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## Federal budget encourages private initiative

Minister of Finance Michael H. Wilson, presented a new federal budget, May 23, aimed at encouraging private initiative, and building growth and lasting jobs for Canadians. In addition, Mr. Wilson said the budget is designed to produce more efficient and more effective government and it contains tough measures necessary to reduce the deficit.

Introducing the "private initiative" budget to the House of Commons, the finance minister said: "My budget calls for Canadians, not government, to choose what is best for Canada. And it challenges Canadians by rewarding success, not subsidizing effort."

In order to secure economic renewal, Mr. Wilson said the budget measures "will encourage private initiative throughout our economy and provide new opportunities for Canadians to innovate, create and build". He added that the measures "will spur economic growth and increase employment".

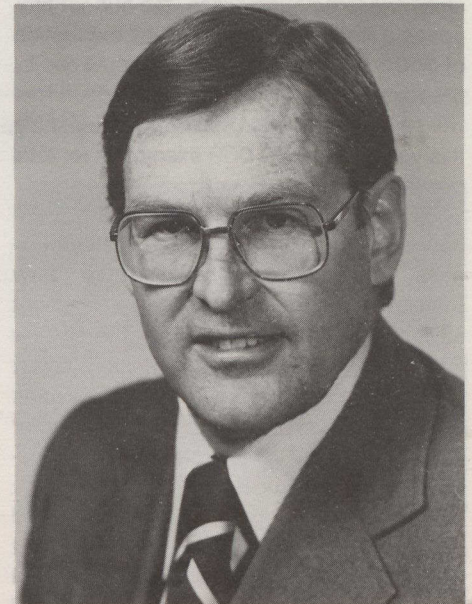
### Full consultation

The budget was created with the influence of what Mr. Wilson called the most extensive round of pre-budget consultations ever held. The actions in the budget are also consistent with the urgent priorities for international economic renewal affirmed by the leaders of the major industrial nations at the Bonn Economic Summit, he added.

Mr. Wilson stated that "at home and in concert with our international partners, we are working to free up the entrepreneurial spirit to remove obstacles to productive growth, to lower barriers to international trade, to control and reduce high deficits, and to let the dynamism of our renewed economies produce jobs and opportunities for all". He pointed out that reflecting the critical importance of open markets for our products, Canada is in the vanguard of countries pushing for the early start of a new round of multilateral trade negotiations.

### Economic growth

The finance minister noted that the outlook for sustained and balanced growth in the world economy is better than it has been



Minister of Finance Michael H. Wilson

in years. Real growth in 1984 was 4.7 per cent, the highest since 1976. Inflation averaged 4.4 per cent, the lowest since 1971. Interest rates have declined and longer firm mortgages are beginning to appear.

Mr. Wilson said we must still be concerned by the realities of a slowing American economy, high deficits and their effects on interest rates, and protectionist pressures. Further, while more than 200 000 jobs have been created since the Conservative government took office, there are still close to 1.4 million unemployed.

### Securing economic renewal

Dealing with the cycle of unemployment and debt, the budget points out that high deficits constrain the ability to promote growth and job creation, while high unemployment in turn contributes to even higher deficits and indebtedness. The new budgetary measures along with the economic statement announced to the House of Commons on November 8, 1984 (See *Canada Weekly*, December 5, 1984), are geared to the widening gap between expenditures and revenues. Program expenditures are ex-



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pected to increase by slightly more than 2 per cent this year and next year.

In addition to modification of indexation for old age security payments and family allowances, the government will also attempt to limit the rate of growth of transfers to provinces to yield annual savings of \$2 billion by the end of the decade. Meetings with provincial finance ministers will be held to discuss the full range of issues relating to federal-provincial fiscal arrangements.

#### Capital gains tax exemption

To encourage more Canadians to invest in small and large businesses, the budget proposes a lifetime capital gains tax exemption of \$500 000 for every Canadian. All capital property will qualify and the exemption limit will be phased in over six years beginning this year with a \$20 000 exemption for total capital gains.

Other measures are also geared to encourage greater investment in smaller business. Provisions will be made to allow pension funds and registered retirement savings plans (RRSPs) to invest in smaller Canadian corporations. In addition, a tax credit to individuals who invest in the Fonds de solidarité du Québec or in any similar labour-sponsored venture capital fund that receives provincial tax assistance, is proposed.

To promote investment in research and development (R & D) and to ensure that Canada keeps pace with technological change, the budget proposes to assist small companies by refunding all of the tax credit which they earn on their first \$2 million of qualifying R & D each year. In addition, changes will be made to the definition of qualifying R & D expenditures.

The finance minister noted that the western energy accord (See *Canada Weekly*, May 15, 1985) has already led to strong signs of revival in the petroleum industry and that a notice of ways and means motion was being tabled to give effect to the fiscal measures announced in the agreement.

#### Labour market initiatives

There will be increased funding for training and direct development programs, aimed at greater private sector and local participation. In addition to \$900 million allocated to these programs this year \$900 million will be allocated in 1986-87.

A major review of the unemployment insurance program will be undertaken. Until the review has been completed in March 1986, the entrance requirements and rates will be maintained at their current level.

