

Second session of 29th Parliament opened. *Feb. 28*, Spending estimate for 1974-75 fiscal year tabled in the House of Commons; the total of \$22 billion was \$2.4 billion more than the previous year's spending.

March

Mar. 1, The BC Court of Appeal ruled that an Indian child may be adopted by non-Indian parents without losing his Indian status. *Mar. 7*, Urban Affairs Minister Ron Basford announced a five-year project by the federal government to buy or build 50,000 housing units to be purchased by rural and native families, with payments based on income. *Mar. 11*, Death of Boris Volkoff, founder of the Volkoff Canadian Ballet Company in Toronto, aged 74. *Mar. 12*, The Liberal government survived a non-confidence vote in the House of Commons by promising to reconsider its decision to allow the Veterans' Land Act to expire March 31. *Mar. 13*, Indian and Northern Affairs Minister Jean Chrétien announced that off-shore drilling in the Beaufort Sea would be banned until at least the summer of 1976 to allow environmental studies to be undertaken. *Mar. 14*, Speech from the Throne in the Quebec Assembly announced the provincial government's intention to make French the official language of Quebec. *Mar. 17-19*, Convention of the Progressive Conservative party held in Ottawa; Robert Stanfield confirmed as leader and Michael Meighen elected party president. *Mar. 18*, Death of Bruce Marsh, 48, a well-known broadcaster for over 20 years. *Mar. 19*, Quebec Social Affairs Minister Claude Forget announced a program of free dental care to all children under eight in the province; the plan was expected to cost \$9 million and cover 600,000 children in its first year. *Mar. 26*, Quebec Labour Minister Jean Cournoyer announced that a full inquiry would be held into violence on the James Bay construction site after its shutdown March 20. *Mar. 27*, Interim oil policy agreement reached by Prime Minister Trudeau and the provincial premiers; the price of domestic crude oil to rise to \$6.50 a barrel April 1 from \$4 a barrel.

April

Apr. 2, The Supreme Court of Canada ruled the federal Official Languages Act legal; action was brought against it by Leonard Jones, mayor of Moncton, NB. Premier Gerald Regan re-elected in Nova Scotia; final results were Liberals 31 seats, Progressive Conservatives 12, and NDP three. *Apr. 5*, Death of A.Y. Jackson, member of the Group of Seven landscape painters, in Kleinburg, Ont., aged 91. *Apr. 8*, House of Commons gave final approval to legislation increasing the size of the Council of the Yukon Territory from seven to 12 members and that of the Northwest Territories from 14 to 15, permitting the former to be entirely elected and allowing the Council itself to decide when membership would be increased or decreased. Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan announced restrictions on

the import of cattle treated with the growth hormone diethylstilbestrol (DES). *Apr. 9*, A bill placing 50% tax on profits on property bought and sold without real value added, introduced in the Ontario Legislature; the bill passed June 3. A coroner's jury ruled that nitrous oxide from incorrectly connected medical gas lines was responsible for the deaths of nine patients at Sudbury General Hospital in 1973. *Apr. 12*, The Canadian Radio-Television Commission gave approval for takeover of Global Communications Ltd. by IWC Communications Ltd. of Toronto. *Apr. 17*, The Saskatchewan government announced a plan to provide free prescription drugs to residents, who would pay only dispensing costs. *Apr. 22*, Death of Roch Pinard, Secretary of State in the Cabinet of former Prime Minister Louis St-Laurent from 1954 to 1957. *Apr. 23*, Jean Gascon, artistic director of the Stratford Festival, named winner of the \$50,000 Royal Bank Award. Falconbridge Nickel Mines Ltd., Sudbury, ordered to close temporarily by Ontario Environment Ministry after air pollution index reached 102, the first time an industry had been ordered to close completely. *Apr. 25*, External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp announced Canada would extend participation in the United Nations Emergency Force in the Middle East for six months. *Apr. 26*, Quebec Court of Appeal overturned the acquittal in November 1973 of Dr. Henry Morgentaler on a charge of performing an illegal abortion. *Apr. 29*, Premier Alex Campbell's Liberal party returned to power in PEI election with 26 of the province's 32 seats; Progressive Conservatives held the remaining six seats.

May

May 3, The Alberta government announced a \$25 million rebate plan to ensure that consumers in the province would not face increases of more than 5% in the cost of natural gas. *May 7*, CTV Television Network Ltd. received the Roland Michener Award for journalism for 1973 for a program on the invasion of privacy through electronic techniques. *May 9*, The 29th Parliament was dissolved and writs issued for a general election July 8, following defeat of the minority Liberal government in the House of Commons. Death of Ernest Halpenny, Secretary of State in the Cabinet of former Prime Minister Diefenbaker in the early 1960s. *May 13*, The Bank of Canada raised its prime lending rate to 8.75%. *May 13-17*, Biennial convention of the 1.8-million-member Canadian Labour Congress in Vancouver attended by 2,500 delegates; Joe Morris elected president. *May 15*, Death of Lt. Gen. Guy G. Simonds, senior Canadian battlefield commander in World War II, aged 71. *May 17*, Governor General's Award winners announced: *Painters in a new land*, a history of 18th and 19th century painters by Michael Bell, Kingston; *Lions at her face*, a collection of poetry by Miriam Mandel, Edmonton; *Temptations of Big Bear*, a novel by Rudy Wiebe, Edmonton; *L'hiver de Force*, a novel by Réjean Ducharme, Montreal; *Québec en Amérique au 19^e*