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## Canadian Olympians win record 44 medals

Ottawa's Linda Thom set the stage for Canada's surge to fourth place in over-all medal standings and third in unofficial point standings among the 140 nations participating at the twenty-third Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles this year. Her gold-medal victory provided the inspiration for Canadian athletes and established the momentum that pushed the team to its greatest Olympic showing ever.

Defying her ranking of seventh in the world, Linda Thom beat American Ruby Fox in a dramatic one-point shoot-off to win the gold medal in the women's sports-pistol event on the first day of Olympic competition. It was the first time women's pistol events were included in the Summer Games and Linda Thom became the first woman ever to win a shooting gold medal at the Olympics. Her gold medal was also Canada's first gold medal in Los Angeles, the first won by Canada at the Summer Games since 1968 and the first by a Canadian woman since 1928.

By the end of the competition Canada's total of 44 medals — 10 gold, 18 silver and 16 bronze — was greater than the total of all the Canadian medals won from 1948 to 1976 inclusive. As the Olympic Games progressed, the momentum of the Canadian athletes continued to grow and, on August 11, the day before the closing ceremonies, Canada's Olympians captured a record 11 medals to equal the total won during the entire 1976 Olympics in Montreal.

Commenting on the effort by the Canadian team, John Lecky, the chef de mission said they "have been over-achievers" and there was "a higher percentage of our athletes in the top half of the field than in any regional or world games". In all, Canadians finished in the top eight in 113 events.

### Swimming

The Canadian swim team led the drive for medals amassing a total of ten medals, four gold, three silver and three bronze. Alex Baumann of Sudbury won two gold medals



Linda Thom of Ottawa won the gold medal in the women's sports-pistol event at the twenty-third Olympic Summer Games in Los Angeles this August. She was the first woman to win this new event in the Olympics and the first Canadian to win a gold medal.

and established new world and Olympic records of 4:17.41 in the 400-metre individual medley and 2:13.34 in the 200-metre individual medley. Victor Davis of Waterloo, Ontario, captured the gold in the 200-metre breaststroke in 2:13.34, shattering his previous world record, and Anne Ottenbrite of Whitby, Ontario, won the other gold medal in the 200-metre breaststroke to become the first Canadian woman swimmer to take an Olympic gold.

Silver medallists included Victor Davis in the 100-metre breaststroke, Anne Ottenbrite in the 100-metre breaststroke and the men's team of Mike West and Victor Davis of Waterloo, Tom Ponting of Calgary and Sandy Goss of Toronto in the 4x100 medley race. Bronze medals were won by Cameron Henning of Edmonton in the 200-metre backstroke, Mike West in



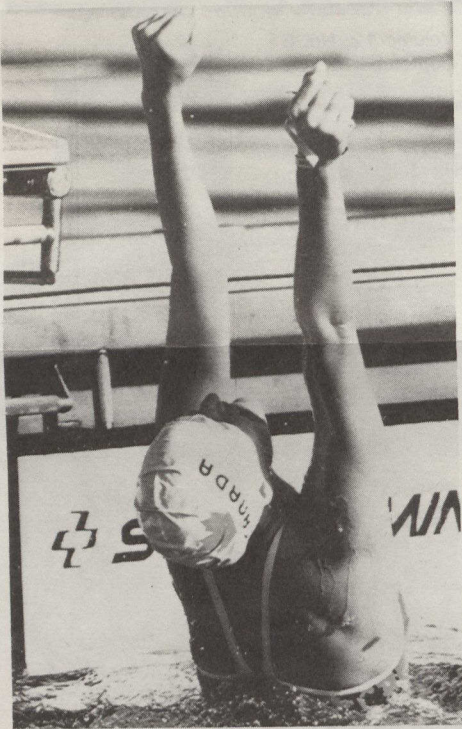
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the 100-metre backstroke and women's team members Anne Ottenbrite, Michelle MacPherson of Toronto, Reema Abdo of Belleville, Ontario, and Pam Rai of Delta, B.C. in the 4x100-metre medley relay.