A discussion paper, *The Corporate Income Tax System: A Direction for Change*, designed to make the corporate income tax

system fairer and more effective in supporting economic growth, as well as making taxation of corporate groups more neutral, was tabled with the budget. Among its proposals, the paper suggests a significant reduction in the basic federal tax rate for small businesses, from 15 to 11 per cent. This reduction would be balanced with reductions in tax incentives.

Measures were proposed to improve government effectiveness. They include: selling or dissolving up to 13 corporations; reducing the size of the public service by 15 000 over the next six years; and program changes involving the reduction of transportation subsidies, industrial and agricultural subsidies and expenditures on nuclear power systems research, as well as the closing of heavy water plants in Cape Breton.

The projected increase for official development assistance will be reduced by \$50 million next year. A new trade and development agency will be set up to assist the Canadian business community in actively pursuing Third World projects of a developmental nature.

#### Social and cultural programs

Changes to child tax credits and child tax exemptions will be made to ensure that Canadian families with the greatest need receive the greatest benefit. The budget also proposes the implementation of a major reform to Canada's private pension system, changes in the federal pension benefits standard act, and the system of tax assistance for contribution to promote pension plans. Other changes to assist artists, charities, and the disabled are to be introduced.

Measures designed to improve tax fairness include: a minimum income tax imposed on high-income Canadians, effective for the 1986 taxation year; amendments which prevent taxpayers from avoiding tax by splitting income through the use of loans to spouses and children; elimination of tax shelters involving property such as yachts, recreational vehicles and hotels; and measures to achieve fairer tax administration.

#### National debt control

Both expenditure reductions and revenue increases were introduced to help control the national debt. Expenditure reductions include limiting the indexation of family allowances and old age security payments to annual increases in the consumer price index which exceed 3 per cent. Revenue increases involve important changes in personal income tax, the removal of the federal sales tax exemption on certain products, increases in the federal sales tax, and increased excise levies on cigarettes, alcoholic beverages and gasoline and other transportation fuels.

## Irish prime minister visits

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney met with Ireland's Prime Minister Garret FitzGerald during his working visit to Ottawa May 7-8. It was the first official visit to Canada by an Irish prime minister in 37 years.



Brian Mulroney (right) with Garret FitzGerald during his official visit to Ottawa in May.

During their meetings, the leaders renewed cultural and economic ties between the two countries. They discussed the Bonn Economic Summit with particular reference to the emerging danger of protectionism as it affects both countries and world trade in general, industrial development policy in Canada and Ireland, budgetary arrangements and strategies, the exchange rate policies in both countries, East-West relations and world trade.

The leaders also discussed the situation in Northern Ireland, and Mr. Mulroney said that "the government of Canada would be prepared to contribute to the maximum of our abilities and capacities to any initiative which is founded on tolerance and greater respect".

At a meeting with Secretary of State for External Affairs Joe Clark, issues relating to Central America and the Middle East were reviewed. Both Mr. Clark and Dr. FitzGerald reflected their country's concern for peace and the strengthening of the United Nations.

In Halifax, Nova Scotia, on May 13, Prime Minister FitzGerald received an honorary doctorate of laws from St. Mary's University. The university was founded by Irish immigrants in 1802.

Prior to his departure from Canada, Prime Minister FitzGerald invited Mr. Mulroney and Mr. Clark to Ireland for further talks.

## Foreign relations review

Secretary of State for External Affairs Joe Clark tabled a discussion paper (green paper) entitled *Competitiveness and Security: Directions for Canada's International Relations* in the House of Commons on May 14.

The paper is the first step in a broad review of Canada's international relations to be conducted by Parliament. The review will be the first comprehensive examination of Canadian international relations since 1970. It will also be the first public, parliamentary review ever undertaken in Canada.

The paper outlines the dramatic changes that have taken place in the world and raises some of the principal questions for Canadians to consider on international relations. It gives particular attention to questions relating to Canada's international economic competitiveness and to the security implications of recent developments in East/West relations and arms control.

There is special emphasis on the need for careful setting of policy priorities. Mr. Clark said that "we do not have the resources to do all we would like in international affairs. Priorities will have to be established; difficult choices will have to be made".

The green paper is being referred to a special joint committee of the House of Commons and the Senate, empowered to conduct hearings across Canada. They will make recommendations before the end of May 1986.

## Canada-US cleanup

Environment Minister Suzanne Blais-Grenier, after meeting with Lee Thomas, administrator of the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), announced that Canada and the United States have agreed to map out a plan by this fall to clean up Niagara River toxic wastes. Mrs. Blais-Grenier said she and Mr. Thomas agreed that the problem is a "high priority" and the two countries will meet by mid-October with a plan. They also agreed to a greater exchange of information so that both sides would be able to work from a common set of data and analyses.

Canada regards the problem of toxic contaminants along the Niagara River bordering Ontario and New York State as the most important trans-border pollution issue after acid rain.

In the coming months, officials from the two countries will assess the worst sources of chemical pollution in the area. In addition, they will try to establish a schedule for cleaning up the pollutants.

## New offshore standard set for oil and gas

The first Canadian offshore standard, *Z187 Offshore Pipeline Systems*, has been published by the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) to aid the oil and gas industry.

The standard was prepared in co-operation with the Canadian oil and gas industry, with representation from producers, users, regulatory authorities, material manufacturers and related interest groups.

