

# Federal Gov't Plans Aid For Film Industry

TORONTO (CP)—The federal government intends to establish a Crown corporation with initial capital of \$10,000,000 to assist the Canadian private film industry, State Secretary Lamontagne announced here.

He told a luncheon of the Canadian conference of the arts here the corporation will assist the film industry in the production of "feature films of commercial value and good quality."

The government has announced a feasibility study on formation of such a corporation earlier in the year. In 1964 an interdepartmental committee investigated the film industry's problems, particularly its financial difficulties, and the government later recommended establishment of a loan fund.

Then two outside consultants and two government advisers were asked to study the industry and what was being done

in other countries to assist it. Their report was handed Mr. Lamontagne two months ago.

On the basis of this report the government "is now convinced that the development of a Canadian film industry will have a significant influence in fostering an awareness of Canada as a nation, both at home and abroad," he said.

The new corporation would be empowered to make agreements with private producers and to make loans and investments "without, however, becoming a legal partner."

The corporation would make "significant" financial awards to Canadian films judged to be of high quality by "appropriate juries." It would provide aid in the creative, technical and administrative sides of film production.

An advisory board, representatives of the producers' Associations, film makers' associations, unions, exhibitors and distributors, would be established to maintain liaison among the industry, corporation and government.

Mr. Lamontagne said the government does not intend to put special restrictions on foreign film imports "but we expect that Canadian films will be treated fairly — both at the initial stage of financing and at the final stage of distribution — by Canadian and foreign distributors."

The National Film Board was making an internal study of its activities and considering "the possibility of establishing a training centre for young film makers from Canada and abroad."

## Calf Club Day Results Given

The North Wiltshire Jersey Calf and Garden Club held an achievement day recently at the "Sorce Brook Farm" of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce MacDonald with a large number in attendance.

Albert Boswell of Marshfield judged the Jersey calves while the garden display was judged by Peter Decker of Summerside who also presented the ribbons.

A trophy for showmanship and another for the best Garden were added to the prizes with the winners being Valerie Clark and Rhonda Kitson respectively.

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The placings were as follows:  
 Junior Calves: 1. Elaine Clark, 2. Roger Docherty, 3. Bordon Tremere.  
 Yearling Heifers: 1. Bordon Tremere, 2. Valerie Clark, 3. Elaine Clark.  
 Two year old Heifers: 1. Valerie Clark, 2. Roger Docherty.  
 Herds: 1. Valerie Clark, 2. Roger Docherty, 3. Jean MacPhee.

Judging: 1. Roger Docherty, 2. Wayne Guindon, 3. Elaine Clark.  
 Year's work: 1. Bordon Tremere, 2. Jean MacPhee, 3. Byron MacPhee.  
 Garden Club, best garden: 1. Rhonda Kitson, 2. Thekla Larter, 3. Debbie Tremere.  
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## Guilty Plea Entered In Que. Arson Case

QUEBEC (CP) — Jean Jacques Gagnon has entered a guilty plea to five charges of arson and five of conspiracy to commit arson.

One of the conspiracy charges against Gagnon also involves Moise Darabauer, 43, a Quebec City business man.

The charge alleged that the two men conspired with one another to set fire to a house in St. Lambert de Levis, near Quebec City.

Darabauer already has been sent to trial on charges of arson and conspiracy to commit arson in connection with the fire.

Greying at the temples, Gagnon, a Montreal accountant, looked dejected as he registered his guilty plea.

All the charges against him involved fires in Quebec that have taken place in 1961 and 1962.

One of the charges alleges that Gagnon, between June 1 and Oct. 1, 1961, conspired illegally with Orlia Boulet and other persons to set fire to a hotel in St. Joseph de Beauce, Que. The hotel was owned by Alderic Blodreau and was alleged to have been burned Sept. 3, 1964.

Gagnon also is charged with having actually set fire to the hotel.

**SEVEN ARRESTED**  
 He and Darabauer are among seven persons arrested recently after an investigation ordered by Quebec Justice Minister Claude Wagner into fires believed to have been of a criminal nature.