Also at the pool, Sylvie Bernier of Ste Foy, Quebec became Canada's first diving



Anne Ottenbrite jumps for joy on winning the 200-metre breaststroke in a time of 2:30.38 to win an Olympic gold medal. She also won a silver in the 100-metre breaststroke and a bronze in 4x100-metre relay.



Two new world and Olympic records were established by Canada's Alex Baumann when he won two gold medals. He swam the 400-metre individual medley in 4:17.41 and the 200-metre individual medley in 2:13.34.

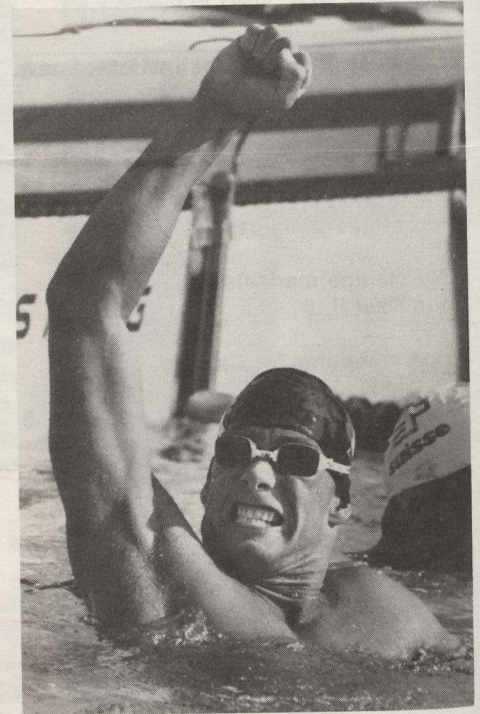
gold medallist winning the women's springboard event.

Synchronized swimming events were added to the Olympic Games this year and Canadian competitors excelled in their programs. Sharon Hambrook and Kelly Kryczka of Calgary won the silver medal in the

pairs competition, while Carolyn Waldo of Beaconsfield, Quebec captured the silver medal in solo competition.

### Boating

Canada's medal drive continued on the water with six Olympic medals including the first gold medal for a Canadian Olympic eights crew. Leading throughout the race the eights crew with Pat Turner of Vancouver, Kevin Neufeld of Victoria, twins Mark and Mike Evans of Toronto, Grant Main of Welland, Paul Steele of Delta, B.C., Dean Crawford



Victor Davis jubilantly clenches his fist after winning the 200-metre breaststroke for a gold medal and establishing new world and Olympic records. He also won two silvers — one in the 100-metre breaststroke, the other in the 4x100 medley relay.

of Victoria, Blair Horn of Kelowna, B.C. and Brian McMahon of St. Catharines finished the race in 5:41.32.

Rowers from the women's team captured two silver medals. Betty Craig of Brockville and Tricia Smith of Vancouver won in the pair-oars without coxswain and Marilyn Brain of St. Catharines, Angela Schneider of Toronto, Barbara Armbrust and Jane Tegunno of St. Catharines and Lesley Thompson of Napanee won in the four-oars with coxswain.

Bronze medals in rowing went to Silken Laumann and Daniele Laumann of Mississauga, Ontario, in women's double sculls, Robert Mills of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia in men's single sculls and to Doug Hamilton of Toronto, Mike Hughes of St. Catharines, Phil Monckton and Bruce



Gold-medal winner Sylvie Bernier displays perfect form in a reverse one-and-a-half with half twist in the springboard finals. She was Canada's first gold medallist in Olympic diving.

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Ford of Vancouver in men's quad sculls.

Canadian canoeists also won an unprecedented two gold, two silver and two bronze medals. Larry Cain of Oakville, Ontario spearheaded the drive with a gold medal in the men's 1 500-metre canoe final and a silver medal in the 1 000-metre race. Hugh Fisher of Burnaby, B.C. and Alwyn Morris of Caughnawaga, Quebec captured the gold medal in the men's kayak-2, 1 000-metres and a bronze medal in the men's kayak-2, 500 metres. Alexandra Barre of Ste Foy, Quebec and Sue Holloway of Ottawa won the silver medal in the women's kayak-2, 500 metres and joined Montreal's Lucie Guay and North Bay's Barb Olmsted to win a bronze medal in the women's kayak-4, 500 metres.