"No other country in the world has as wide a range of environmental conditions in its offshore waters," said Wayne Neuss, chairman of the CSA Joint Subcommittee on

Offshore Pipeline Systems, and president of Petrotech Lavalin Inc., Calgary. In the Arctic, for example, offshore pipeline systems must be designed to deal with ice and severe cold, while in the east coast waters off Sable Island, pipeline systems must contend with migrating sand dunes.

The *Z187* standard is comprehensive in scope. It outlines essential requirements for all aspects of pipeline development, from the design, construction, inspection, and testing, through to operation, maintenance, repair and deactivation.

## Canadian veterans remembered on VE-Day anniversary

The efforts of Canadians during the Second World War were marked this May on the fortieth anniversary of the victory in Europe of the Allies, as Canadian veterans were remembered and honoured in ceremonies across Canada and in Europe.

In the House of Commons, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney said: "Today we commemorate the devotion and sacrifice of Canadians, both men and women, and we remember the spouses who have lost their wives or their husbands and the families devastated by the war. The scope of their sacrifice has allowed future generations of Canadians to recognize our fundamental right to peace. Our duty on behalf of this generation of individuals who died in battle is to work relentlessly for peace."

For the first time since the end of the war, merchant seamen who served on freighters and tankers were also honoured. Defence Minister Erik Nielsen placed a wreath at the Sailor's Memorial in Halifax, Nova Scotia. It was one of 45 wreaths placed to honour the 1 700 sailors and 1 400 merchant seamen who died during the Second World War's battle of the Atlantic.

### Reunions in the Netherlands

In the Netherlands, which was liberated by troops from the First Canadian Army in 1945, some 2 000 Canadian veterans were honoured by thousands who attended ceremonies across the country. Nearly 6 000 Canadian soldiers are buried in seven Dutch cemeteries.

One highlight event was the 3-kilometre parade in Appeldoorn, home of the royal palace occupied by Princess Margriet, the Ottawa-born daughter of Queen Juliana who lived in Canada during the war. Princess Margriet took the salute at the march past and she was accompanied on the saluting



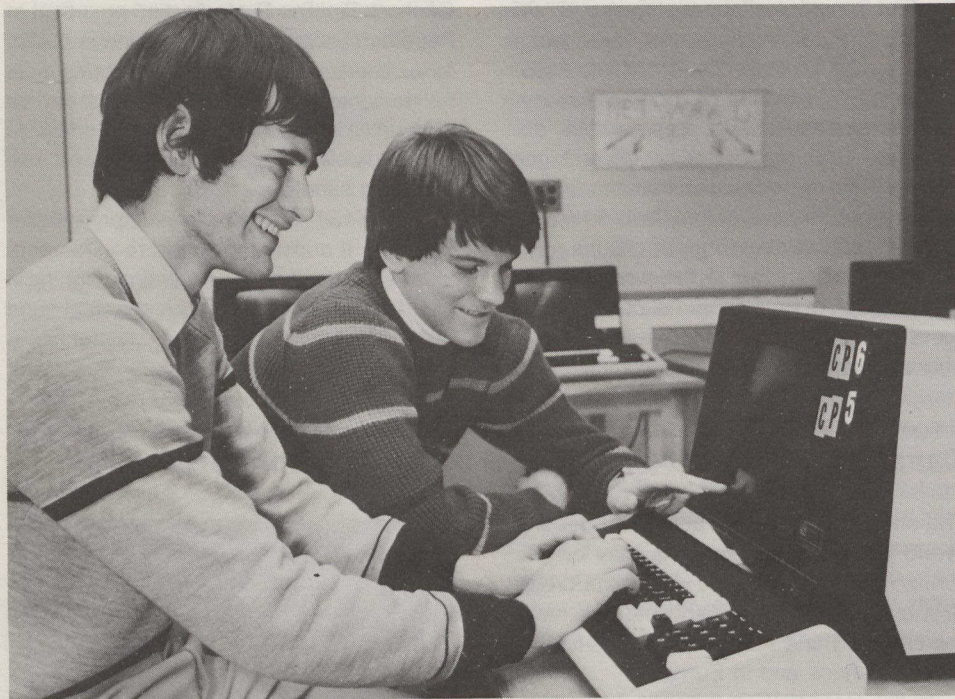
Defence Minister Erik Nielsen lays a wreath in Halifax to honour the sailors and merchant seamen who died during the battle of the Atlantic in the Second World War.

stand by Canada's Minister of Veterans Affairs George Hees, who fought in the battles of liberation. Ottawa's Mayor Marion Dewar also attended the Appeldoorn ceremonies with a delegation from the capital, which several years ago was twinned with the Hague.

About 800 Canadian veterans were also enthusiastically greeted as they marched past the monument opposite Hotel de Wereld in Wageningen, where the German surrender to the Allies in the Netherlands was signed in May 1945.

After the visit, Veterans Affairs Minister George Hees attended ceremonies in Italy and visited the war cemeteries, where there are as many Canadians buried as there are in the Netherlands.

## Training future high-tech entrepreneurs



Fred Sherwin, *The Citizen*

David Conibear (left) and Ian Jardine are among the selected students who have found their experiences in the Shad Valley program stimulating and rewarding.

Some of the bright, enterprising and creative Canadian high-school students that are selected to attend the Shad Valley program for gifted teenagers are expected to be among the leading high-technology entrepreneurs of their generation.

