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1958. *Jan. 1*, Celebrations to commemorate British Columbia's centennial year began. *Jan. 16*, Hon. Lester B. Pearson chosen as national leader of the Liberal Party at convention in Ottawa. *Jan. 17*, Royal Commission appointed to study dispute between the CPR and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, headed by Justice Kellock. *Jan. 28*, Queen Mother Elizabeth stopped briefly in Montreal and Vancouver on round-the-world tour. Mr. Justice Roy L. Kellock, a Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada since October 1944, resigned due to ill health. *Feb. 1*, United States Army successfully launched first American earth satellite—*Explorer*. *Feb. 4*, Kellock Royal Commission declared that firemen were unnecessary on diesel engines used by the CPR in its freight and yard operations. *Feb. 16-20*, The Canadian Conference on Education met in Ottawa under the Chairmanship of Dr. Wilder Penfield. *Feb. 17*, Rt. Hon. Louis S. St. Laurent, Prime Minister of Canada from 1948-1957, announced his retirement from active politics. *Mar. 25*, Successful maiden flight of the Canadian-built supersonic interceptor CF-105, described as the ultimate in manned fighter aircraft. *Apr. 5*, Ripple Rock in Seymour Narrows near Campbell River, B.C., worst underwater

shipping hazard on the West Coast, removed by underwater explosion. *Apr. 15-16*, Twenty-one-storey Queen Elizabeth Hotel in central Montreal first CNR hotel to be built in 20 years, officially opened. *Apr. 24-May 20*, Trade mission from the United Kingdom toured Canada exploring ways of expanding British sales in this country. *Apr. 30*, Celebration in Montreal of the 300th anniversary of the first school established in that city by Marguerite Bourgeoys in 1658. *May 28-June 4*, President Theodor Heuss of the Federal Republic of Germany made state visit to Canada, the first German Head of State ever to do so. *June 12*, Prime Minister Macmillan of the United Kingdom addressed a joint session of the Senate and the House of Commons during a visit to Ottawa. *June 21-July 9*, Celebrations in Quebec City marking the 350th anniversary on July 1 of its founding in 1608 by Samuel de Champlain. *July 1*, Canadians celebrated the 91st anniversary of Confederation. Blasting of the cofferdam holding back the waters of the St. Lawrence River touched off the creation of the 100-sq. mile St. Lawrence power pool, permitting, within a few days, the operation of the first generators of the new hydro development and the use of two seaway locks on the U.S. side of the River and of the Canadian seaway lock at Iroquois. Inauguration of Canada's new microwave relay system, completed from coast to coast.