

PART V.—CANADIAN CHRONOLOGY

Events in the general chronology from 1497 to 1866 are given in the 1951 Year Book, pp. 46-49; from 1867 to 1953 in the 1954 Year Book, pp. 1259-1264; and annually from that year on in successive editions. A reprint entitled *Canadian Chronology, 1497-1960* is also available from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The following listing covers the year 1966 and January 1967 and it should be mentioned that certain of the dates given therein are approximate. References regarding changes in federal and provincial legislatures or ministries are not included but may be found in Chapter II on Constitution and Government or in Appendix I.

1966

January: Postmaster-General Jean-Pierre Côté announced the dismissal of Victor Spencer, Vancouver postal clerk, for his alleged participation in a spy plot. Lucien Lamoureux, M.P. for Stormont, named Speaker of the House of Commons. *Jan. 3*, Council of regents to advise on location and operation of new community colleges, to be formally known as colleges of applied arts and technology, announced by Ontario Education Minister Davis. *Jan. 4*, Second annual review of the Economic Council of Canada released. *Jan. 5*, Resignation from the Senate of Hon. Wishart McL. Robertson, Speaker of the Senate from 1953-57, announced. *Jan. 6*, In an unprecedented agreement with the Federal Government, Ontario to undertake responsibility for Indian education, housing, employment, etc., in the province. *Jan. 6-7*, Federal-provincial conference of attorneys-general; the conference approved in principle the setting up of a Central Bureau of Information similar to "Interpol". *Jan. 7*, A CNR train stranded in Fraser Valley by snow and mud slides; about 200 passengers airlifted out. Convictions in Montreal for the sale of Irish Sweepstakes tickets resulted in a fine of \$15,000 for Mrs. Francis Kelly and of \$20,000 for Anthony Sullivan. Letter of Eric Kierans, acting Minister of Revenue in Quebec, to U.S. Commerce Secretary protesting guidelines asking for reduction of U.S. companies' investment abroad revealed; on Jan. 11 a letter to U.S. Treasury Secretary Fowler also revealed; Kierans admitted a diplomatic error. Sending of emergency food supplies to drought-stricken areas of Africa (Zambia, Rhodesia, Bechuanaland and Basutoland) in co-operation with Britain and Australia announced by Prime Minister Pearson. *Jan. 7-8*, Federal-provincial welfare ministers' conference at Ottawa resulted in increased financial aid to the provinces. *Jan. 10*, Death of Prime Minister Shastri of India at Tashkent, U.S.S.R., following agreement between Pakistan and India to settle their differences without war. First meeting of the National Indian Advisory Board held in Ottawa. *Jan. 11*, Death of Senator J. W. Comeau of Nova Scotia. *Jan. 11-12*, Commonwealth Prime Ministers met at Lagos, Nigeria, to deal with Rhodesian political issue; Prime Minister Pearson's suggestion for action accepted. *Jan. 13*, Federal-provincial conference on manpower training began in Ottawa. The Federal Government announced establishment of a major test-program to upgrade the skills of the unemployed. Announcement of a \$1,000,000 long-term loan to Ceylon for the purchase of industrial raw materials under the international development assistance program. *Jan. 14*, Announcement of Canada's intention to build a \$1,500,000 technical school in Nigeria and provide temporary teaching staff. *Jan. 17-21*, Strike of 27,000 students in Quebec trade and technical schools in protest against the extension of the school year by 2½ weeks. *Jan. 18*, Pledging conference for World Food Programme held in New York; Agriculture Minister Greene appointed Chairman; Canadian contribution valued at \$27,500,000 (U.S.). First session of the 27th Parliament opened; highlights of Speech from the Throne included a national medical care insurance

program, revision of the Railway Act and the Bank Act, and establishment of a National Dairy Commission, a Science Council, a Development Corporation, and the Company of Young Canadians. *Jan. 19*, Justice Minister Cardin announced the establishment of a commission of inquiry into the case of Mr. Justice Leo Landreville of the Ontario Supreme Court, to be conducted by Hon. I. C. Rand, former Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada. Mrs. Indira Gandhi, daughter of India's first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, elected the first woman Prime Minister of India. *Jan. 20*, Nancy Greene, Rossland, B.C., won first place in the slalom event of the "Silver Jug" women's ski races at Bad Gastein, Austria. *Jan. 22*, Deferment of the Fulton-Favreau formula for constitutional amendment, approved by a Federal-Provincial Conference in 1964, announced by Hon. Guy Favreau, President of the Privy Council. *Jan. 25*, The Supreme Court of Canada ruled Indians on reserves are not entitled to unrestricted year-round hunting rights. *Jan. 27*, Announcement of return of Portland Island, a gift of British Columbia to H.R.H. Princess Margaret in 1953, to the province for use as a provincial park to be known as Princess Margaret Park. *Jan. 30*, 100,000 Canadians aged 69 became the first persons of that age eligible for the \$75 Old Age Security pensions. *Jan. 31*, The Quebec Court of Appeals reversed the contempt-of-court conviction against Montreal author Jacques Hébert, found guilty Feb. 23, 1965 for statements in his book *I Accuse the Assassins of Coffin*.

February: *Feb. 2*, Report of the Senate Committee on the Aging tabled in the Senate; recommendations include a guaranteed minimum income at age 65 and opportunity for the senior citizen to maintain himself as a productive member of society. *Feb. 3*, First soft landing on the moon accomplished by U.S.S.R. unmanned space capsule *Luna IX*. Prime Minister Pearson announced economic measures against Rhodesia: (1) a ban on all imports of goods of Rhodesian origin and (2) a ban on all exports of Canadian goods to Rhodesia with limited exceptions, in addition to previous embargo on arms and oil and oil products. *Feb. 4*, Death at Baddeck, N.S., of Dr. Gilbert Hovey Grosvenor, Chairman of the Board of the National Geographic Society and son-in-law of inventor Alexander Graham Bell, at age 90. The Northwest Territories Council gave approval in principle to a plan to form the Territories into a province. *Feb. 6*, Petra Burka of Toronto, 1965 world and Canadian women's figure skating champion, retained her Canadian title. *Feb. 9*, Ontario sales tax raised from 3 p.c. to 5 p.c. *Feb. 10*, Plan for Metropolitan Ottawa as outlined in report by Commissioner Murray V. Jones released Aug. 9, 1965, rejected by almost unanimous opposition from councillors and communities involved. Strike of members of the Oshawa unit of the Toronto Newspaper Guild against the *Oshawa Times*, which began Jan. 27, settled. Correspondence with provincial premiers confirming the federal decision to raise grants to Canadian universities from \$2 to \$5 per capita of provincial population tabled in the House of Commons; the grant to the Quebec Government was understood