Sessions Judge Achille Pettigrew who presided at the Wednesday hearing fixed Nov. 28 as the date for sentencing of Gagnon.

Other charges against him allege that between Sept. 1 and March 1, 1962, he conspired with Louis Sicotte, Fernand Quirion and other persons to set fire to a hotel which belonged to Sicotte, Quirion and Paul LeTourneau.

The hotel was located at Pointe-aux-Chenes, near Montreal. The alleged arson is dated February, 1962.

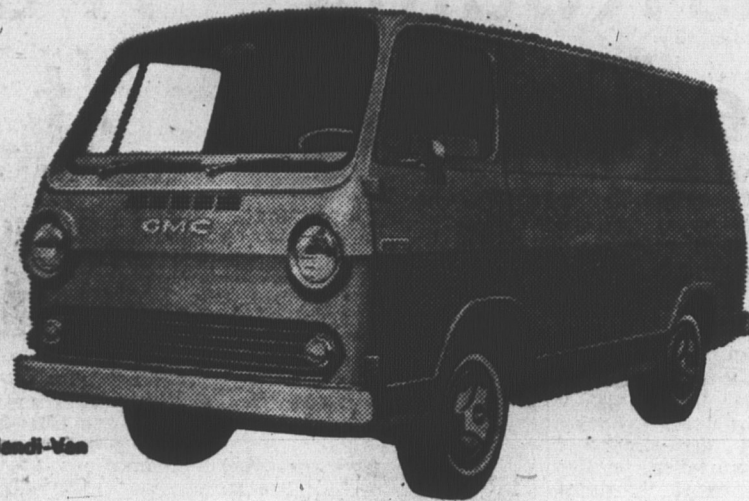
Another of the charges said Gagnon, between July 1 and Dec. 1, 1961, conspired with Boulet to set fire to a house in St. Georges de Beauce, the property of Evangeliste Dulac, and of having actually set the hotel afire.

**ACCUSED OF ARSON**  
 He also is accused of having conspired with Andre Lamothe and Boulet to set fire to a warehouse belonging to the Fernando Roy Co. of Thetford Mines, Que., and of actually setting fire to it.

