

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. *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. 17*, Rt. Hon. Louis S. St. Laurent, Prime Minister of Canada from 1948-1957, announced his retirement from active politics. *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. 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. Federal-Provincial Hospital Plan went into effect in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Newfoundland. *July 5*, Stephen Leacock Memorial Home at Orillia, Ont. officially opened. *July 8-11*, President Eisenhower of the United States in Ottawa for discussions that resulted in the establishment of a joint Canada-United States Cabinet Committee on defence. *July 12-Aug. 11*, Princess Margaret toured Canada from Victoria to Halifax, visiting seven provinces on her first North American visit. *July 18*, External Affairs Minister Sidney Smith in Washington for talks with British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd and United States Secretary of State John Foster Dulles regarding the tense Middle East situation. *July 19-23*, Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, Prime Minister of Ghana, visited Montreal and Ottawa and addressed a joint sitting of the Senate and the House of Commons. *July 25*, The Government of Canada signed the agreement previously ratified by the Government of Saskatchewan which authorized commencement of construction work on the South Saskatchewan River Project. *Aug. 20*, The Canadian Board of Geographical Names decided on "Lake St. Lawrence" as the name for the new 35-mile-long lake created by hydro power development on the St. Lawrence River. *Sept. 1-5*, Eighth Quinquennial Congress of the Universities of the British Commonwealth held in Montreal—its first meeting outside the United Kingdom. *Sept. 5*, The Robert H. Saunders Powerhouse officially opened by Canadian and American

dignitaries. *Sept. 7*, World Power Conference opened in Montreal attended by 1,200 delegates from 51 countries. *Sept. 11*, Death of Camillien Houde, seven times mayor of Montreal. *Sept. 16-26*, Commonwealth Trade and Economic Conference held in Montreal. *Sept. 16*, External Affairs Minister Sidney Smith headed Canada's delegation to the 13th General Assembly of the United Nations in New York. *Oct. 1*, Canada House in New York City formally opened at a ceremony presided over by External Affairs Minister Sidney Smith, Mayor Robert Wagner of New York and the Hon. Ray Lawson. *Oct. 11-13*, Prime Minister Walter Nash of New Zealand in Ottawa to confer with Prime Minister Diefenbaker. *Oct. 15*, Mrs. Golda Meir, Israeli Foreign Minister, in Ottawa to confer with Canada's Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs. *Oct. 22*, Miss Blanche Margaret Meagher appointed Ambassador to Israel, the first Canadian woman in an ambassadorial post. *Oct. 23*, Seventy-four lives lost in a coal mine explosion at Springfield, N.S.; 81 men were rescued the first day, 12 on Oct. 30 and seven on Nov. 1. *Oct. 25*, An explosion, attributed to gas leakage, caused extensive damage in downtown Ottawa. *Oct. 28-31*, Prince Philip visited Ottawa to attend the Conference of the English-Speaking Union of which he is President. *Oct. 28 - Dec. 19*, The Prime Minister, accompanied by Mrs. Diefenbaker, toured European and Commonwealth countries. *Dec. 31*, Trade Union Local 2-254 of The International Woodworkers of America struck against its employer, the Anglo-Newfoundland Development Company, following the latter's rejection of the recommended wage increase by a Conciliation Board under the Newfoundland Labour Relations Act. When violence accompanied the strike, the Newfoundland Government with the unanimous support of the Assembly enacted the Trade Union (Emergency Provisions) Act of 1959, decertifying the two locals (2-254 and 2-255) of the IWA, and announced the organization of a rival union.

1959. *Jan. 1*, Federal-Provincial Hospital Plan went into effect in Ontario and Nova Scotia. *Feb. 20*, Production of the *CF-105 Arrow* discontinued. *Feb. 23*, Celebration of the 50th anniversary of flight in Canada at Bras d'Or Lake, N.S., scene of the first "Silver Dart" flight. *Mar. 17*, Death of Dr. Sidney Earle Smith, Minister of the Department of External Affairs. *Mar. 18*, Prime Minister Macmillan of the United Kingdom arrived in Ottawa for discussions on the situation in Germany, following talks in Russia and France and en route to Washington. *Apr. 10*, Canada's first privately owned and operated nuclear research reactor officially opened at McMaster University. *Apr. 25*, The St. Lawrence Seaway opened to navigation. *Apr. 26*, Prime Minister Fidel Castro of Cuba visited Montreal. *May 20*, Prime Minister Robert Menzies of Australia visited Ottawa. *June 18*, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip arrived at Torbay, Nfld., to begin a 45-day coast-to-coast tour of Canada. *June 20*, Thirty-five fishermen lost their lives in a violent storm in Northumberland Strait. *June 26*, The St. Lawrence Seaway officially opened by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and President Eisenhower of the United States in a historic ceremony at St. Lambert, Que. *June 30*, Seventh season of Canadian Shakespearean Festival opened at Stratford, Ont. *July 1*, Federal-Provincial Hospital Plan went into effect in New Brunswick. *July 2*, Japan