

**December:** *Dec. 2,* The Hamilton Tiger-Cats won the Grey Cup, defeating the Saskatchewan Roughriders in Ottawa by a score of 24-1. *Dec. 3,* Surgeons at Grootte Schuur Hospital, Cape Town, headed by Dr. Christiaan Barnard, performed the first successful transplant of a human heart, replacing 55-year-old Louis Washkansky's heart with that of 25-year-old Denise Davvall; Washkansky died of pneumonia Dec. 21. *Dec. 5,* First volume of the Report of the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism made public. *Dec. 6,* The world's largest underground pedestrian passageway system officially opened in Montreal; it links Place Bonaventure with Place Ville Marie and Central Station and includes three miles of walkways through which to reach 10 office buildings, 240 shops, 4,000 parking spaces, 2,200 hotel rooms, 36 restaurants and four cinemas. *Dec. 7,* Death in Saint John, N.B., of former Senator and Government leader in the Senate Alfred J. Brooks, recently retired. Revenue Minister Benson announced cuts in Federal Government spending to effect a saving of \$1,200,000,000. *Dec. 8,* Death in Ottawa of Maj.-Gen. F. F. Worthington, who had a distinguished military career in two World Wars and was a dedicated exponent of armoured warfare. Prime Minister Pearson sent a message to UN Secretary-General U Thant indicating Canada's plans to observe the International Year for Human Rights. *Dec. 11,* Announcement of award of Canada Council Medals for 1967 to Frank Underhill and Wallace K. Ferguson, historians; Jean-Paul Lemieux, painter; and H. Northrop Frye, literary scholar. *Dec. 12,* Indian Affairs and Northern Development Minister Laing announced a new step in northern development in which the Federal Government joins a consortium of Canadian oil and mining companies for oil exploration in the Arctic. *Dec. 14,* Prime Minister Pearson announced his resignation as national leader of the Liberal Party, to take effect upon the selection of his successor at April national convention. *Dec. 15,* J. Alphonse Ouimet resigned as President of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. Raymond Denis, former M.P. and a key figure in 1964 government scandal, convicted of attempting to obstruct justice by offering a \$20,000 bribe and sentenced to two years in prison. *Dec. 17,* Death in Melbourne, Australia, of Prime Minister Harold Holt in a drowning accident. *Dec. 20,* Senator C. G. Power, Senator Thomas Vien and the late Senator Alfred J. Brooks honoured by their Senate colleagues on reaching their 50th year in Parliament. Disability pensions for war veterans and their widows, orphans and dependent parents increased by 15 p.c. *Dec. 21,* Finance Minister Sharp announced that the 10-cent, 25-cent, 50-cent and \$1 coins will be fabricated from Canadian nickel instead of the silver alloy previously used, effective during 1968. *Dec. 23,* Fifteen Companions of the Order of Canada and 43 Medals of Service named in the second awards list. Senator Ross Macdonald resigned from the Senate. *Dec. 26,* Death in Montreal of Maurice Rinfret, M.P., Assistant Deputy Speaker in the Commons. *Dec. 27,* In a Canadian Press poll of women editors, Hon. Judy LaMarsh chosen Canada's most newsworthy woman of the year for the third time; other choices were: in sports, Nancy Greene; in literature and art, Solange Chaput-Rolland; in music, Monique Leyrac; in stage, screen, radio and TV, Geneviève Bujold. Centennial gift of books, films and papers presented to the National Library by the Canadian Jewish community. Plans announced for a train-borne college for Canada's Indians, to begin travelling among the reserves of Eastern and Central Canada next July 1; organized and subsidized for the first year by the Company of Young Canadians. *Dec. 28,* Official opening in Toronto of 116-year-old St. Lawrence Hall, renovated as a Centennial project. *Dec. 29,* Criminal Code amendment limiting capital punishment to slayers of police

and prison guards for a five-year trial period came into effect. The new Ottawa Civic Centre opened. *Dec. 30,* Death in London, Eng., of Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, former Canadian diplomat and first native-born Governor General of Canada; state funeral in Ottawa Jan. 4, 1968 and burial at Port Hope, Ont. *Dec. 31,* End of the four-year mandate of the Board of Trustees of the Maritime Transportation Unions, established under Judge René Lippé to bring order in the Great Lakes shipping industry. The end of Canada's Centennial Year marked on Parliament Hill with music, dancing and fireworks.

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**January:** *Jan. 1,* The first stage of the Kennedy Round agreements on tariff and trade came into effect. Interest rate ceiling on NHA mortgage loans increased to 8.625 p.c. from 8.25 p.c. *Jan. 2,* Canada's first indoor track and field stadium, built by the Kinsmen Club of Edmonton with city and provincial assistance, opened in Edmonton. *Jan. 5,* The Nova Scotia government's Sydney Steel Corporation (Sysco) took control of the Dosco operations four months ahead of schedule. *Jan. 8,* Canada pledged \$21,600,000 to the world food program for the years 1969 and 1970 at UN-FAO Conference, becoming the second largest contributor. *Jan. 9,* American Chemical Society award granted to Dr. Keith Ingold of NRC for outstanding work with compounds that prevent autoxidation. *Jan. 9-16,* Canadian figure skating championships held in Vancouver; senior women's title won by Karen Magnussen of North Vancouver, senior men's by Jay Humphrey of Toronto, senior dance title by Don Phillips and Joni Graham of Vancouver and senior pair's championship by Betty and John McKilligan of North Vancouver. *Jan. 18,* Appointment announced of Dr. Robert Glen, Assistant Deputy Minister of Agriculture, as Scientific Adviser to Commonwealth Secretary-General and also as Secretary to the Commonwealth Scientific Committee. Appointment announced of Pamela Ann McDougall of Ottawa as Ambassador to Poland. *Jan. 18-20,* Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada medals awarded to Dr. W. Robert Bruce of Toronto for work in the treatment of leukemia, and to Dr. George K. Wlodek of Montreal for investigation into the control and cure of ulcers. *Jan. 21,* Abandoned Dutch freighter *Ocean Sprinter* towed into St. John's harbour and claimed as salvage by Burin Peninsula fishermen. *Jan. 22,* Bank of Canada rate increased to 7 p.c. from 6 p.c. in a move to tighten the national money supply. Death in Quebec of Hon. René Tremblay, former Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. *Jan. 23,* Death in Ottawa of Dr. E. S. Archibald, Director, Experimental Farms Service, Canada Department of Agriculture, 1919-51. *Jan. 25,* Arrest at Rigaud, Que., of Charles F. Wilson, a participant in England's Great Train Robbery, more than three years after his escape from prison. *Jan. 30,* The new ensign of the Canadian Armed Forces presented to His Excellency Governor General Michener in a ceremony at Government House. *Jan. 31,* The Pacific island of Nauru became the world's newest and smallest island republic as Australia, Britain and New Zealand relinquished their UN mandate. Formation announced of a special committee made up of representatives of the Quebec, Ontario and Federal Governments to examine all aspects of a proposed national capital area in the Ottawa-Hull region.

**February:** *Feb. 1,* Bill extending the grounds for divorce in Canada given Royal Assent. *Feb. 2,* Reorganized local government system for Ottawa given final endorsement by the Ontario legislature; to include the County of Carleton, the Cities of