In yachting, Terry McLaughlin of Toronto and Evert Bastet of Hudson, Quebec earned a silver in the Flying Dutchman Class. Bronze medals were won by Terry Neilson of Toronto in the Finn Class and Hans Fogh, Steve Calder and John Kerr of Toronto in the Soling Class. The performance by the yachting team matched Canada's over-all performance for the past eight years.

#### Other events

While the majority of Canada's medals were captured on or in the water, there were winners in other events. Many of the athletes were first-time winners like Lori Fung of Vancouver, who won the gold medal in women's rhythmic gymnastics, a new Olympic event. Canada's first Olympic judo medal in 20 years went to Mark Berger of Winnipeg, who won a bronze in



Canadian gold-medallists in the kayak pairs, Alwyn Morris (left) and Hugh Fisher paddle toward their first place finish in the 1 000-metre Olympic canoeing competition.

the 95-plus-kilogram class.

Jacques Demers of Brossard, Quebec won a silver medal in middleweight weightlifting. It was Canada's first Olympic weightlifting medal since 1952 and only the second ever won by the country.

Canada's Olympians also fared well in track and field events where they won five medals. Ben Johnson of Toronto led the way with the bronze in the 100-metre sprint and Lynn Williams of Vancouver won the bronze in the women's 3 000-metre race. The other medals came in the relay races where the women's team earned silver medals and established two Canadian

records and the men's team placed third. Marita Payne of Concord, Ontario, Angela Bailey of Toronto, Angella Taylor of Toronto and France Gareau of Verner, Ontario ran the 4x100-metre relay in 42.77 seconds and Marita Payne, Charmaine Crooks and Molly Killingbeck of Toronto and Jillian Richardson of Calgary ran the 4x100-metre relay in 3:21.21. Ben Johnson, Tony Sharpe, Desai Williams and Sterling Hinds, all of Toronto won the bronze medal in the men's 4x100-metres.

In boxing, Canadian medallists included Dale Walters of Burnaby, B.C. with a bronze  
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Members of the Canadian men's eight-oar rowing team with their coxswain, happily show their hard-won gold medals.



Larry Cain won the gold medal in the 500-metre men's singles canoe race. (Above) he paddles past Finland's Timo Gronlund.

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## Southeast Asia first destination of new External Affairs minister

Jean Chrétien's first official trip abroad as Secretary of State for External Affairs was to Tokyo and Jakarta, from July 9 to 14. Mr. Chrétien, who is also Deputy Prime Minister, assumed his new post in the Cabinet reorganization under Prime Minister John Turner.

First travelling to Tokyo for two days, Mr. Chrétien was received by Prime Minister Nakasone and took part in the annual Canada-Japan Foreign Ministers' Consultations. He went on to Jakarta, Indonesia, to represent Canada at the annual post-ministerial meeting of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) foreign ministers with dialogue partners, from July 12 to 13. ASEAN, which comprises Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Brunei, established relations or "dialogues" with Australia, Canada, the European Community, Japan, New Zealand and the United States.

### Refugee aid

In his introductory remarks to the meeting in Jakarta, the External Affairs minister said that Canada had maintained its policy of accepting substantial numbers of refugees from Southeast Asia, and he announced that Canada would give



*Jean Chrétien, Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs.*

\$2 million to refugee programs in Thailand as well as a small amount of non-military assistance to the non-Communist elements in the coalition government.

The Canadian government's intention to create an Asia-Pacific Foundation to develop contacts and expand mutual awareness, said Mr. Chrétien, had become a reality. With

offices in Vancouver, the Foundation will become the "focal point of a broad range of activities aimed at strengthening commercial, developmental, cultural and educational co-operation across the Pacific".

While he was in Jakarta, Mr. Chrétien met with US Secretary of State George Shultz as part of the quarterly consultative meetings between the Canadian and US foreign ministers. Discussions covered key bilateral and multilateral issues and the two ministers agreed to continue the quarterly meetings which had been initiated by former Secretary of State for External Affairs Allan MacEachen and Mr. Shultz.