Derek Lane-Smith, who operates the program through the Waterloo, Ontario-based Canadian Centre for Creative Technology, said "these kids are so talented that they could acquire qualifications to pursue any career they choose, with great success".

The Shad Valley program is mainly funded by corporate sponsors. Northern Telecom Limited, Bell-Northern Research Limited, Gandalf Technologies Inc., Lumonics Inc. and Computing Devices Company are among the corporations that sponsor one or more students at a cost of \$3 000 each.

Sponsored students also pay \$400 each, to encourage their personal commitment to the program and to subsidize the fees of students who don't get corporate sponsorships. Students without sponsors pay \$1 500.

The program also receives funding from federal and provincial government agencies, industry associations such as the Association of Canadian Venture Capital Companies and the Canadian Advanced Technology Association, and research foundations.

Shad Valley — named after the Shad Creek near Aurora, where Lane-Smith ran the first program for 45 students — is a unique

opportunity for the hand-picked group of high school students from across Canada to learn about business and entrepreneurship.

Most of the students are in grade 11 and 12 and they are recommended by teachers and guidance counsellors. The selection committee of the Shad Valley program looks for students with very high academic achievement, especially in math and sciences, creative ability, initiative and drive, and good interpersonal skills.

During the four weeks on campus, the "shadlings", as they call themselves, take university-level classes in math, business, engineering and computer science. There are also special seminars on computer programming, electronics, business and engineering, as well as guest lectures, sports, music and other recreation activities.

The students live in the same residence as graduate students and professors and they are encouraged to express their ideas, debate issues and suggest their own activities. At the end of the four weeks, they work for one of the high-technology companies that sponsor the program for at least six weeks, and learn about starting their own technology ventures.

Jobs range from junior computer programming tasks to more complex design and software development projects, depending on the company's resources and the skills of each student.

Students in the program are shown that

"the risks of entrepreneurship are much less than they would expect, and that the rewards are far greater than they ever realized", said Mr. Lane-Smith. Students who have participated in the program say they've never experienced anything like it.

### Early business ventures

"One of the main things Shad Valley stressed was entrepreneurship," said 16-year-old Steven Poplove, a grade 12 student at Nepean High School who attended the program last summer. He hopes to start his own computer software business.

Sandi McKone, an 18-year-old grade 13 student from Madawaska Valley District High School, who also took part in the program last summer, said she has always wanted to start her own business, and the course gave her some ideas on how to achieve that goal.

Ian Jardine, 19, had already started two "unofficial" companies when he took the program two years ago. Now in second-year physics at Carleton University in Ottawa, Mr. Jardine has registered Tartis Computer Consultants as a small business.

In 1985, more than 400 students applied for 96 spots in two programs at the Universities of Calgary and Waterloo. This year, Mr. Lane-Smith is expecting at least 800 applications for a total of 150 positions at Waterloo, Calgary and the University of New Brunswick.

### Successful sales in Panama

The 13 participating Canadian firms at EXPOCOMER 85, held recently in Panama City, were highly successful in marketing their products during the trade fair.

On-site sales by the firms were over \$300 000 and more than \$4-million worth of business was projected by them over the next year as a result of the show.

One Canadian company official said that "group participation in trade fairs by Canadian exporters is one of the most effective ways of reaching Canadian export goals".

For Canada, it was the first full-fledged participation in an international trade fair in Central America. The Canadian firms displayed a wide range of products at the show, including automotive parts, telecommunications systems, hardware and plumbing supplies, pharmaceuticals, security systems, fencing and waterproofing products.

In addition to their success in sales the firms appointed 17 agents and distributors during the show, not only in Panama but in other Latin American countries as well. Negotiations were also begun on three joint ventures in the region.

## Quality pipeline representatives at Munich trade fair

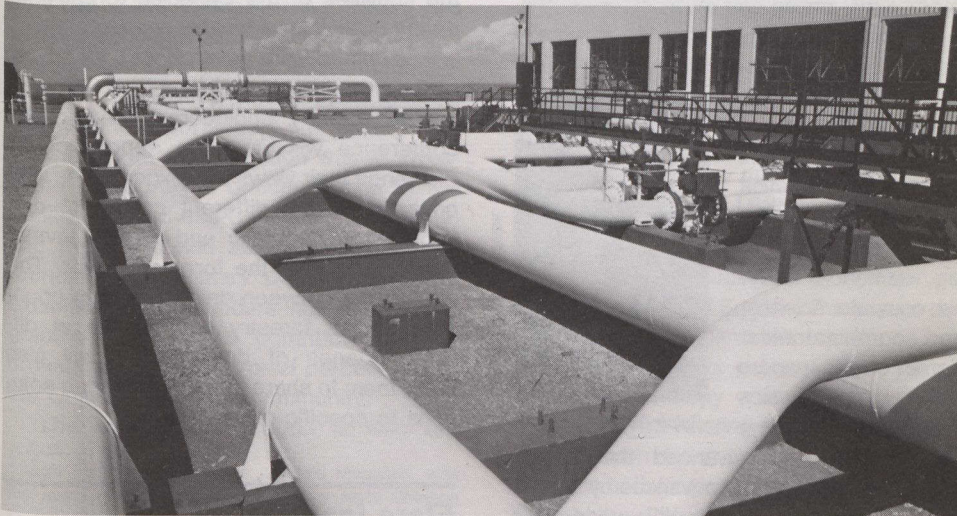
Ten leading Canadian gas equipment manufacturers will participate at the sixteenth World Gas Conference in Munich, Federal Republic of Germany from June 24 to 27.

