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Canada's birthday celebrated at home and abroad

While Canada's birthday was in full swing at home, Canadians around the world were marking the occasion with gusto.

In Australia, a packed program of events — balls, receptions, flag raisings, film showings, exhibits, dinners, dances, pageants — were held in honour of Canada's one-hundred-and-twelfth anniversary as a nation. Elsewhere, Canadian embassies, consuls, cultural associations, trade and high commissions were celebrating. There were receptions in New York City and Mexico City; a pool party in Peking.

"Canada's Birthday is not a celebration bounded by the walls of the country. It is for Canadians everywhere; an expression of pride that certainly must be the envy of many countries," said Muriel Sherrin, a birthday program director for Festival Canada, which funded and coordinated Canada Day events. "A lot of Canadians around the world said that, if they couldn't be at home for the party, they would bring the party to them."

In Canada, hundreds of concerts, carnivals, clambakes, fairs, festivals, flag raisings, plays, pageants, parades, presentations, races, rallies and rodeos, culminated in Ottawa, on July 1, with the annual Canada Day parade and variety show on Parliament Hill.

During Canada Week, beginning June 25 under the theme "Canada, its you and me/Le Canada c'est toi et moi" hundreds of activities took place in communities across the country to celebrate the one-hundred-and-twelfth anniversary of Canada's Confederation.

Muriel Sherrin, estimated that 50,000 spectators lined the streets of the city during the day to view the colourful annual parade as it wound its way through the streets of Hull and downtown Ottawa. The theme of the parade was "The Children of Canada are Canada's Future". About 2,000 people including 60 exchange students from the Magdalen Islands and 35 youngsters from around the world, who are attending the International Children's Village, participated in the parade.

In the evening, about 60,000 people ignored the drizzle and attended a two-hour variety show on Parliament Hill. The pageant, featuring 400 performers, was broadcast on national television in both official languages and attracted some six million viewers. National Unity and the International Year of the Child were themes for the extravaganza, which included disco dancers, country singers, Ukrainian dancers, opera singers and gymnasts, who paraded across the enormous red maple leaf painted on the stage at the foot of the Peace Tower.

"Canada is us," said actor Donald Sutherland, host for the show. "It's not the maple leaf or the Rocky Mountains or the prairies. It's not the beaver or the prairies. It's us."

The show included such artists as John Allan Cameron, Patsy Gallant,

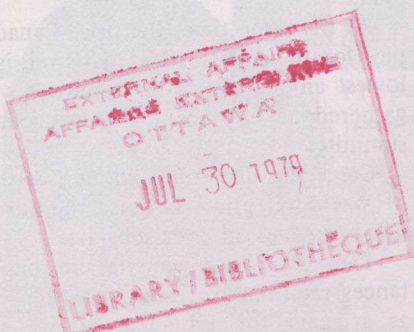
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Gilles Benoit, Le Droit

One of the many children who enjoyed Canada's birthday festivities.

One hundred-and-sixty-two years ago today... The first treaty with western Indians was signed by the Earl of Selkirk for King George III.



Queen Mother draws crowds during Canadian visit

The Queen Mother, Queen Elizabeth, returned to England recently after a week-long stay in Canada marked by crowds of admirers wherever she appeared.

The 78-year-old Queen Mother arrived at Canadian Forces Base Shearwater, near Halifax, June 27, and was greeted by Governor-General Edward Schreyer, Regional Economic Minister Elmer Mackay, on behalf of Prime Minister Clark, and Nova Scotia Premier John Buchanan.

Thousands of spectators lined the route waving flags and applauding as the royal motorcade proceeded from the forces' base to Halifax. It was the Queen Mother's seventh visit to Canada; her last visit was 12 years ago.

During her three-day stay in Nova Scotia before travelling to Toronto, the Queen Mother officially opened the International Gathering of the Clans, the summer-long festival that is expected to attract some 40,000 tourists to the province.

The Queen Mother also visited Halifax's historic Citadel Hill to present, on behalf of the Queen, the Colour for the Maritime Command. The presentation of a new colour is a time-honoured tradition of the Canadian military. The colour will be used on both coasts by naval units of the armed forces.