### Law background

Jean Chrétien, born in Shawinigan, Quebec in 1934, was called to the Bar in 1958 after studying law at Laval University in Quebec City. He was first elected to the House of Commons in 1963 and re-elected in 1965. He has been Minister of State under the Minister of Finance; Minister of National Revenue; Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development; President of the Treasury Board; Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce; Minister of Finance; Minister of Justice and Attorney General; Minister of State for Social Development and Minister responsible for Constitutional Negotiations; and prior to his present portfolio, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources.

## Hi-tech wheelchair a valuable asset to the handicapped

Comfort, styling, control and performance are all features built into a new wheelchair developed by Fortress Scientific Limited of Downsview, Ontario.

After only two years of operation, the company has already become a recognized leader in powered wheelchair technology with the recent introduction of the 655 FS deluxe powered wheelchair.

Fortress Scientific was established in 1982 to research, develop, manufacture and market innovative health care products and its newest creation, the 655 FS, has met with considerable success. The company is the health care products subsidiary of Northern Fortress Limited, a Canadian-based holding company with diversified interests.

In the early stages of the new wheelchair's development, the company's team of engineers toured abroad, researching state-of-the-art technology and discussing health product requirements with leading doctors, therapists, institutions and users. The result was a fresh approach to product development including a unique

modular design and an advanced power package for the wheelchair.

High torque drive motors with built-in gear box and automatic disc brakes plus a



sophisticated solid-state controller and easy-to-operate joystick control all offer indoor and outdoor versatility and performance.

### Modular approach

The modular approach of a two-piece powered chair allows a range of seats to be fitted easily onto the centre post of the power unit in a matter of a few seconds. Seat options include a range of deluxe reclining seats, standard sling-type seats and children's seats, all with a full 180-degree swivel feature.

The company is currently working with the National Research Council in developing a "total environment control package" to allow the seriously handicapped person the ability to control all the functions of the wheelchair as well as a number of appliances, lights and even the telephone, through a sophisticated transmitter mounted on the wheelchair.

In this stage of robotics, a totally automated environment is possible for the disabled and Fortress Scientific is working to develop software for its product to provide greater independence.

In addition to the 655 FS powered wheel-



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chair, the company will soon introduce a revolutionary three-wheeler chair for the growing number of people who need mobility assistance but are not totally dependent on it.

To service the growing number of dealers and export sales, Fortress Scientific has established service and warehouse facilities in Marietta, Georgia and Southall, England, along with its major facilities at Downsview, Ontario, and Pointe-Claire, Quebec.

According to Michael Smith, president, the company will be introducing additional innovative products during the coming year. Fortress Scientific has recently re-acquired the Allatt organization of Downsview which, as Fortress Allatt, is a supplier of replacement parts to the construction industry and manufacturers of sophisticated hydraulic paving equipment. More than 50 per cent of its business is outside Canada.

It was from previous experience with Allatt that Fortress Scientific became involved with powered wheelchairs. There were several disabled people in the company who were using what were believed to have been the best electric wheelchairs on the market.

The company was surprised at the chairs' lack of sophistication and decided to follow up with additional market research. This led to the intensive product research and development that has since resulted in the 655 FS powered wheelchair.

(Article from Canada Commerce.)

## Natural gas pipeline

Polar Gas Limited has filed an application with the National Energy Board for a certificate authorizing the construction of a natural gas pipeline from the Mackenzie Delta across the Northwest Territories, along the Mackenzie River Valley, to Edson, Alberta.

The 2 145-kilometre pipeline would transport natural gas from the Mackenzie Delta and Beaufort Sea area to serve markets in Canada and the United States. Polar Gas plans to begin construction in 1987 and complete the facilities by 1991 at an estimated cost of \$3.3 billion.

Polar Gas had originally filed an application with the National Energy Board in 1977 to construct facilities to transport gas from the Arctic Islands along a more easterly route through Manitoba and Ontario. This application was later withdrawn.

The Polar Gas project is sponsored by TransCanada PipeLines, Panarctic Oils Ltd., Tenneco Energy Ltd., Ontario Energy Corporation and Petro-Canada.

## New stamps mark visit of Pope John Paul II

The visit to Canada of Pope John Paul II, during which he will renew his plea for peace and goodwill among all nations, will be marked with the issue of two new stamps on September 7, 1984.