Canada's gas equipment manufacturers have built and now maintain in the country, one of the world's longest and most impressive pipeline networks and together they offer equipment, consulting services and training to develop the world's gas industry. Many of them are already well known internationally.

Canadian companies offer equipment for every aspect of gas processing, from field gathering and handling, to underground storage and transmission. Powerful gas and steam turbines, compression systems, and rotary gas meters produced by Canadian manufacturers are among the equipment

Canada's gas industry representatives in Munich will be:

- Canadian Gas Association based in Don Mills, Ontario — Canadian natural gas industry's national trade association for almost 80 years, representing a wide range of distribution and transmission companies;
- Congas Engineering Canada Limited of Willowdale, Ontario — international consultants in gas and petroleum distribution;
- Cooper Rolls Corp. of Mississauga, Ontario — manufactures Coberra gas turbine compression systems;
- Dresser Clark Division of Calgary, Alberta — designs and manufactures gas turbines and centrifugal compressors;
- Gaz Métropolitain Inc. of Montreal, Quebec — international consultants for liquid and compressed natural gas distribution;

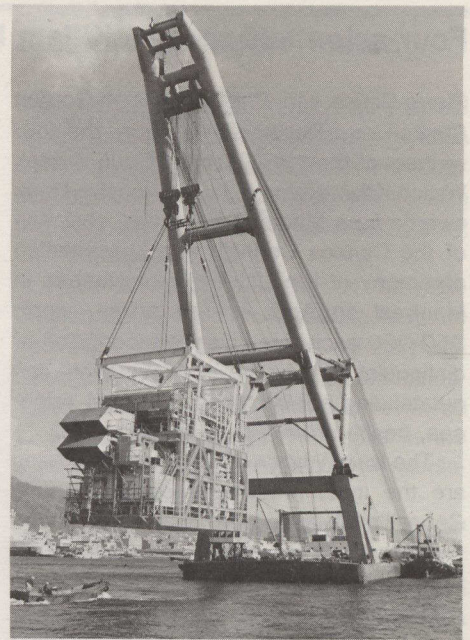


*Nova owns and operates the 13 357-kilometre Alberta Gas Transmission System, transporting about 75 per cent of Canada's marketed natural gas.*

that has become renowned for precision and lasting performance. The companies are also known for their comprehensive after-sale support which is an important part of the Canadian gas equipment manufacturers' commitment to complete service.

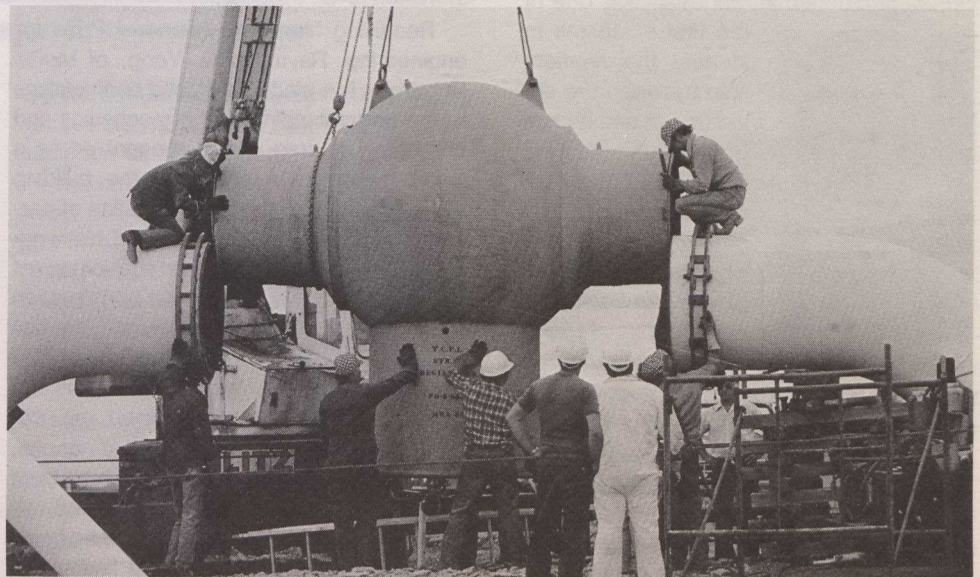
### Meeting diverse conditions

Working in Canada's diverse terrain and climatic extremes has given Canadian gas companies the experience to deal effectively with many pipeline conditions. They are able to apply that knowledge to meet the specialized needs of customers throughout the world. Performing pipeline and compression studies, designing distribution systems, supervising the construction of pipeline facilities, and conducting training programs, are other ways in which Canadian companies help customers to improve efficiency and productivity.



