

**March:** *Mar. 2*, Society of Honour to be known as the Order of Canada established by Order in Council. Canadian women's curling championship won by Winnipeg rink skipped by Betty Duguid. Leaflets tossed from the Public Gallery in the House of Commons by John Campbell of Montreal to draw attention to the case of Calvin MacDonald who claimed unfair treatment by the RCMP. *Mar. 3*, O. J. Gaffney Construction Company of Stratford, Ont., found responsible for the Heron Road bridge collapse in Ottawa on Aug. 10, 1966, and fined the maximum penalty of \$5,000. Investigations begun into the affairs of the Oshawa Acceptance Corp., Oshawa, Ont., after complaints of investors that they had not received interest on their deposits. *Mar. 4*, Montreal's 4,500 civic clerical workers accepted a new two-year contract and ended a 34-day strike. *Mar. 5*, Death of His Excellency General The Right Honourable Georges P. Vanier, D.S.O., M.C., C.D., Governor General of Canada, in Ottawa, at age 78; seven-day mourning period proclaimed; burial took place at The Citadel, Quebec City, on May 4. *Mar. 9*, Appointment of G. Hamilton Southam as first Director of the National Arts Centre at Ottawa, to be completed in 1969. *Mar. 10*, The Brier Cup won by curling team skipped by Alfie Phillips, Jr., of Toronto, the first time in 16 years it has been won by an Eastern Canadian rink. Mrs. Viola MacMillan convicted on charges of wash trading in shares of Consolidated Gold Arrow Mines Ltd. in 1964; sentenced Mar. 17 to nine months in reformatory and fined \$10,000. *Mar. 11*, Death in Toronto, Ont., of Senator W. Rupert Davies. *Mar. 12*, Death in Saint John, N.B., of Senator A. Neil McLean. *Mar. 13*, The Public Service Staff Relations Act, providing bargaining rights to over 200,000 employees, the new Public Service Employment Act and the revised Financial Administration Act, establishing the Treasury Board as the central management agency for the Public Service, came into force. *Mar. 16*, The Quebec Government increased provincial sales tax from 6 p.c. to 8 p.c., the highest in Canada, and became the first province to introduce a family allowance program to supplement the federal allowance. *Mar. 17*, Award of the 1966 Stephen Leacock Memorial medal to Richard J. Needham, columnist of the Toronto *Globe and Mail*, for his book *Needham's Inferno*. Toronto-based financial empire of Sinclair Stevens, including control of the Bank of Western Canada, passed to M. M. Bienvu of Montreal, who purchased controlling interest in British International Finance (Canada) Ltd. A special Commons-Senate committee, for the first time in Canadian history, recommended that both Houses of Parliament pass an Address to the Governor General for the removal of Mr. Justice Léo A. Landreville from the Ontario Supreme Court. Resignation of Robert Thompson, M.P., as leader of the National Social Credit Party. *Mar. 21*, The Canadian Brotherhood of Transport and General Workers (CLC) concluded negotiations which resulted in the acceptance of a 24-p.c. increase over three years for 22,000 workers on the CNR, bringing the total number of workers who have accepted the Goldenberg settlement formula (December 1966) to 98,000. *Mar. 22*, Report of the Ontario Securities Commission and auditors regarding collapse of the Prudential Finance Corp. tabled in the Ontario legislature found strong suspicion of false and misleading audit statements. *Mar. 24*, The International Ice Hockey Federation awarded Canada the 1970 World Hockey Tournament. *Mar. 27*, Russia won the world hockey championship, defeating Canada 2 to 1. *Mar. 28*, Nancy Greene, Rossland, B.C., won the first World Cup for women skiers at Jackson Hole, Wyoming. *Mar. 27-30*, Conference of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy held in Ottawa, attended by 3,000 delegates. *Mar. 29*, Roland Michener appointed Governor General of Canada; sworn in Apr. 17. The first debentures

in Canadian banking history offered by the Toronto-Dominion Bank under authorization of the new Bank Act.

**April:** *Apr. 1*, Bush pilot Robert Gauchie, downed within 60 miles of the Arctic Circle, found alive after 58 days. *Apr. 3*, Fifteen men killed and nine injured in an underground coal mine explosion near Natal, B.C. Resignation of Hon. Guy Fayreau as President of the Privy Council and Registrar General and Member of Parliament; appointed to the Quebec Superior Court. Debate of unification of Armed Forces begun by Minister of Defence Hellyer; Act passed by House of Commons Apr. 25 combining the Royal Canadian Navy, the Canadian Army and the Royal Canadian Air Force into a unified service "The Canadian Armed Forces". *Apr. 4*, Resignation of Hon. Lucien Cardin as Minister of Justice and Member of Parliament. *Apr. 6*, Commissioner George B. McClellan of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police named ombudsman in Alberta, the first position of its kind in Canada. *Apr. 6-9*, Representatives of veterans' organizations kindled torches from the Centennial Flame on Parliament Hill and transferred flame in miners' lamps to the Canadian war memorial in France to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the battle of Vimy Ridge Apr. 9; H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, representing H.M. Queen Elizabeth II, was guest of honour. Ceremonies also took place in Ottawa. *Apr. 7*, The Bank of Canada reduced its lending rate to 4½ p.c. from 5 p.c. *Apr. 11*, Bower Edward Featherstone, federal civil servant, convicted under the Official Secrets Act of obtaining a confidential navy chart; sentenced Apr. 24 to 2½ years in penitentiary. *Apr. 12*, The House of Commons unanimously approved Commons-Senate committee report recommending adoption of the present music for *O Canada* as the National Anthem and the traditional music for *God Save the Queen* as the Royal Anthem in Canada. *Apr. 17*, Prime Minister Pearson announced the creation of the major honour, the Order of Canada, to be awarded on merit, especially for service to Canada or to humanity at large. The Order will have three classes: Companion of the Order, bearing the letters C.C. after the name and limited to 150; Medal of Courage, bearing the letters C.M. and unlimited in number; and Medal of Service, bearing the letters S.M. and limited to 50 a year. *Apr. 18*, Manitoba approved the imposition of a 5-p.c. sales tax, effective June 1. The Union of Quebec Specialized Education Teachers was convicted of contempt of court when its 2,300 members ignored a 1966 court injunction forbidding strike action and left 30,000 students without classroom instruction from Apr. 12-30; the union was fined \$2,000 and each executive member was sentenced to 20 days in prison. *Apr. 19*, U.S. spacecraft *Surveyor III* made soft landing on moon to scout astronaut landing site, using shovel and camera to return detailed information of the moon's surface. *Apr. 19-20*, First meeting of the Canada-United Kingdom Joint Ministerial Committee on Trade and Economic Affairs held in London, Eng. *Apr. 23-24*, The U.S.S.R. spacecraft *Soyuz I* launched, and after orbit plunged to earth killing pilot Vladimir M. Komarov, the first announced fatality in space flight of either the U.S. or the U.S.S.R. *Apr. 24*, At the annual meeting of the Board of Governors of the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington, Canada pledged a further \$10,000,000 in loan funds, bringing its allocations to \$40,000,000. *Apr. 24-May 19*, Special session of the UN General Assembly voted to establish a council to administer South West Africa following the legal termination of the South African mandate. *Apr. 27*, Expo 67 officially opened in Montreal. Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia was the first state visitor. Attendance in the first three days was 1,472,000.