In addition, the Queen Mother appeared at flag-raising and sod-turning ceremonies and visited war veterans and other patients at a Halifax hospital. She also participated in a ceremony marking the International Year of the Child and dedicated a statue at the city's library in honour of Winston Churchill.

In Toronto the Queen Mother joined in Canada Day celebrations at Queen's Park with a visit to the Ontario Legislature accompanied by Ontario Premier William Davis. The next day the Queen Mother was cheered by 30,000 fans as she entered Woodbine race track to attend the one-hundred-and-twentieth running of the Queen's Plate Stakes, Canada's oldest and richest horse race. After the Queen Mother presented the Plate to Bud Willmot, owner of the winning horse Steady Growth, she toured the race track and was cheered once again as she left the grounds.

Energy measures considered

Canadians will not feel the immediate effect of the latest oil price increase by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Ray Hnatyshyn said recently.

The Minister said the Government's oil import compensation program will temporarily cushion the impact of the increase. The federal program subsidizes the price of oil imports allowing Canadians to pay only about two-thirds the world's price for oil.

"...The decision by OPEC strengthens our view that domestic oil pricing policy needs to be re-examined", said Mr. Hnatyshyn. "In addition, the higher world price for oil should underscore to Canadians the necessity for increased energy conservation in Canada," he said.

"The international oil market is likely to remain tight for the foreseeable future. This situation lends new urgency to pressing ahead with the commitment by my Government to achieve self-sufficiency in energy for Canada by 1990. Over the next weeks and months we will be considering measures that will lead to the attainment of this objective," said the Minister.

Human rights report published

Canada's first report to the United Nations on the progress of Canadian civil and political rights is now available to the public, Secretary of State David MacDonald has announced.

Prepared in response to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the 479-page report outlines measures adopted by Canada which advance the rights specified in the agreement.

The report was submitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the Secretary of State for External Affairs last April and was passed on to the UN Human Rights Committee for further study.

"It is the result of significant federal-provincial co-operation and represents a major review of human rights measured against comprehensive documentation of Canadian legislation. As such it will be widely referred to by legislators, lawyers and laymen alike whose concerns lie in

the area of human rights," said Mr. MacDonald.

The report deals with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights in the context of the Canadian constitutional system and examines Canadian law at the national, provincial and territorial levels to determine to what degree it conforms with the agreement.

Under the covenant, Canada and other parties are committed to amending domestic law, where necessary, to comply with the precepts stipulated in the agreement.

The report is available to interested individuals and institutions through the Department of the Secretary of State.

Winter and size cited for high energy use

Canada, on a *per capita* basis, consumes more energy than any other nation in the world, the International Energy Agency reports.

However, the high use of energy by Canadians is offset somewhat by the country's harsh climate and unique transportation network.

Latest statistics (1977) from the agency show the average Canadian uses the equivalent of 8.7 tons of oil a year. That compares with 8.3 in the United States, 4.25 in West Germany, 3.8 for Britain and 3 tons for Japan.

Canada has topped a list of 19 Western countries since 1970.

Coal, oil, natural gas and electricity are the primary energy sources used to gather the statistics. Conversion from one unit of measurement to the equivalent in tons of oil is not necessarily accurate, said a federal Energy Department spokesman.

At the same time, the price Canadians pay for their oil, \$13.75 a barrel, is the lowest among the seven countries which gathered at the recent Tokyo economic summit.

Canadians pay only about two-thirds of world oil prices because the Government provides oil-price subsidies.

The cold winter climate and long distances required to travel have been cited as reasons for Canadians using more energy *per capita* than countries with larger populations.

Canadians use more fuel oil than Americans but less gasoline and oil products, the figures show.

New caucus committees set up

Six new caucus committees were set up recently to parallel, in most cases, the Cabinet committees already established by the Prime Minister.

The caucus committees will develop policy recommendations for government policy that will be presented to the corresponding Cabinet committee. The committees and their chairmen are:

- Economic Development — Bill Clarke
- Social and Native Affairs — Robert Holmes
- External Affairs and Defence — Doug Roche
- Economy in Government — Harvie Andre
- Parliamentary Reform — Benno Friesen
- Energy Self-Sufficiency — Mike Forrestall

In the case of the last two committees, for which there are no corresponding Cabinet committees, the Parliamentary Reform committee will report to the Government House Leader, Walter Baker, and the Energy Self-Sufficiency Committee will report to the Minister for Energy, Mines and Resources, Ray Hnatyshyn.