*The Coberra gas turbine systems made by Cooper Rolls Corp. permit efficient natural gas gathering, storage and transmission.*

- Ingersoll Rand Canada Inc. of Montreal — manufactures turbines, centrifugal and reciprocating compressors;
- Nova, an Alberta Corporation of Calgary — international consultants for gas gathering, transportation and marketing;
- Romet Limited of Mississauga — manufactures positive displacement rotary gas meters and related instrumentation;
- TransCanada Pipelines Co. Limited of Toronto, Ontario — consultants for pipeline studies and design, efficiency evaluations, inspections and training programs; and
- Westinghouse Canada Inc. of Hamilton, Ontario — manufactures heavy-duty gas and steam turbines for mechanical drive and power generation applications.



*Consulting is provided by TransCanada Pipelines in pipeline design, inspections and training.*

## Four scientists receive Killam Memorial Prizes

Pierre Dansereau, Phil Gold, Ralph Gordon Stanton and Raymond N. Yong, the four winners of the 1985 Canada Council Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Prizes, received their awards from Maureen Forrester, chairman of the Canada Council, at a presentation ceremony at the University of Quebec in Montreal on April 9. The prizes, worth \$50 000 each, are given in recognition of distinguished lifetime achievement and outstanding contributions in natural sciences, health sciences, or engineering.

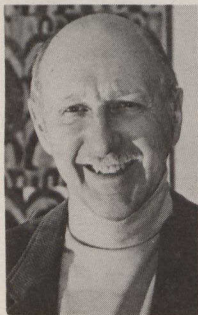
The Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Prizes are the most prestigious of the Canada Council's Killam awards. They are financed through funds donated to the Council by Dorothy J. Killam.

The prizes were created to honour eminent Canadian scholars actively engaged in research, whether in industry, government agencies or universities. They are not presented for a particular accomplishment, but are given in recognition of distinguished lifetime achievement and outstanding contributions to the advancement of knowledge. Possible recipients are nominated by specialists in their field of study.

Inaugurated in 1981 with three prizes, with one presented annually since then, the Killam prizes were increased to up to three prizes of \$50 000 in 1985, one for each of the three categories of natural sciences, health sciences, and engineering. As there were four distinguished scholars in the list of nominees, the 1985 Killam Selection Committee decided to award an additional prize.

### 1985 recipients

Pierre Dansereau, an ecologist at the University of Quebec in Montreal, was one of the first scientists to identify the relationship between the environment and human behaviour, and is considered one of the founders of the science of human ecology. His *Biogeography: An Ecological Perspective* (1957)



Pierre Dansereau

revolutionized the study of the environment, proposing an holistic and multidisciplinary approach. He has taught in 20 universities on five continents and his publications reflect on the quality of the environment, the necessity to plan the use of human resources in terms of the geography of a country and the importance of ecological factors in

the development of urban and rural zones.

The Killam Memorial Prize for medicine was awarded to Phil Gold from McGill University in Montreal. He is internationally acclaimed as a leader in the field of cancer research; he developed a blood test for cancer which is now used in medical centres throughout the world. In addition to his continuing research in cancer, he is currently involved in a major study of the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS). Dr. Gold's research accomplishments have been recognized by more than a dozen national and international prizes and awards.



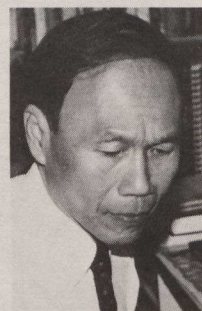
Phil Gold

Ralph Gordon Stanton from the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg received his award for mathematics. He has made seminal contributions to several fields of mathematics including statistical design theory, algebra, numerical analysis, computer science, and combinatorics. Some of his papers have become classics in their fields and some of his work has advanced theory and stimulated research and advances by others. He is credited with developing world class research groups in statistics, computer science and combinatorics at the Universities of Waterloo and Manitoba.



Ralph Gordon Stanton

University of Manitoba



Raymond N. Yong

28 patents relating his research findings to geotechnical and industrial problems.

Receiving his Killam Memorial Prize for engineering, Raymond N. Yong, of McGill University, has made substantial contributions to the understanding of the mechanics and properties of soils. He is recognized as a world leader in research on the building characteristics of permafrost and his work has had a major impact on arctic construction of all types. He has published over 300 papers in journals and co-authored or co-edited eight books, several of which have become standard references, and he holds

## Commonwealth forestry visitors

Minister for External Relations Monique Vézina has announced that a grant of \$40 800 will be given to the Canadian Institute of Forestry to assist 12 delegates from some ten developing Commonwealth countries attend the second Commonwealth Forestry Conference to be held in Victoria, British Columbia in September.

Mrs. Vézina said that "through this support, the Canadian International Development Agency intends to promote both the technical training of these specialists and the improvement of the management capability of forestry services in the participant countries".

The delegates will take part in practical training sessions on Canadian forest technology and management. They will tour a number of sites and colleges to learn about the activities of the Canadian forestry industry. Canadian industry representatives will be able to learn more about the realities of the forestry sector in the Third World.

The forestry engineers attending the conference will have the opportunity to exchange their views and experiences with colleagues from different countries, particularly on domestic and foreign investment planning in the forestry sector. The exchanges between delegates from countries whose forestry sectors are at different stages of development will also allow them to share currently-planned solutions to specific problems.

## Flare features fashion

Donna Scott, a publisher with McLean Hunter in Montreal, has created a highly successful Canadian fashion magazine, *Flare*, that now ranks among the country's top ten consumer magazines.

