

the collapse of Heron Road Bridge on Aug. 10; O. J. Gaffney Construction Co. of Stratford and M. M. Dillon Consulting Engineer Co. of London held responsible. *Nov. 30*, Barbados became an independent nation within the Commonwealth after 339 years of British rule.

December: *Dec. 1*, Death of Senator Stanley S. McKeen of Vancouver. *Dec. 2*, Joseph B. Brien, President of insolvent Prudential Finance Corp., arrested on theft, forgery and uttering charges. U Thant reappointed Secretary General of the UN for a five-year term. Death in Toronto of Ralph Allen, war correspondent, author and editor. *Dec. 3*, B.C. longshoremen's strike ended after three weeks. *Dec. 10*, Canadian women's curling team from Unionville, Ont., skipped by Mrs. Helen Jewett, won the world championship in Scotland. *Dec. 14*, Royal Assent given to Act to Incorporate the Bank of British Columbia. Presentation of the first Outstanding Achievement Award of the Public Service of Canada to Dr. Wilfrid Bennett Lewis, senior Vice-President (Science) of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited, by Mme Georges P. Vanier at Government House. *Dec. 16*, Threatened strike of air traffic controllers scheduled for Dec. 20 averted by agreement of Federal Government to pay salary increases averaging 13 p.c. *Dec. 19*, Finance Minister Sharp announced a 1-p.c. increase in the federal sales tax and higher payments for those in the higher income brackets for Old Age Security Tax. *Dec. 20*, Report of the Commons-Senate Special Joint Committee on Credit and Prices tabled in the House of Commons; recommendations include establishment of a government Department of Consumer Affairs, more simplified information concerning consumer prices and wider consumer education. *Dec. 21*, The Medical Care Act received Royal Assent; to come into effect July 1, 1968. An amendment to the Old Age Security Act received Royal Assent; provides for an additional \$30 a month to needy persons on the \$75 old age pension. Eight children died in the collision of a school bus and a sand truck near Windsor, Ont. Death in Toronto of Capt. Merton Wesley Plunkett, who organized the World War I entertainment group known as the Dumbells. *Dec. 23*, Premier Thatcher of Saskatchewan announced that the farm home near Borden, Sask., where former Prime Minister John Diefenbaker spent his early childhood, will be moved to Regina and restored as part of the Wascana Centre as a tribute to the only Saskatchewan citizen to become Prime Minister of Canada. Isabel LeBourdais, author of *The Trial of Steven Truscott*, named Woman of the Year by Canadian Press women editors. *Dec. 29*, Under a federal-provincial program for transforming the economic base of Cape Breton Island, the remaining coal mines in that area will be phased out gradually and new industry brought in. *Dec. 31*, Report on graduate studies and research in Ontario recommended that Ontario's 14 provincially supported universities be amalgamated into one institution with many campuses. Retirement of Donald Gordon as President of Canadian

National Railways after holding office for 17 years. Canada's Centennial Year ushered in with a ceremony on Parliament Hill in which Prime Minister Pearson ignited the Centennial Flame inside the main entrance to Parliament Hill.

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January: *Jan. 1*, Mme Georges P. Vanier, wife of the Governor General, dedicated Canada's Centennial Train at Ottawa prior to its departure for Victoria where it began, on Jan. 9, an 83-stop tour of Canada. *Jan. 4*, Dr. Helen Hogg, University of Toronto, awarded the Rittenhouse Silver Medal by the Rittenhouse Astronomical Society for her study of variable stars; she was the first Canadian and the second woman to receive the honour. *Jan. 6*, Death of David Roger Mitchell, M.P. for Sudbury. Federal proclamation that Jan. 11, 1967, the birthday of Sir John A. Macdonald, be commemorated across Canada in observance of his place in history as one of the Fathers of Confederation and the first Prime Minister of Canada. *Jan. 9*, Hon. Walter L. Gordon reappointed to the Federal Cabinet. Death in Winnipeg of Manitoba's Lieutenant-Governor, Hon. Erick F. Willis. *Jan. 11*, Canada's tallest and newest hotel, the 38-storey Chateau Champlain in Montreal, officially opened. *Jan. 13*, Nancy Greene, Rossland, B.C., won the Swiss international ski championship. *Jan. 14*, Large-scale strike by Roman Catholic elementary and secondary school teachers closed hundreds of schools in Montreal and Trois-Rivières; Mr. Justice André Montpetit of Quebec Superior Court appointed by the Quebec Government Jan. 17 as mediator. Death of Hon. J. L. Ilsley, former Minister of National Revenue, Minister of Finance and Minister of Justice. *Jan. 18*, Yellowknife, N.W.T., officially named capital of the Northwest Territories. *Jan. 23*, Special ministerial committee created to study the implications of foreign ownership and control of Canadian industry, headed by Hon. Walter L. Gordon. *Jan. 24*, The British Columbia Legislature opened its 28th Legislature at New Westminster in commemoration of the opening of the first session of the Legislative Council of the United Colony of British Columbia which merged the colonies of Vancouver Island and British Columbia in New Westminster one hundred years ago. *Jan. 27*, Col. Virgil Grissom, Lt.-Col. Edward White and Lt.-Cmdr. Roger Chaffee, crew of the U.S. *Apollo* spacecraft project, died in a fire on the launching pad. *Jan. 29*, Valerie Jones, Toronto, and Donald Knight, Dundas, Ont., won the Canadian senior singles figure-skating championships in Toronto. Explosions occurred at Yugoslav embassies and consulates in six North American cities, including Ottawa and Toronto; buildings were damaged but there were no injuries. *Jan. 30*, Bank of Canada interest rate reduced to 5 p.c. from 5½ p.c. City of Montreal clerical workers went on strike, closing down municipal courts, the social welfare department and the City Hall.