Bravery medals awarded

Three Stars of Courage and thirteen Medals of Bravery have been awarded to Canadians for acts of heroism.

Two of the Stars of Courage have been awarded posthumously to Walter Gordon Langdon-Davies of Prince George, British Columbia and to Barbara McCann of Toronto.

Mr. Langdon-Davies died of hydrogen sulphide poisoning while rescuing a co-worker who had been overcome by gas at a pulp mill in August, 1977.

Mrs. McCann and her three older sons saved three younger children from a fire which raged out of control in their Toronto home in May, 1978. She remained in the house to guide her five remaining children, who were trapped in the house. All six perished in the fire.

The third recipient of the Star of Courage is John Douglas Cooper, 17, of London, Ontario. In June, 1978, he saved a young woman who fell into Lake Erie. Mr. Cooper, a weak swimmer, dove into the water fully dressed, swam out to the girl in the choppy water and rescued her with great difficulty.

The thirteen recipients of the Medal of Bravery are: David Malcolm Bradt of Cameron, Ontario; Stephen John Dainard of Lindsay, Ontario; Thomas Tierney of Brampton, Ontario; Paul John Andrew Worsfold of Burnaby, British Columbia; Clovis Saint-Jacques of Jonquière, Quebec; Delmer Colin Courtoreille of Picture Butte, Alberta; Germain Hainault and Albert Martinet of Melocheville, Quebec; John Blake Mitchell of Oshawa, Ontario; David Benson Sowerby of Goderich, Ontario; Francine Desbiens of Forestville, Quebec and to Denis Victor Tesselaar, 14, and Patrick William Tesselaar, 15, both of Forest, Ontario.

The Governor General will present the awards to the recipients at a ceremony to be held at Rideau Hall.

There are three bravery decorations: the Cross of Valour, the Star of Courage and the Medal of Bravery. Since the awards were first created in 1972, three hundred and seventy-nine persons have received them. Only seven Crosses of Valour have been awarded.

Four conquer Mount Logan

Four Alberta mountain climbers have completed one of the toughest climbs in the world by scaling the southwest face of Canada's highest mountain, Mount Logan, in the Yukon Territory.

Jim Elzinga, member of the first party ever to scale the southwest face of the mountain, said that the climb by his four-man party took 11 days.

"We encountered strong winds, snow and cold," said Mr. Elzinga, a student at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto. "The big problem was the high avalanche danger. General climbing conditions were poor. It was snowing all the time we were scaling the face."

The southwest face of Mount Logan measures nearly 3,000 metres.

John Lauchlan led the expedition to Logan, whose main summit is 5,953 metres above sea level. Ray Jotterand and Allan Burgess also successfully completed the climb.

Mr. Elzinga said no one suffered frost-bite and their food supply was plentiful.

Three previous attempts to scale the mountain's southwest face were all unsuccessful. The most recent one was in 1978 when Mr. Lauchlan and Mr. Elzinga had to give up when the latter was hit on the head by falling rock.

Canadian contribution to UN Relief and Works Agency



William H. Barton (right), Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations, presents a check for \$1.75 million (Cdn.) to John A. Miles, director of the New York Liaison Office of the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, as Canada's contribution for 1979.

United Nations Photo by Y. Nagata

Canada's birthday
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Jacques Michel, Al Waxman and Maureen Forrester, who sang *O Canada* as a huge Canadian flag rose slowly up the Peace Tower and hundreds of balloons floated into the air. A spectacular fireworks display ended the show, which was followed by a street dance in Confederation Square.

Prime Minister Joe Clark, his wife, Maureen McTeer and their two-year-old daughter Catherine, and Governor-General Edward Schreyer, his wife Lily, and their four children attended the evening extravaganza.

The Governor General presented citizenship certificates to Canada's oldest citizen David Albert Trumble, 112 of Haliburton, Ontario, to 12 teenagers representing each province and territory, and to his own four children.

Prime Minister Clark in his official message said that he had "seen first hand the desire of Canadians everywhere to work together and build their land."