Ms. Scott who is the only female publisher of a major consumer magazine in Canada, began working on the magazine in 1976 and the first issue appeared in September 1979. At that time, there was no national magazine targeted at working women between 18 and 35 years old.

"At first people in the industry said Canada wouldn't support a major fashion magazine because they could read the US fashion magazines and get the same thing, said Ms. Scott adding that *Flare* differs from US publications because it "serves a broader area of interests in a smaller market". She explains *Flare's* success saying it answers "both the editorial and marketing needs of its audience".

## Historical exhibition reflects Chinese Canadian community

An exhibition of 185 photographs of Vancouver's Chinese Canadian community, most of which have never before been on public view, opened March 30 at the Vancouver Art Gallery and continues through June 16.

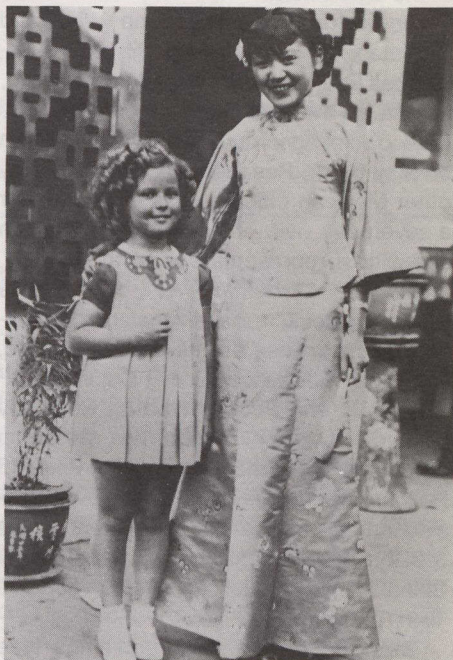
The exhibition, *Gum San\*/Gold Mountain — Images of Gold Mountain 1886-1947*, was organized by gallery/curator Jo-Anne Birnie Danzker and co-sponsored by Vancouver's Chinese Cultural Centre. It was funded by grants from the Canada Council and the government of British Columbia.

Ms. Birnie Danzker said that the exhibition marks several historic firsts for a major Canadian visual arts institution, chiefly that of collaborating with one of the city's senior ethnic communities on a project which addresses the "imaging" of an ethnic minority from a historical, social, political and aesthetic perspective. "The Vancouver Art Gallery has taken a significant first step in working with one of Vancouver's senior ethnic communities, and producing a show of this magnitude and historic importance," she said.

The aim of the exhibition was to investigate photographic documentation of the Vancouver Chinese-Canadian community, and the moral and aesthetic issues surrounding documentary photography. The exhibition also considers how the photographic "frame" has contributed to, or broken down, stereotypical perceptions of the Chinese-Canadian community.

The exhibition catalogue is also un-

\* Gum San which translates as Gold Mountain, was the name given to North America by early Chinese immigrants who viewed it as a land of opportunity and a land of plenty overflowing with riches.



Courtesy: Patrice Chu

Photo of child movie actress Shirley Temple (left) with Vancouver Chinatown queen Grace Kwan, taken by C.B. Wand at the Chinese carnival in 1936.

precedented said Ms. Birnie Danzker. It is the first ever published by a major gallery in Chinese and English. The essays deal with the Chinese Canadian experience from a primarily pictorial point of view. An extensive chronology of events from 1858 through 1983 relating to the community is the first such document assembled and published in both languages. A selected reading list on the Chinese in Vancouver is also included in the catalogue.

## A Certain Mr. Takahashi wins major first novel prize

Ann Ireland recently won the 1985 Seal First Novel Award, the world's biggest award for debut novels, with *A Certain Mr. Takahashi*. The award consists of an outright prize of \$10 000 and a \$40 000 non-returnable advance on royalties.

*A Certain Mr. Takahashi*, chosen as the best from among the record 600 manuscripts submitted, will be published this fall in hardcover by McClelland and Stewart and in the fall of 1986 as a Seal paperback. Bantam Books will do an American edition next year and the British rights have been acquired by Bantam Press in London.

Seal publisher Janet Turnbull said that *A Certain Mr. Takahashi* stood out from the other submissions as the most original in both style and content. "There is nothing

typical about this book, yet it is a highly accessible novel that will find a broad audience among readers," she said.

The novel describes the relationship between two sisters in Victoria and their pursuit of an exotic new neighbour, concert pianist Yoshi Takahashi. The plot is described as an exploration of the special friendship shared by sisters and reveals the nature of a bond that is built on trust, filled with rivalry and tested by betrayal.

Miss Ireland has studied in Toronto, Mexico and British Columbia. During the 1970s, she had several short stories published in a number of west coast literary magazines. She has worked for the Writer's Union of Canada, the Canadian Book Information Centre and *Owl Magazine*.

## Support for 'adult' music

Canadian Talent Library (CTL), a 23-year-old record production and distribution operation servicing about 250 radio stations and cable-casting companies, has been merged with the Foundation to Assist Canadian Talent on Records (FACTOR).

Peter Shurman, president of the radio division of Standard Broadcasting, said the new organization, Factor/Ctl, will start with a budget of more than \$1 million and guidelines for future financing are being reviewed to allow for "significant" increase in the support of 'adult' contemporary and middle-of-the-road music.

