

decision-making power of economic groups. *Dec. 31*, Donald S. Tansley, senior vice-president of CIDA, was named administrator of the federal anti-inflation program. Transport Minister Otto Lang announced that a freeze protecting 6,283 miles (10,112 km) of Prairie rail lines from abandonment had been extended at least until the end of 1976.

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January

Jan. 1, Queen Elizabeth appointed former Prime Minister John Diefenbaker a Companion of Honour, an order limited to the sovereign and 65 members. *Jan. 7*, Death of Nathan Phillips, 83, mayor of Toronto from 1955 to 1962. *Jan. 8*, Federal Health Minister Marc Lalonde announced that six countries had agreed to participate in a Canadian invitational hockey tournament in September, with \$455,000 in prize money. *Jan. 9*, Manitoba Health Minister Larry Desjardins said that there would be no more negotiations with provincial doctors; they could accept the government's latest fee increase offer or opt out of the medical insurance plan. *Jan. 13*, Statistics Canada reported the national seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate declined slightly in December; at 7.1% it marked the 10th consecutive month unemployment had stayed above the 7% level. Provincial Treasurer Darcy McKeough announced that Ontario had become the first province to sign an agreement with Ottawa placing its 400,000 public sector employees under the federal Anti-Inflation Board. *Jan. 14*, The 125 members of the Ontario legislature would receive more than \$1.5 million to establish constituency offices, the speaker's office announced. The T. Eaton Co. announced closing of its catalogue sales operation after the catalogue branch lost \$17 million in 1974 and at least as much in 1975. Eaton's catalogue had been a household institution in Canada since the first one was issued in 1884. *Jan. 15*, The rise in the cost of living slowed sharply during December, mainly as a result of lower food prices. Lieutenant Governor Pauline McGibbon opened a special session of the Ontario legislature called to end the two-month strike by 8,800 Metro Toronto secondary school teachers. *Jan. 16*, Paul Martin, high commissioner to Great Britain, and Gordon Robertson, secretary to the Cabinet for federal-provincial affairs, headed the list of 60 appointments to the Order of Canada. *Jan. 17*, Canada's \$60-million communications technology satellite was launched at Cape Kennedy, marking the nation's most important advance in communications technology since the launching of Anik I in 1972. Toller Cranston of Toronto won his sixth straight senior men's title at the Canadian figure skating championships in London, Ont.; Lynn Nightingale of Ottawa won her third senior women's championship. *Jan. 23*, Under new rates announced by the Insurance Corp. of British Columbia, BC motorists would pay an average of 140% more for car insurance in 1976 than in 1975. *Jan. 25*, Dr. Stuart Smith, freshman member of the

Ontario legislature, was elected leader of the Ontario Liberal party, replacing Robert Nixon. *Jan. 26*, Julien Major, executive vice-president of the Canadian Labour Congress, said the congress had launched a three-point program requiring the cooperation of employers in a bid to topple the federal anti-inflation program. John Herbert received the 1975 Chalmers Canadian Play Award for *Fortune and Men's Eyes*, performed in more than 30 countries. *Jan. 28*, The Anti-Inflation Board announced about 6,500 companies had until Feb. 27 to file reports on prices, profits, dividends and pay scales as part of the check on cooperation with selective wage and price controls. The first session of Saskatchewan's 18th legislature ended with final approval of legislation authorizing the takeover of potash companies. *Jan. 29*, Transport Minister Otto Lang announced plans for a revitalized passenger train system by 1980, improving operations in the heavily-populated region between Quebec City and Windsor, Ont.

February

Feb. 2, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island signed 18-month anti-inflation agreements with Ottawa, placing the provinces' public sector employees under control of the federal Anti-Inflation Board. The Ontario Economic Council said Canadians would have to sacrifice an increased standard of living to obtain more economic and cultural independence. *Feb. 3*, Prime Minister Trudeau returned to the Commons following an 11-day tour of Mexico, Cuba and Venezuela. The premiers of the three Maritime provinces ended two days of talks in Bridgewater, NS, concerning new federal transportation policies. *Feb. 4*, The appeals division of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia ruled that the province does not have the right to censor motion pictures. This supported a challenge by Canadian Press reporter Gerard McNeill, who had filed a lawsuit in 1974 against banning *Last Tango in Paris* in Nova Scotia. *Feb. 6*, In an interim report, the Ontario Royal Commission on Violence in the Communications Industry said the majority of people who participated in public hearings demanded "that the communications industry clean up its act". *Feb. 10*, Statistics Canada reported that the national seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 6.6% in January from 7.0% the previous month. *Feb. 11*, The Ontario Medical Association voted to accept an increase of 8.1% in Ontario Hospital Insurance Plan payments, effective May 1. *Feb. 12*, Former Finance Minister John Turner resigned his seat in the House of Commons, five months after his departure from the Cabinet. Manitoba's NDP government emphasized commitment to anti-inflation measures in the speech from the throne opening the 1976 session of the legislature. *Feb. 16*, Defence Minister James Richardson said there was a possibility that negotiations for 18 Lockheed Orion aircraft would collapse unless the US corporation overcame serious financial problems. *Feb. 17*, The Nova Scotia government said in its speech from the throne that it