André Ouellet, Minister responsible for Canada Post Corporation, said the stamps "will mark the visit of Pope John Paul II as spiritual leader to 800 million Roman Catholics around the world and serve to carry his message of hope, peace and understanding throughout the world".

The stamps will be printed in two denominations: the 32-cent domestic



postal rate and the 64-cent international rate. The design by Montreal graphic designer Louis-André Rivard, centres on the Pope's personal coat of arms, a blue shield quartered by a gold cross, surmounted by the triple crown and the keys of St. Peter, the ancient symbols of the papacy. The background features a stylized map of Canada with indications of the stops on the Pontiff's journey.

The Pope is scheduled to begin his Canadian visit at Quebec City September 9. He will then travel to Trois-Rivières, Montreal, St. John's, Moncton, Halifax, Toronto, Winnipeg, St. Boniface, Edmonton, Fort Simpson in the Northwest Territories, and Vancouver. He will conclude his visit in the Ottawa-Hull area on September 19 and 20.

## Supercomputer for Calgary

The University of Calgary will be installing Canada's second supercomputer next fall and it will be virtually free because of a \$25-million agreement reached with the province of Alberta and Control Data Canada Ltd. of Mississauga, Ontario.

The university hopes the Cyber 205 computer will attract world-class scientists to work on fifth generation computing applications. Canada has been relatively under-represented in use of supercomputers, which are ideal for simulating complex conditions for oil, automobile and airplane companies. Of the approximately 100 supercomputers in the world, 60 are in the United States and eight in Britain.

Control Data, which has now sold its first supercomputer in Canada, will be renting out some machine time to local oil companies, and has promised to supply the university with "state-of-the-art" equipment for the next ten years. The university has eight Honeywell computers.

Canada's first supercomputer was installed in Dorval, Quebec, for the federal Atmospheric Environment Service.

According to University of Calgary president Norman Wagner, the computer will be

"a provincial resource" and will be made available to faculty and students at other Alberta institutions. The government of Alberta will be purchasing \$10-million worth of time on the system over the next five years, said Edward Sullivan, assistant to the university's vice-president of research. Research and development contributions from Control Data total more than \$14 million, he said.

Although the University of Calgary will be the first Canadian university to have a supercomputer, "we have had discussions with most of the major universities over the last year or two", said Bruce McKelvey, vice-president of the company's western region.

Control Data's Cyber machine can perform 800 million instructions per second. It will be used in reservoir simulation, seismic processing, medical applications and integration research of a very large scale.

It will also be used with the Canadian Long Base Array of radio telescopes, a project of the Canadian Astronomical Society.

Alberta may also be the home of a new supercomputer project. By the end of the year, Myrias Research Corp. of Edmonton is expected to reveal the details of its Myrias 4000, which is believed to be a parallel processing computer.



## Tridon auto products thrive overseas

Donald Green, chairman and owner of the Tridon Companies of Hamilton, Ontario, describes the automotive turn signal flasher pioneered by his company as "a little piece of black magic".

Twenty years have not brought Tridon's competitors in the auto parts industry any closer to duplicating the secret design that now flashes from Scandinavian snow plows, Hong Kong buses and transport trucks in France.

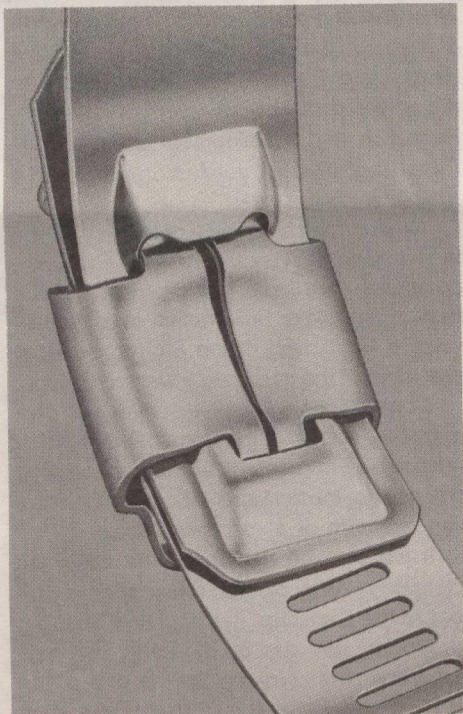
But Mr. Green makes no secret of the success formula that has enabled his small company to get the revolutionary flasher into those vehicles.