CTL is operated by Standard Broadcasting Corp. Limited of Toronto and FACTOR, a vehicle for awards and loans to artists and producers, is administered by the Canadian Independent Record Production Association on behalf of a number of major broadcasting companies, recording studios and music industry organizations.

## Authentic Indian dolls



Dorita Grant of Sooke, B.C. recently had her work exhibited at the Dunlop Art Gallery in Regina, Saskatchewan. With a background in needlework and ceramics, Dorita Grant's interest in the early culture along the northwest coast has led her to make these meticulously detailed dolls with feet, hands, and heads modelled in ceramics and authentic costumes of Chilkat blankets, reed costumes made of jute, and button blankets.

## News briefs

**Minister for International Trade** James Kelleher has announced that the Canadian Commercial Corporation has been awarded four contracts with a cumulative value of \$266 097 (Cdn) by the People's Republic of Hungary. Under these contracts, Griffith Oil Tool Limited of Edmonton, Alberta, will supply hydraulic mechanical drilling jars with spare parts, shock absorbers with spare parts and throw-away shock absorbers, and Interdome Sales Limited of Calgary, Alberta, will supply wireline tools and spare parts to the Hungarian Trading Company of Machines and Equipment for the Chemical Industry (CHEMOKOMPLEX). Mr. Kelleher said this procurement, funded by the World Bank, is the first of anticipated awards in a five-year program and was won against competition from the United States, Germany and France.

**Minister of Justice** John C. Crosbie and US Ambassador to Canada Paul Robinson Jr. have signed an agreement, in the form of an exchange of notes, concerning the commercial development of an area of the United States Naval Facility in Argentina, Newfoundland. The new agreement which will be in effect October 1, 1985 to March 25, 2040, is a revision of the 1978 Argentina Sublease Agreement for the purpose of facilitating commercial development in the subleased area. The revised sublease defines the rights and obligations of the two governments with

respect to certain parts of the area described in the agreement.

**Agriculture Minister** John Wise and Secretary of Agriculture and Hydraulic Resources Eduardo Pesqueira Oléa of Mexico, co-chaired the third session of the Canada/Mexico Joint Agriculture Committee in Ottawa on May 6. Mr. Pesqueira, accompanied by other Mexican officials, was in Canada for a seven-day visit. They met with Canadian agricultural representatives at the federal, provincial and industry levels, covering the grains, livestock, fruit and vegetable, and forestry sectors. They also travelled to Quebec, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia.

**Asiatic and Pacific Trading Company** Limited of Calgary, Alberta, has signed an agreement with the Chinese province of Heilongjiang to develop a meat processing industry. Under the agreement, some 3 000 head of cattle will be imported by China in 1986. Heilongjiang is Alberta's 'twin' province.

**Bell Canada** has introduced a new type of pay telephone that accepts credit cards, 'Card Phones', in Toronto and Montreal, in a one-year trial to determine the public's interest and the technical requirements. The card phones are the telephone equivalent of automated teller machines as they read a secret identification number embedded in a magnetic strip on the back of the subscriber's credit card. Subscribers may not have to rely only on a Bell card because such

a phone could read the strip of a conventional credit card, such as Visa and Mastercard.

**The Export Development Corporation** has announced the signing of a \$191 100 (US) allocation under a line of credit with United Mizrahi Bank Limited of Israel to support a sale by Philips Electronics Limited of Scarborough, Ontario, to Israel. The sale involves the supply of electronic navigation aids to Electronics Corporation of Israel, of Tel Aviv.

**Nesbitt Thomson Inc.**, a Canadian investment firm that employs 1 100 people in 24 Canadian cities, has reached an agreement in principle to buy Fahnestock and Company of New York. Brian Aune, Nesbitt Thomson's chairman, said that when the acquisition is completed, it will be the first Canadian investment firm to take over a US brokerage house. Fahnestock currently operates in 27 offices in eight northeastern US states, as well as in offices in London, Paris, Munich, Caracas and Buenos Aires.

**The province of Alberta's mint** has won a \$60-million contract to provide Martin Luther King Jr. memorial medallions to every school child in the United States. Norman Simons, president of the Edmonton-based company, said the medallion will be packaged with a biographical sketch of the late civil rights leader and given to 43 million US students. The contract is with the Martin Luther King Jr. Centre for Nonviolent Social Change Inc. in Atlanta, Georgia.

**Toronto boxer Shawn O'Sullivan** was presented with the Outstanding Achievement Award for the athlete who best combines skills, dignity and humility in representing his or her sport and country, at the fourth annual Tribute to Champions held in Ottawa. He received the silver medal at the 1984 Summer Olympics in the light middleweight class after losing the boxing final in a close decision. An unprecedented 176 active and retired athletes and coaches were rewarded for their medal-winning performances at the Summer Olympics or world competitions during the past 12 months. Jane Doane, the only surviving member of Canada's gold-medal 4x100-metre relay team at the 1928 Olympics, presented the awards to the track and field medallists.

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## Huddle up tight and don't horse around



Anne Carly, 5, Angela Campbell, 5, Tara Lee, 3, and Nicole Campbell, 5, enjoy a communal horseback ride during an afternoon outing at Silver Spur Ranch near Ottawa. Benjamin Campbell, 8, keeps the animal on course.

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