"In fishing villages and farm towns and big city neighbourhoods in every province, there exists a spirit of warmth and confidence. People know their home and love it. That is where their roots are — in their community."

"Canada has achieved its greatest moments when we have recognized the value of the diversity with which we have been blessed," said Mr. Clark



Spectators lined the streets of Ottawa and Hull to view the Canada Day parade.

Thousands across Canada participate.

In Toronto, the Queen Mother attended a Canada Day picnic with Premier William Davis on the grounds of the Ontario Legislature at Queen's Park. The 25,000 people who turned out for the picnic consumed five tons of hot dogs and 2,000 gallons of pop. About 1,500 Ontario churches and town halls rang their bells for 112 seconds at 1:12 p.m. in honour of 112 years of Confederation.

Earlier in the week, 228 children were



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Despite the rain, children turned out in large numbers to see the parade.

presented with citizenship certificates by Secretary of State David MacDonald in a special court at Harbourfront park, next to Lake Ontario in Toronto. The ceremony, the first of its kind planned solely for children, was designed to coincide with Canada's birthday celebrations and the International Year of the Child. It was one of 16 citizenship courts to be held in Ontario during Canada Week.

In Montreal, the sixth annual Caribbean carnival drew thousands of gaily-clad calypso singers and dancers in a colourful parade down St. Catherine Street. In addition to the West Indians, at least 18 other ethnic groups presented cultural displays at Man and His World during the Canada Day weekend. In Quebec City church bells and a 21-gun salute ushered in Canada's birthday.

At the provincial level, Manitoba and Nova Scotia governments co-operated in the production of a half-hour film dealing with Canada's birthday as seen through the eyes of children. Alberta and Quebec exchanged child envoys whose impressions of their visits to their twinned provinces are to be taped and distributed to schools.

Nova Scotia Premier John Buchanan presided at a flag-raising ceremony in Halifax and read a proclamation delivered by a relay of runners from the shores of the Bay of Fundy, 110 kilometres away. More than 50,000 people attended the



In front of the War Museum in Ottawa a group re-enacts a day in the life of the 84th Loyal Scottish Regiment who distinguished themselves defending Quebec in 1775.

News of the arts



An estimated 60,000 made their way to Parliament Hill to watch the variety show which featured well known Canadian performers and a spectacular fireworks display.

Canadian forces' air show at Canadian Forces Base Shearwater, near Dartmouth.

In St. John's, Newfoundland, the Bannerman Park Folk Festival attracted musicians from across the province. Many New Brunswick communities held traditional festivals such as the eighteenth annual potato festival in Grand Falls. In Prince Edward Island lobster-boat races, a metric marathon race, a giant barbecue and a fiddlers' competition were held.

In Winnipeg, sporting events, including parachuting and gymnastics, took place

during the day and a song-and-dance festival was held in the evening. One-hundred-and-twelve new Canadians from 40 countries marched in a parade in Vancouver and at Empire Stadium thousands joined in a giant birthday singalong.

The Governor General's Message

Governor-General Schreyer, who along with his family attended the Canada Day parade and a picnic at Major's Hill Park in Ottawa on July 1, issued the following message for Canada's birthday:



A group of Ottawa boys display their skateboarding talents at Major's Hill Park.

"Canada is 112 years old today. It is an occasion for us to celebrate together our happiness in simply belonging to this land.

"Canada, like the other countries in the world, is changing rapidly. For all of us, it means some unavoidable tensions but I am deeply convinced that Canadians can always react vigorously to what some people insist on calling national adversity.

"Our country is rich in national resources but its most valuable resource is the history of its people and their attachment to the true principles of democracy. As the 59th Governor General since Samuel de Champlain, I draw attention to the fact that the history of this land has been one of significant numbers of peoples of different cultures and backgrounds slowly (and at first not so very easily) learning to live together.

"The earliest settlers along the St. Lawrence were not only settlers of what is today Quebec but they were also the basis from which the early exploration and earliest commerce was established in much of what is today Western Canada and Northern Ontario.

