

words "House of Commons" and "First Day of Issue" in both languages – the only such collection in the world – to be displayed in the Library of Parliament. *July 31*, Death in Brussels of Paul-Henri Spaak, 73, former Belgian premier and foreign minister, first president of the UN General Assembly and one of the founders of the European Economic Community. Elimination of jail terms for first-time convictions for marijuana possession announced by the federal government.

### August

*Aug. 2*, The Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act (RSC 1970, c.2, 1st Supp.) proclaimed; established absolute liability of ship owners and cargo owners for pollution of Arctic waters. *Aug. 3-4*, The 13th annual conference of provincial premiers held in Halifax; topics of discussion included off-shore mineral rights, federal-provincial-municipal relations, and winter employment. *Aug. 6*, Death in Trois-Rivières of Senator Léon Méthot, 77. *Aug. 8*, Following public protest against the appointment of an American as chief of police in Calgary, Charles R. Gain withdrew "because of the intense nationalistic feelings he has experienced". *Aug. 14*, The government of Prince Edward Island named a Royal Commission to investigate land use in the province and the sale of land to non-islanders. *Aug. 15*, Harold Ballard, president of Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto, convicted of 47 fraud and theft charges involving almost \$205,000 in Gardens funds; sentenced October 20 to three years in penitentiary. *Aug. 17*, Report of the Dennis study on housing, established in 1971 through the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, revealed that the six leading developers in ten of Canada's largest cities own at least half and in most cases nearly all the residential land required for development in this decade in each city. Dr. Norman Bethune, internationally known for his medical work in Spain and China, declared by the federal government to be a Canadian of national historic significance; Ontario government unveiled a commemorative plaque at his birthplace in Gravenhurst, September 10. *Aug. 21*, Death in Montreal of A.M. Klein, 64, one of Canada's best-known poets. The Quebec Securities Commission announced new regulations for registering securities salesmen, effective September 1; probationary or temporary registration to be prohibited. Ontario government announced the introduction of five-year licence plates effective in 1973; for an extra \$25 such plates may be "personalized". Newfoundland government announced a special commission or secretariat to investigate files and records of former Premier Joseph R. Smallwood. *Aug. 21-30*, The 24th session of the International Geological Congress, the oldest scientific organization in existence, opened in Montreal, attracting 5,000 geologists from 107 countries. *Aug. 21-Sept. 2*, Canadian Trade Exposition held in Peking, China, the largest trade fair in Canada's history; visited by Premier Chou En-lai, his first visit to a foreign trade fair in China.

*Aug. 22-Sept. 10*, Exhibition of paintings by the late Emily Carr held at the Commonwealth Institute in London, Eng. *Aug. 24*, Edmonton selected as the site of the 1978 Commonwealth Games. Federal government agreed to admit, on an emergency basis if necessary, Asians holding British passports who were ordered to leave Uganda August 5; by November 8, 4,420 persons had been received as immigrants. *Aug. 30*, General Election held in British Columbia; Social Credit government under Premier W.A.C. Bennett, in power for 20 years, defeated by New Democratic Party led by David Barrett; party standings, 38 New Democratic Party, ten Social Credit, five Liberal and two Progressive Conservative. As a result of about 2,000 Canadians being stranded in Europe and a similar number of Europeans in Montreal with worthless ticket vouchers, the Canadian Transport Commission issued new regulations to ensure that charter trips will be completed. *Aug. 31*, Darcy McKeough resigned as Ontario provincial treasurer because of apparent conflict of interest.

### September

*Sept. 1*, In a special session of Parliament, BC longshoremen, on strike since August 5, were ordered back to work to ensure shipment of record wheat sales to China, Japan and USSR. Thirty-seven persons died and 54 were injured in a fire set by arsonists in the Blue Bird Club in Montreal, the city's worst fire disaster since 1927; three men found criminally responsible October 6, two sentenced December 4 to life imprisonment on conviction for non-capital murder and the third remanded. *Sept. 1-28*, In hockey tournament between Canada and USSR, agreed to April 18, four games played in Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver; final four games in USSR, Team Canada winning series in final game in Moscow. *Sept. 4*, Theft of paintings and art objects valued at \$2 million from Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, including a Rembrandt valued at \$1 million. *Sept. 5*, Modifications to the Immigration Act allow aliens who had entered Canada as visitors to apply for landed immigrant status; suspended November 3. Announcement of development by a National Research Council engineer and two Queen's University anatomists of a process using electromagnetic radiation to reduce the healing time of open wounds by as much as 100 times. *Sept. 11*, The 20th Olympic Games closed in Munich, Federal Republic of Germany; Canadians won two silver and three bronze medals; event marred September 5 by the killing of 11 Israeli athletes by Arab terrorists. *Sept. 12*, Heritage Canada, an independent national trust, established by the federal government to hold and preserve buildings, natural areas and scenic landscapes for future Canadians. *Sept. 14*, Premier Davis of Ontario announced a series of guidelines to be followed by Cabinet Ministers with regard to possible conflict of interest. *Sept. 15*, Eight-month strike of workers at the DeHavilland Aircraft Co. of Canada Ltd. plant in Toronto ended in a new contract for an average pay