Incense burner in gilded bronze and turquoise.

The exhibition, which spans 7 000 years of Chinese history from the neolithic period to the Ming and Qing dynasties, includes 200 items from some 26 Chinese museums and institutions. Most of the items are on display in Canada for the first time and about half have never been seen outside China before.

Among the treasures are five life-size warriors and two horses in terra cotta excavated from the tomb of China's first emperor, Qin Shihuangdi, the shroud of a Han dynasty princess fashioned of 2 000 jade plates joined with gold thread, as well as bronzes, gold, silver and tricolour porcelains, sculpture, paintings, silk scrolls, weapons and costumes. Two valuable objects on display for the first time in North America are a lacquer from the Song period and a celebrated scroll, Qing

Ming Shanghe, depicting a large city and its many activities. All the objects are recognized as precious and most of them are valued "A", the highest and most precious category, by the People's Republic of China.

The exhibition was conceived by Montreal's Mayor Jean Drapeau in talks with Ambassador Yu Zhan and Liu Min, former Chinese chargé d'affaires. During an official visit to the People's Republic of China in May 1985, Mayor Drapeau won approval for the project in talks with Li Deyou, vice-minister of culture.

Mayor Drapeau was also responsible with Egypt for arranging the exhibition *Ramses II and his Time*, a collection of objects never before seen in North America. After opening in Montreal, where it attracted almost three-quarters of a million



Baluster ceramic vase, *meiping*, from Yuan dynasty.

visitors — the largest attendance of any art exhibition in Montreal's history — it is now on display at EXPO 86 in Vancouver ■

## Recent French art in Vancouver

*Luxe, Calme et Volupté: Aspects of French Art 1966-1986*, on view at the Vancouver Art Gallery from July 8 to October 13, is one of the most ambitious exhibitions of contemporary art ever sent abroad by France. It comprises 70 paintings, drawings, mixed media works and constructions, most of which were produced within the past five years, by eight of France's leading artists.

In the catalogue essay, Bernard Marcadé points out that the artists — Daniel Buren, Robert Combas, Robert Filliou, Gérard Garouste, Pierre Klossowski, Jean Le Gac, Annette Messager and Martial Raysse — do not constitute a school or movement but "they manifest, in terms of their respective singularity, some perspectives on French art during the past 20 years".



Artist Daniel Buren (left) with Minister of Transport Jacques Douffiagues at opening.

The exhibition was organized by the Vancouver Art Gallery and the Association Française d'Action Artistique on the occasion of EXPO 86. The works are on loan from private and public collections in France, Italy and Belgium ■

# On top of the world

The 13-member Canadian team which climbed Mount Everest this year achieved two important firsts in conquering the 8 848-metre mountain: it put the first North American woman on the top and established a new, more difficult route in China.

Sharon Wood and Dwayne Congdon, both of Canmore, Alberta, reached the summit on May 20 after battling hurricane winds and severe cold during 12 hours of continuous climbing via the little-known north side of Everest in China. At the top,



Canapress

Sharon Wood conquers Everest.

they flew Canadian and Chinese flags to symbolize the friendship between the countries and planted a flag of the Continental Bank of Canada, a major expedition sponsor.

Miss Wood is considered one of Canada's foremost mountain climbers. Her first major achievement was an ascent of Canada's highest peak, Mount Logan in the Yukon, with an all-female team. She has successfully climbed a number of extreme slopes in South America and was the first North American woman to scale the south face of Aconcagua in Argentina, the tallest mountain in the Western hemisphere. She has also recorded a solo climb of two 6 000-metre peaks in Peru ■



Denis Drever

The Canadian team with former Minister of International Trade James Kelleher. Front row from left: Jane Fearing, Dan Griffith, Dave McNab and Laurie Skreslet. Back row: James Doyle, Albi Sole, Mr. Kelleher, Sharon Wood and Dwayne Congdon and Bob Lee. Team leader Jim Elzinga and Barry Blanchard are not in the photo.

## Cycle tour ends

Richard Beecroft of Ottawa pedalled his tricycle into Toronto on August 19 and became the first disabled person to circumnavigate the globe by cycle. Mr. Beecroft, a multiple sclerosis (MS) victim, began his 40 000-kilometre odyssey in Toronto in September 1983 to raise public awareness about the disease.

More than 50 000 Canadians have MS, which is incurable and affects victims unpredictably, causing anything from paralysis to blindness.

During the journey, Mr. Beecroft cycled an average of 90 kilometres a day at about 15 kilometres an hour and used up three tricycles, six pairs of cycling shoes, 33 tires and three tricycle seats. In Toronto he was welcomed by Mayor Art Eggleton and a crowd of well-wishers ■

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