"The incredibly sparsely settled areas and difficult transportation routes of the previous two centuries were strengthened by the founding of new communities of settlers of United Empire Loyalists and by direct migration from the British Isles. Even this resulted in a land too large in relation to human settlement. Accordingly, new migration in the last 100 years from Europe and recently of a truly worldwide kind from all continents was seen to be possible and indeed of benefit.

"This kind of internationalism of ancestry is of great and positive value to our country. Events of recent decades on this planet demonstrate the need far more than ever for mankind to rise above parochialism. If any country can rise to the challenge of the new reality, Canada, by its very background and composition, is well able therefore, to do just that.

"Since the beginning of my mandate, I had the privilege to travel from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic, including visits to some communities in the Northern Territories. Every time was an occasion for me to meet many Canadians and always they expressed their sincere confidence in the relative strength and future of our country.

"It is this hope that I want to share with you at the end of this decade and for the next one."

Vancouver stages women's field hockey event

Canada, for the first time, will host the women's world field hockey championships in Vancouver this summer.

The tournament, which is scheduled to run from August 16 to 30, will bring together teams from 18 countries attempting to earn entry in the newly named Olympic event at the 1980 Moscow Olympics.

The Canadian women's field hockey team consists of seven British Columbia players, four Ontario players and one player each from Alberta, Manitoba and Quebec. The team's coach, Marina van der Merwe, said she expects the team to be highly competitive and to improve its position over that of the last world tournament. Canada finished fifteenth at the last world tournament in 1975.

Canada Post recently announced that it would commemorate the world championships with a stamp, which is designed to pay tribute to the participation of women in sport. At present, approximately 40,000 Canadian women play field hockey.

Researcher wins international award

A Canadian researcher has been presented the international Electrochemical Society's annual Thomas D. Callinan Award for outstanding contribution to the advancement of the science and technology of electrical insulation.

Dr. Rudolph J. Kriegler, manager of advanced devices research with Bell-Northern Research in Ottawa, was recognized for his pioneering work in discovering a new method of removing sodium from silicon dioxide and protecting it from the undesirable effects of sodium contamination.

A microscopic layer of silicon dioxide, the chemical compound that makes up sand is used as insulation in computers and a variety of electronic products and systems. The insulation separates the electrical contacts in the transistors and is critical to their operation. The presence of sodium in the insulating material makes the transistors electrically unstable.

Dr. Kriegler and his colleagues discovered that sodium could be removed from silicon dioxide through exposure to a chlorine containing gas at high tempera-

tures. He also found that further treatment with a similar gas made the oxide immune to the unstabilizing effect of sodium.

Dr. Kriegler emigrated to Canada from Hungary in 1956 and received his PhD in molecular physics from the University of Toronto in 1966.

The Electrochemical Society represents some 5,000 scientists and technologists in Canada, the United States and Europe.

Archeologists find old Toronto fort

A group of archeology students has unearthed what it believes are the oldest remains of a European settlement in Toronto.

The group has found a section of floor that appears to belong to Fort Rouille, built by the French in 1750 and 1751, said Don Brown, a member of the group.

The base of a stockade was discovered at the site of the Canadian National Exhibition, but the floor is the first evidence of a structure.

The floor was found about two metres underground. Pieces of dishes, metal nails and glass also were found.

Mr. Brown, a PhD student at the University of Toronto who planned the search, said he knew the general location of the fort from documents and maps.

Fort Rouille was the third French establishment to be built in Toronto. Fort York, now restored, was built east of the exhibition site in 1794 by the English.

The French fort was named after Antoine Louis Rouille, the minister of colonial affairs for France. Fort Rouille was later known as Fort Toronto.

The fort, composed of six buildings was used as a trading post to prevent Indians in the north from trading with the English in the south.

Air pressure holds roof in place

Raising the massive stainless steel roof at Dalhousie University's new recreation centre in Halifax was as easy as inflating a balloon.

In less than 15 minutes, the 1.25-acre sheet of welded stainless steel rose, entirely under the power of air pressure provided by the building's gigantic ventilation fans.

University officials say it is the world's first air-supported metal roof.

Stainless steel sheets one-sixteenth of an inch thick were shop welded into pie-shaped sections as large as tennis courts and then rolled up and shipped to the job site. There they were welded to springy stainless steel expansion joints, and anchored to the top perimeter of the wall.