The same combination of driving ambition, patience and pure stubbornness has put Tridon's all-plastic windshield wipers as original equipment on one-third of all cars and light trucks in North America, and its hose clamps into outer space.

### Mounting sales

The company that was called Hamilton Clamp and Stampings Ltd. when Mr. Green took it over from his father 30 years ago had sales of more than \$100 million in 1983 and expects sales of \$120 million in the current year. Mr. Green wants the company to grow by an average of 20 per cent annually, with a target of \$500 million in sales by the end of the decade.

Most remarkable, however, is the fact



All Tridon full size gear clamps feature a unique interlocking design between the one-piece housing and the band.



Chairman Donald Green says Tridon windshield wipers are on one-third of North American cars and light trucks.

that the company exports 80 per cent of its Canadian production. At last count, Tridon was selling a wide variety of wiper, clamp and flasher products — most of which are made in Oakville and Burlington, Ontario oriented toward automotive markets in 60 countries.

Although many Canadian auto parts makers export to the United States, Tridon is unique, according to an official at the Department of Regional Industrial Expansion. "They're active in international markets such as Europe and Japan, and have been unusually successful there."

### Overseas offices

It has established sales offices and warehouses in locations as distant as Singapore. Subsidiaries in Nashville, Tennessee and Australia manufacture Tridon hose clamps, and two more in France make them under the HB and Serflex brand names.

It operates the largest auto parts distributing company in Denmark, and is now negotiating for sales and possible joint ventures in Japan, South Korea, China, India and Latin America.

### Gradual process

Tridon's entry into international trade was a gradual process that started in the tariff-sheltered days of the mid-1950s. Although the years before the 1965 auto free-trade agreement were comfortable for even small manufacturers of parts for the auto industry, Mr. Green realized that "if we didn't have a presence in world markets, we would be very vulnerable to foreign

competition" when tariffs came off.

He began by tailoring the product line so that it could be widely marketed to a number of different industries. He replaced the custom stamping work done by his father and grandfather with proprietary products and the tiny metal shop in the east end of Hamilton gave way to a modern plant that was dubbed by area residents "the Taj Mahal of Burlington".

Eight years ago, Tridon did not think it had a chance with Nissan Motor Co. Ltd. of Japan, but refused to give up. Every three or four months, the company would make another call saying, "here we are and this is what we've got that's new", until Nissan finally placed an order. Today, Tridon wipers are standard equipment on Nissan vehicles built in North America.

"We didn't get that business by knocking on the door in Smyrna, Tennessee," Mr. Green said. Instead, the company has worked very hard in Japan: Brian Glynn, director of corporate development for Japan, estimates that he has visited the country 60 times in the past ten years.

But "once you win the confidence of the Japanese they do a lot for you", Mr. Green said. Tridon has been contracted to provide wipers for the light trucks Nissan is assembling in the United States, and expects to clean the windows on the sub-compact cars that will start rolling off that production line next year. Tridon is also pursuing what business it can get from Nissan's expansions into Western Europe and around the world, he said.

