

## Engineers Honour Canadian Inventor Of Standard Time

TORONTO—The 16,000 members of the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario in honouring this month an outstanding pioneer of Canadian engineering—Sir Sanford Fleming.

John Fox, P. Eng., president of the Association, referring to the emphasis now placed on science and engineer training, alluded to Sir Sanford Fleming as the true pioneer type of professional engineer. "Men such as Fleming," said Mr. Fox, "laid the engineering tradition in Canada. Vision and drive, co-ordinated with great professional skill and pride, made him one of the world's greatest communications engineers."

Fleming ranks with the Fathers of Confederation in the world's greatest monument to him is the Canadian National Railway across Canada, which he surveyed and planned prior to its construction.

**RAILWAY BUILDER**  
He also was chief engineer of the Newfoundland Railway, and of the Intercolonial Railway, first link of the trans-continental rail construction of Ontario's first railway—the Northern—was another of his achievements.

Fleming's dominant passion was communications—railroad, bridges, cables and telegraph lines—his genius was such that even his hobbies represented the lifework of other ordinary men.

According to the Encyclopaedia Britannica he invented "Standard Time"—bringing order out of chaos in the time zones of this continent. He designed Canada's first postage stamp, the three-cent Beaver, in 1851 and thus made that animal a national symbol. As co-founder in 1850 of the Royal Canadian Institute he made a scientific and cultural forum that plays a vigorous part in our life today.

**MAPS**  
The first large-scale maps of Canada were lithographed by Fleming in 1846, and he made the first accurate chart of Toronto harbour.

This Presbyterian engineer, with a strong religious belief, wrote Canada's first interdenominational prayer book, hymnal and psalter.

In view of all these accomplishments, it is interesting to note that Sir Casimir Gzowski, a famous engineer, greeted a young Fleming, on the latter's arrival from Kirkcaldy, Scotland in 1845, with the advice that he return to his native land as there was no work in Canada, and no one would let to start work. Canada is fortunate in that the young Scot, not yet 20 years old but already possessing a degree in civil engineering, had imagination and common sense enough to ignore the advice.

**LAND CABLE**  
In our age, when radios are bringing up beeps from outer space, Canada is marking the 50th year of its first direct communication with Australia via the Pacific cable. Laid in 1902, this

of her friends, Mr. and Mrs. David Glover. Mrs. Dion and son Billy, accompanied her husband back to Halifax where they will reside.

Miss Janet V. Stewart, Charlottetown, spent the past weekend at the home of her mother, Mrs. Norman Stewart, 113 1/2 Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Frizell and daughter Blanche, of Ligon, were recent visitors to Murray River, guests of Mrs. Frizell's sister, Mrs. Reuben Moore and Mr. Moore.

The December meeting of the Murray River W.I. met at the home of Mrs. E.A. MacDonald on December 2, 1957.

Congratulations are extended to Miss Isabelle MacLeod, Murray River on winning the \$2,000 I.O.D.E. Overseas Scholarship. Miss MacLeod is attending Dalhousie University, where she is studying for her M.A. Degree.

Mrs. Olive Giddings, White Sands, left recently for Moncton, N.B., where she will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. William Hodgson and Mr. Hodgson.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Moore and family Joyce, Donnie and Jerry of Abney, have taken up residence in Murray River, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ford Keen.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Saunders and family have taken up residence in their new home in Murray River.

Friends of Mr. John Leeco, Pt. Pleasant are pleased to hear he is recovering nicely after his recent accident in his saw mill.

## MURRAY RIVER

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Horton have returned to their home in Murray River, after spending some time visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. George Hunt and Mr. Hunt in Toronto, Ontario.

Friends of little Miss Cathy Clary, were sorry to hear of her accident, falling and breaking her wrist. Cathy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Clary, Murray River.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Johnston, Murray River, and their son, L.A.C. Arall Johnston, who is with the R.C.A.F. in St. Margaret's, N.B., recently spent two weeks vacation in Boston, Mass., the guests of Mrs. Johnston's sister, Mrs. Margaret Chaisson.

Miss Fay Keenan, student nurse at Riverside Hospital, Charlottetown, was a recent visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Stewart, Murray River.

L. A. C. Reginald Johnston, Mrs. Johnston and daughter Lois of Summerside, were recent visitors to Murray River and Murray Harbor of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Johnston and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Black.

A.B. Gilles Dion, who is with the R.C.N. in Halifax, spent the past weekend with his wife and son in Murray River at the home

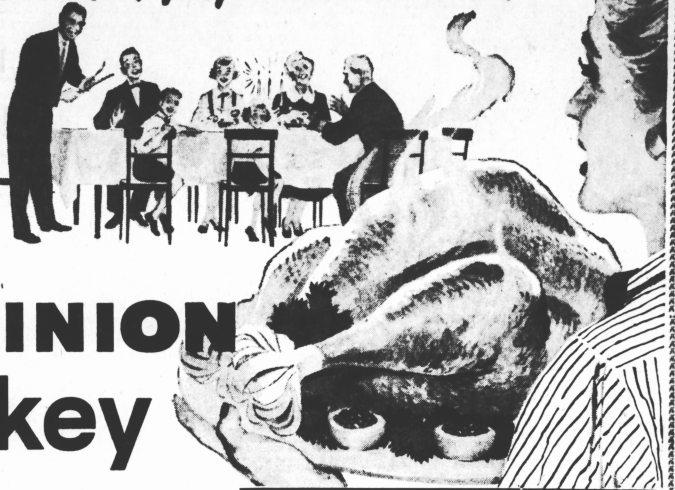
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