The ventilation fans must maintain the air pressure or the roof deflates into a concave shape. Even then, the design allows the roof to stay firmly anchored to the walls. Its high-strength stainless steel could even support heavy snow loads.

The design, by Sinoski Engineering Ltd. of Willowdale, Ontario, provides a clear span of 40 metres by 76 metres, without any of the columns or steel trusses that clutter buildings of similar size. As construction progresses, lights and a domed ceiling of thermal and acoustic insulation will be suspended from the roof.

The combined physical-education, recreation and athletic centre is scheduled to open in September.

Watch your language!

The world's "first truly portable, hand-held computer" which can translate words and several complete sentences into three languages at a time is now on the market.

The Amis MC 400 Translator, as it is called, resembles an ordinary pocket calculator except for its keyboard display of both letters and figures. It holds up to three language capsules at a time, each containing a basic 1,500-word vocabulary.

More advanced capsules are planned to hold up to 25,000 words — 8,000 words more than the average college graduate can retain.

Commonly used phrases such as "Do you cash travellers' cheques?" and requests for directions appear across the gadget's tiny screen in blue lighting.

Capsules are now available for six languages: English, French, German, Spanish, Italian and Japanese.

A capsule for Russian now is being rushed into production because of a 1,000-unit order from NBC television for reporters covering the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow.

The Amis is priced at \$270 a computer and \$40 a capsule.

News of the arts

Canada's future in film

Canadian efforts to encourage film production may help place the country just behind the U.S. and Britain as a leading international motion picture centre, says a producer who has worked in all three countries.

Sandy Howard, who has co-produced three films in Canada and plans at least four more, says that since Canada's favourable tax system has resulted in a surge in production, creative and technical skills are "improving on a monthly basis".

"Even if the tax situation dissipates, there is no reason there shouldn't be increased production in Canada," says Mr. Howard, whose most recent Canadian co-production, *City on Fire*, was bought for television by the American network CBS for \$2.7 million.

While some major studio productions are made in Canada simply because of the country's scenery, what seems to attract American film-makers is a tax system that allows investors to defer paying taxes on money they put into a film that meets Canadian-content regulations. The Canadian Film Development Corporation (CFDC) also provides funds for Canadian film projects.

A point system is used to determine the Canadian content of a film. Canadian writers or directors are worth two points to a film producer, while each Canadian performer in a starring role is worth one.

Canadian film editors, cinematographers, art directors or film editors are each worth one point. To qualify as Canadian, a film must have a Canadian producer at six points.

There are also requirements that most of the budget be paid to Canadian film crews and that most of the film laboratory processing and recording be done in Canada.

The incentives have resulted in the production of more than a dozen big budget films. Michael McCabe, executive director of the CFDC, claims the value of 1978 Canadian production was \$60 million, compared with \$5 million in 1977.

Ontario and British Columbia are the most popular Canadian locations, industry officials say. The spring edition of *British Columbia Economic Development* estimates that six films produced in the province recently brought \$25 million into the economy.

International talent joins the Canadian Opera Company

The Canadian Opera Company (COC) will be adding some famous international talent to its 1979-80 season. The company has announced that contralto Maureen Forrester, Wagnerian baritone Thomas Stewart, Romanian tenor Benito Maresca, French conductor Jacques Delacote and director Leon Major have been added to the coming season's production roster.

General director Lotfi Mansouri said Miss Forrester will sing the role of Brangäne in Wagner's *Tristan and Isolde*, and Mr. Maresca will make his North American *début* in the title role of Massenet's *Werther*. The *Werther* production (which

will mark Mr. Delacote's COC conducting *début*) will also include André Lortie and U.S. baritone Cary Archer Smith. Benjamin Britten's *Peter Grimes* will feature Mr. Stewart in his COC *début* in the role of Captain Balstrode.

Mr. Major, general director of Toronto Arts Productions, will stage the production of *Werther*, while Sarah Ventura (Teatro Colon, Buenos Aires; Grand Theatre, Geneva; and San Diego Opera) will direct *Madame Butterfly*. COC's John Leberg will co-direct the season's opener, *Simon Broccanegra*, with Mr. Mansouri, who will also stage the final production of *Peter Grimes*.