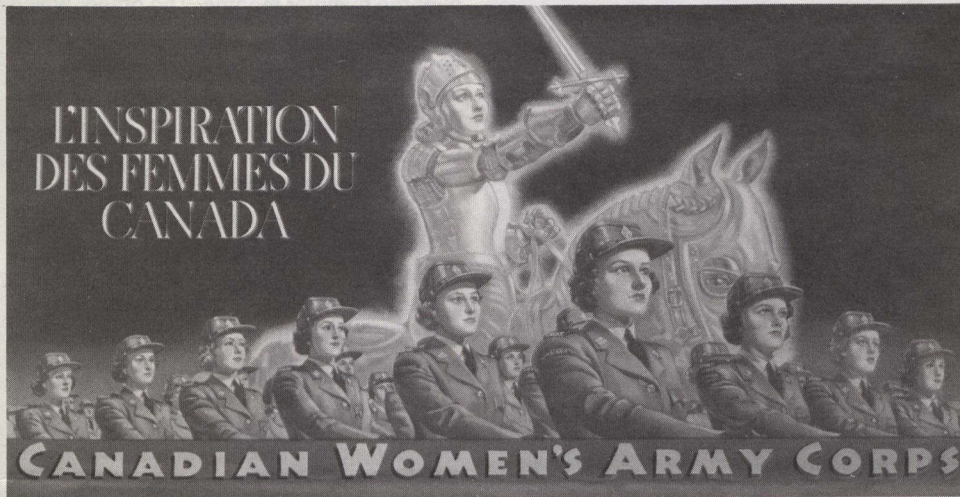


Tridon conceived and developed the first non-metallic wiper blade ever used as original equipment.

Although a number of cars imported or built in North America, including Mazda, Toyota and Volkswagen use Tridon wipers, Mr. Green plans to become more aggressive in marketing his wipers to European manufacturers, as well as getting the company's turn signal flashers installed as original equipment.



## Landmark exhibit features women and war



Canadian Women's Army Corps recruiting poster

The Canadian War Museum in Ottawa recently opened an exhibit, *Women and War*, which highlights the role played by Canadian women during periods of conflict throughout the country's history. The exhibition runs until September 1985.

In examining the many ways Canadian women contributed to the defence of their homes and country, cared for the wounded, prepared materials of war, served in the military and provided economic support in a troubled wartime economy, *Women and War* reveals that Canadian women have shared fully in their nation's wartime experience. While focusing on the two world wars of this century, the exhibition also refers to the role of women during other periods of conflict



Female riveters at work on a navy frigate at Yarrow's Limited, Esquimalt, British Columbia.

throughout Canada's history.

The exhibition is divided into five segments describing the different facets of wartime experience for women. *Fighters and Protectors* examines how women defended home and country, from the days of Madame de La Tour and Madeleine Jarret de Verchères in the seventeenth century to the Second World War when Joan Bamford Fletcher led 1 700 Japanese prisoners of war through 450 kilometres of hostile territory in Southeast Asia.

### Wartime healers

*Care for the Wounded* looks at the traditional view of women as wartime healers, tending the sick and wounded. From the establishment of the first hospital at Ville Marie in Montreal by Jeanne Mance in 1643 to the 4 480 nursing sisters recruited during the Second World War, women continued a long history of nursing care. Photographs, uniforms and souvenirs from patients illustrate this section of the exhibition and include mementoes from Ottawa's Margaret H. Smith who served in both the Boer War and the First World War.

As the scale of wars grew, women were recruited more and more into the labour force to respond to the need for guns, tanks, explosives, and radio equipment. *Materials of War* focuses on this home-front involvement by women. In 1917 there were an estimated 35 000 women in munitions factories in Ontario and Quebec working ten to 16 hours a day for between 20 to 45 cents an hour. During the Second World War, some 261 000 women were employed in war production, mostly in the field of munitions inspection, although they accounted for 30 per cent of the aircraft industry.

### Military women

*In the Military* looks at the women who served with the military, from the days of Indian women accompanying their warriors to set up camp to William Lyon Mackenzie's wife Isabel, who followed him to his island refuge during the 1837 Rebellion in Upper Canada. The placement of women in administrative jobs during the First World War freed men to fight at the front but some in uniform were only grudgingly accepted by the military establishment and the Canadian public right up until 1941. In that year the first two active corps for women were created as auxiliaries to the air force and the army. Once accepted, women were actively recruited with posters, films, booklets and public talks.

The final section of the exhibition, entitled *Economic Support*, examines the



Georgina Fane Pope (1862-1938), first matron of the Canadian Army Medical Corps, served with distinction in the South African War and was the first Canadian to receive the Royal Red Cross for conspicuous service in the field.

role of women in maintaining a stable wartime society. In both world wars, women were called upon to volunteer their time, energy, skills and money in support of the nation's war effort. They sustained and strengthened the wartime economic base and ensured that morale remained high.

Over 300 artifacts including letters, posters, photographs, paintings, weapons, uniforms, medals and souvenirs offer a moving testimony to the courage, devotion and determination of Canadian women at war.



