

## PART VI.—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 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 1967 and Jan. 1-Apr. 5, 1968 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.

## 1967

**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. 5*, 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. Erriek F. Willis. *Jan. 11*, Canada's tallest and newest hotel, the 38-storey Château 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 at Cape Kennedy. The Outer Space Treaty on the peaceful exploration and use of outer space, including the moon and other celestial bodies, approved by the UN General Assembly Dec. 19, 1966, signed by Canada in London, Moscow and Washington. *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.

**February:** Under Stage Two of the Federal Government program for bilingualism, 20 top civil servants moved to Quebec for a year of intensive schooling in French. The Netherlands announced decision to buy 105 CF-5 ground-attack aircraft worth about \$100,000,000, to be built mainly in Canada. Contract signed covering the sale of 1,500,000,000 Mef. of natural gas from reserves in the Northwest Territories, the Yukon Territory and northeastern British Columbia, the most remote areas yet to be exploited. 135 hospital workers in Grand Falls, Nfld., voted to return to work after a week on strike rather than defy legislation under which they could be fired and their union decertified. *Feb. 3*, Prime Minister Pearson announced the appointment of Anne Francis (Mrs. John Bird), free-lance journalist of Ottawa, as Chairman of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women. *Feb. 6*, A bronze bust of Hon. Ellen Fairclough, Canada's first woman cabinet minister, presented by the Zonta Club of Hamilton to the House of Commons. *Feb. 10*, Royal Assent given to an Act to require all Ontario-incorporated loan and trust companies to insure their deposits with a Crown corporation. *Feb. 11-18*, First Canadian Winter Games held at Quebec City, assisted by \$700,000 in federal funds. *Feb. 13-22*, Controversy re terms under which the U.S.-owned Mercantile Bank of Canada may operate in Canada; resolved by allowing the City Bank of New York an extra five years to sell Canadians 75 p.c. of its shares in the Mercantile Bank. *Feb. 15*, Report of the Senate-Commons committee on investigation of consumer credit tabled in the House of Commons; full disclosure of interest and credit charges recommended. *Feb. 17*, The Quebec Government's controversial Bill 25 ended a five-month teacher strike by ordering their return to classrooms within 48 hours and suspending their right to strike until June 30, 1968. Sinclair Stevens, Chairman of the Bank of Western Canada, resigned and the Bank directors given 30 days in which to acquire more Western Canadian capital. Royal Assent given to an Act establishing the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation and requiring all federally incorporated trust and loan companies to insure their deposits with the Corporation. *Feb. 23*, Resignation of Senator Keith Davey as Commissioner of the Canadian Football League announced. *Feb. 24*, Report of the Royal Commission on Taxation headed by Kenneth Carter, Toronto, tabled in the House of Commons. The National Press Club of Canada presented its 1967 Award for Excellence to Gillis Purcell, General Manager of Canadian Press. *Feb. 27-May 29*, Six of Britain's eight remaining colonies in the Caribbean assumed responsibility for their own internal affairs with Britain remaining responsible for defence and certain external relations—Antigua and St. Kitts, Feb. 27; Dominica and St. Lucia, Mar. 1; Grenada, Mar. 3; and St. Vincent, May 29.