A nineteenth century look at "Our Own Country Canada"

The vision of a growing nation is reflected in the major exhibition, "*Our Own Country Canada: Being An Account of the National Aspirations of the Principal Landscape Artists in Montreal and Toronto, 1860-1890*," which opened recently at the Art Gallery of Ontario, after touring the country.

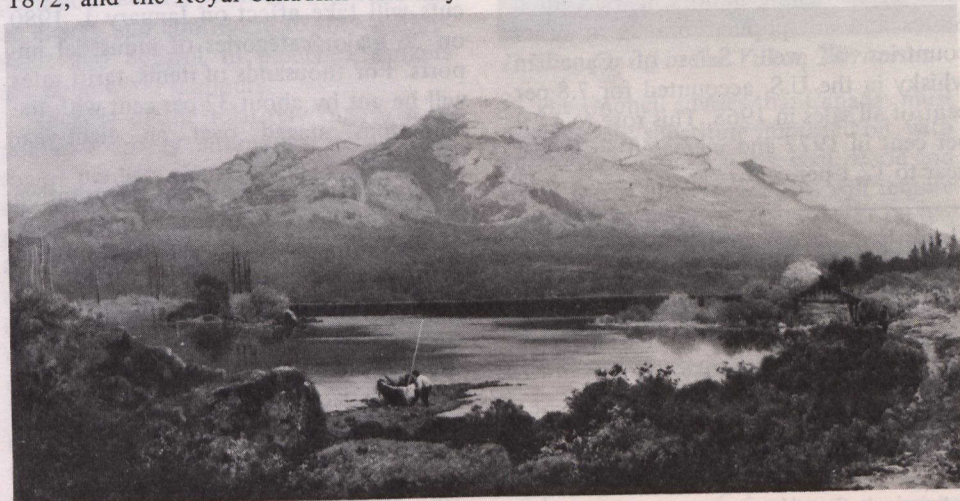
Drawing from public and private collections, the exhibition includes more than 130 oil paintings, watercolours, photographs and books depicting Canada's rivers, mountains and wilderness.

The general economic prosperity of the late nineteenth century in Canada produced an increased interest and activity in the arts. The Art Association of Montreal was founded in 1860, the Ontario Society of Artists was created in 1872, and the Royal Canadian Academy

was established in 1880. For the first time, the Federal Government, through the institution of the Governor General, moved into the area of culture.

Included in the exhibition are several works by Lucius O'Brien, the first president of the Royal Canadian Academy and John A. Fraser, the founder of the Ontario Society of Artists.

As well as showing an intense interest in Canada's national development, artists were also challenged and inspired by the new art of photography. Among the photographs in the exhibition are several by William Notman. Their tonal range, varied texture and clarity of detail inspired such paintings as *Lac-des-Deux-Montagnes*, 1860, by Otto Jacobi and *Mount Orford, Morning*, 1870, by Allan Edson.



Laurentian Splendour, a landscape by John Fraser on show at the Ontario Art Gallery.

News briefs

U.S. President Jimmy Carter will visit Canada briefly this fall and may address the House of Commons, the Prime Minister's office has announced. The invitation was extended to Mr. Carter by the Prime Minister in Tokyo, where the two leaders met for the first time while attending the economic summit.

Five geologists at the University of Western Ontario in London have received more than \$50,000 from the Federal Government to find a safer way to dispose of uranium mining wastes and better methods for finding concentrations of gold. The waste disposal process under study copies a natural ocean phenomenon in which mineral crystals grow around radioactive elements and prevent radiation from escaping into the water. The scientists will also develop chemical techniques to determine the probability of finding gold deposits in an area without resorting to expensive drilling.

Petro-Canada has signed an agreement with the French national oil company, Elf-Aquitaine, for a joint offshore geophysical exploration effort in China's Yellow Sea. Under the agreement, reported by Jeff Carruthers of *The Globe and Mail*, the two companies will spend up to \$16 million for geophysical work with the results of the survey work to be sold to the Chinese Government.

Whisky became Canada's sixth largest earner of foreign exchange among fully manufactured products in 1978. Exports of the liquor accounted for \$268,891,000. Seagram's V.O. and Canadian Club are respectively the fourth and fifth largest selling liquors in the United States and are popular brands in other countries as well. Sales of Canadian whisky in the U.S. accounted for 7.8 per cent of all sales in 1968. This rose to 11.9 per cent in 1977 and increased again last year to 12.1 per cent.