## Canadian Olympians win medals (continued from P. 3)



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Grace and perfection contributed to the winning of a gold medal for Lori Fung of Vancouver in women's rhythmic gymnastics at the Olympic Games on August 12.

in bantamweight, Shawn O'Sullivan of Toronto with a silver in light middleweight and Willie deWit of Grande Prairie, Alberta with a silver in heavyweight.

Canadians also took two silver medals in cycling events with Steve Bauer of Fenwick, Ontario in the 190-kilometre road race and

Curt Harnett of Thunder Bay in the one-kilometre sprint cycling event.

Saskatoon wrestler Bob Molle won the silver medal in the heavyweight division and Chris Rinke of Coquitlam, B.C. won the bronze in freestyle wrestling, 82 kilogram class.

### News briefs

**Former prime minister** Pierre Trudeau has been made a Companion of Honour by Queen Elizabeth. The honour, bestowed on no more than 65 men and women and conferred for "conspicuous national service", carries no title but the companions are entitled to put the initials C.H. after their names. The last Canadian Companion of Honour was former prime minister John Diefenbaker.

**General Motors of Canada** is ready to spend \$556 million on plant modernization and expansion to raise car and truck output. GM Canada now turns out about 200 000 light trucks and 500 000 cars yearly. Total capacity will rise to almost 1 100 000, allowing exports of as many as 500 000 units a year to the US, for \$5 billion. There will also be a \$228-million expansion and modernization of sheet metal operations, with a new 3 240-square-metre plant. Electrical and painting improvements will cost another \$220 million.

**Air Canada** chairman Claude Taylor has

announced the airline's participation in EXPO 86 and its commitment to two major projects on the Exposition site. The 200-seat Air Canada Amphitheatre will recall, through a multi-image, audio-visual production, the colourful history of commercial aviation in Canada, from Air Canada's early years as Trans Canada Airlines to the modern jet age. The airline is also sponsoring the on-site Skyride, which will give visitors a spectacular overview of the main Exposition grounds.

**To celebrate** both EXPO 86 and Air Canada's fiftieth anniversary in 1987, the airline is launching a special coast-to-coast flight of a historic *Lockheed 10A*, the plane that made Trans Canada Airline's first transcontinental flight in 1937. Starting in St. John's, Newfoundland, the craft will stop at communities across the country before reaching its destination of Vancouver for the opening of EXPO 86 on May 2, 1986.

**Film and TV production** in Ontario is expected to bring more than \$17 million to the province this summer, the Ministry of Industry and Trade estimates. Seven motion

picture and television features were scheduled for on-location shooting across Ontario over the summer months. The office, which promotes Ontario as a world-class film location and production centre, calculates that for every film production dollar spent here, up to \$3 in spin-off sales are put into the Ontario economy.

**Northern Telecom (Asia) Limited**, a subsidiary of Northern Telecom International Limited, has been awarded a contract for some 48 SL-1 digital business communications systems (PBXs) to provide the government of Singapore with an integrated digital network for voice and data. The contract, is valued at nearly \$4 million over three years.

**More than 90 representatives** from industry, government, universities, and research and development centres have established a collegium on computer-aided design and manufacturing at the Technical University of Nova Scotia. The collegium is intended to be a means through which CAD/CAM users, prospective users and others can upgrade their skills and understanding and obtain advice on the subject.

**A Canadian** mountaineering expedition has scaled the 7 788-metre Mount Rakaposhi, one of the highest in the Himalayas of northern Pakistan, it was announced recently. Barry Blanchard, Kevin Doyle and David Cheesmond of the seven-member team from Calgary made it to the top July 17, after a continuous direct ascent of the north face of the majestic mountain.

**The first simultaneous** joint seminar between two universities, one in Canada and one in Britain will take place on October 26-27, 1984. The seminar, which includes the world's first video conference satellite link between two major universities, will link the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and Carleton University, in Ottawa, Ontario. The seminar is the first in a series of five annual programs entitled Technology, Innovation, and Social Change. They are being co-sponsored by the Centre of Canadian Studies at the University of Edinburgh, and the Institute of Canadian Studies at Carleton University.

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