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The Bank of Montreal plans to offer \$75 million of 12-year floating rate debentures early in July, the first use by a Canadian bank of a technique that has become popular in the U.S. The interest rate will be 0.5 percentage points above the rate on 91-day treasury bills at the weekly auction, calculated semi-annually. There will be a minimum rate of 7 per cent.

The boards of Simpsons Limited and Hudson's Bay Company have agreed in principle to merge and are offering \$3.56 per share for the remaining 5.5 million shares of Simpsons. Simpsons will merge with Bayhud Incorporated, but will retain its name and identity.

Revelstoke Constructors has been awarded a record \$282.6 million contract by British Columbia Hydro to build a concrete dam and power plant for the Revelstoke Dam on the Columbia River. The project will generate 1.8 million kilowatts of electricity by 1984, with an ultimate capacity of 2.7 kilowatts by the 1990s.

The levy on light crude oil exported to the U.S. has been reduced by \$1 per barrel, leaving the final export price at \$26.41 per barrel. Since January 1, the export price of light crude has been raised by 40.5 per cent from \$18.80 at the end of 1978.

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce has signed a five-year \$50 million (U.S.) loan agreement with Petroleos Mexicanos, the Mexican oil, gas and petrochemicals public agency.

In the first public disclosure of tariff reductions negotiated with Canada, the European Economic Community and Japan, international trade negotiator Robert Strauss has announced that tariff cuts will take effect on January 1, 1980 on 26 major categories of industrial imports. For thousands of items, tariff rates will be cut by about 32 per cent with the reductions staged over an eight-year period.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) approved loans, surety and export credits insurance totalling \$191.5 million to support prospective export sales of \$458.4 million to a group of West African countries and 11 other countries which include Greece, Mexico, Peru, Poland, the U.S., Algeria, Ivory Coast, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Turkey and Yugoslavia. The EDC said if commercial sales are finalized, about 111 exporters and main suppliers across Canada would be involved. The

sales include such goods and services as aerial spraying, wind tunnels, lumber, newsprint, pulp, shingles, scrap metal, steel billets, digger derricks and hydro utility vehicles, equipment and services for hydro-electric power projects, steel rails and electrification and transmission line construction.

The seven major scheduled airlines in Canada showed a record profit of \$84.3-million and carried more than 20 million passengers, in 1978, Statistics Canada reports. The seven carriers had combined revenue of \$2.2-billion and had an average load factor of 63.4 per cent. Of the 20 million passengers flown, 1.6 million were on charter flights.

Sales by wholesale merchants in April were \$5.57-billion, up 12.6 per cent from \$4.94-billion in the same period in 1978, Statistics Canada reports. A survey of 24 business groups indicated wholesale trade for the January-April period was up 21 per cent to \$22.5-billion from \$18.5-billion a year earlier.

Quebec Premier Rene Levesque and Maine Governor Joseph Brennan have announced a reciprocal agreement governing trucking in each other's territory. Under the agreement, announced at the seventh annual conference of eastern Canadian premiers and New England governors, the two territories will honor each other's permits and not impose extra fees on truckers.

Dome Petroleum Limited has received approval from the National Energy Board to export a total of 120,709,000 barrels of ethane. The licence is valid until December 31, 1993. The volume of ethane requested for export was 132,750,000 barrels. However, after determining the surplus of ethane for the period 1979-1993, the Board reduced the volumes applied for in the years 1982 to 1986 by 12,041,000 barrels.

Paperboy Gordon McFadden made the legal system work for him recently when he was awarded \$10 after a hearing which lasted less than a minute in provincial small claims court in Regina, Saskatchewan. Provincial Court Judge Stewart McLean said the 14-year-old's claim was the smallest he had ever dealt with and the hearing was the shortest. Darrel Hislop, the defendant, acknowledged that he owed Gordon \$6 for newspaper delivery, \$1 for not giving notice of delivery cancellation and \$3 for court costs. Mr. Hislop said he would pay the full amount immediately after the hearing.