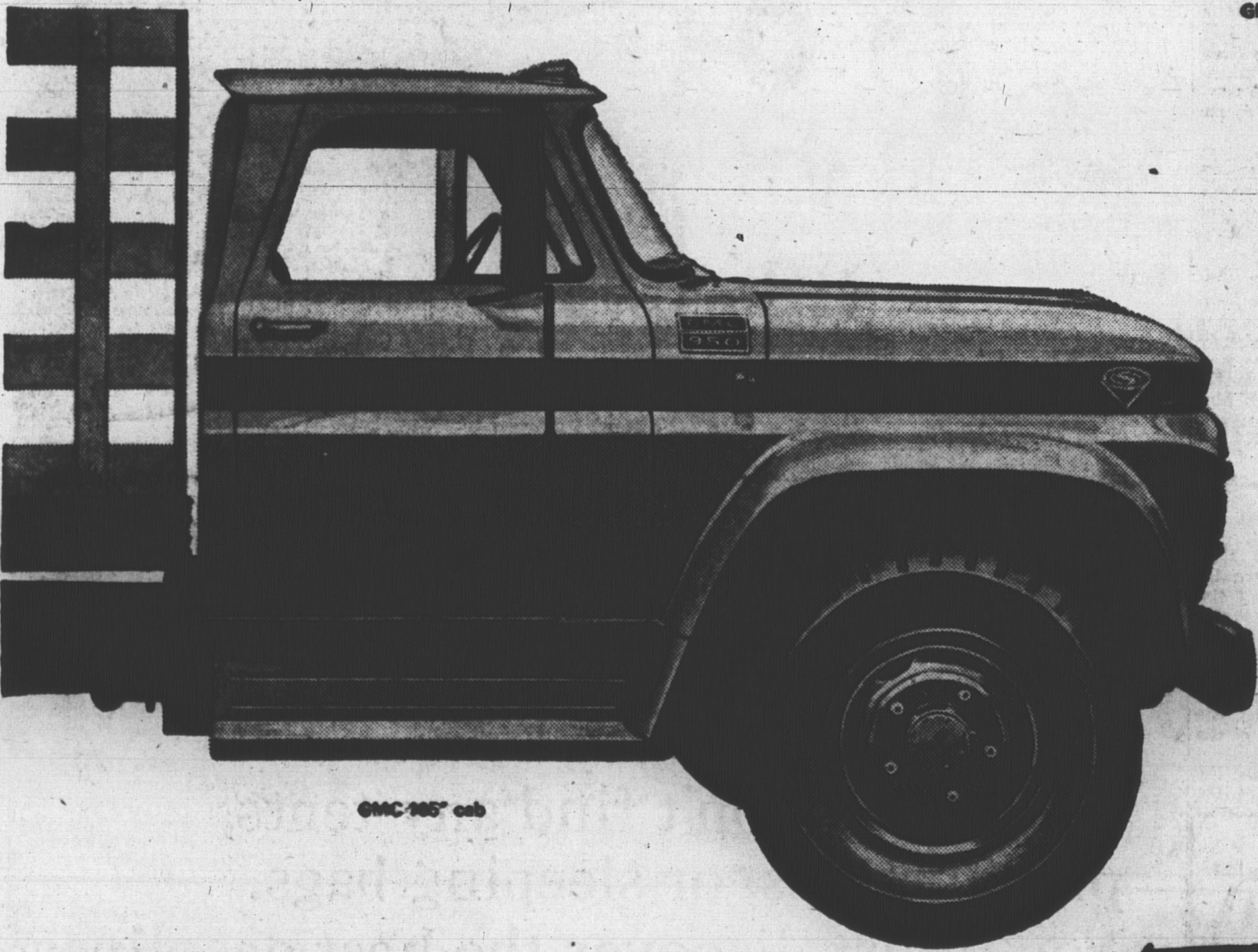
The house in St. Lambert which Gagnon is accused of conspiring to ignite was the property of Mrs. Cora B. Cyr.

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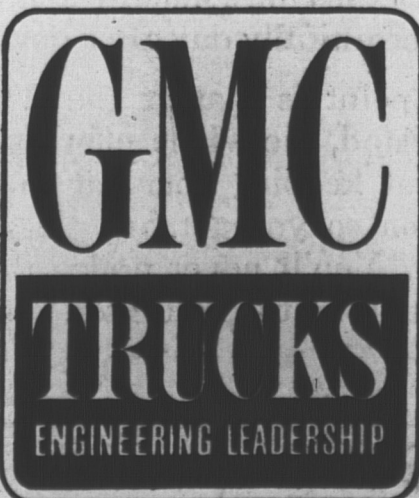
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## Nfld. University Offering First Course In Retailing

MONTREAL (CP) — Sir George Williams University has become what it believes is the first Canadian university to offer a full curriculum in retailing in the marketing division of its commerce faculty.

This program, says Trefle Lacombe, assistant to SGWU's principal, makes it possible for undergraduates both to study retailing in Canada and receive a bachelor of commerce degree in four years.

The program entails a compulsory retail course during the undergraduate's junior and senior years, and to obtain credit, he must also work in a store for the equivalent of two summers of 12 weeks each.

In addition, a graduate with a bachelor of commerce degree can now obtain a diploma in retailing by passing the course and completing sufficient store work to satisfy the faculty.

Harold Shaffer, director of the Sir George Williams School of Retailing, in addition to his recent appointment as retail lecturer at the university, said it is planned to integrate both the new commerce program of the university and the program of the school of retailing into a coordinated whole.

The two-year school of retailing course, he explained, was

formerly terminal, with students leaving at the age of 19 to go straight into business.

**TALENT WAS LOST**  
 "It's a sad thing to see students with ability taking terminal courses. We want to eliminate this. So we are making it possible for those receiving diplomas to continue their higher education towards a bachelor's degree—if they so desire and have the ability—without losing the two complete years required for the diploma.

"Under the plan it will be possible for these diploma graduates to enter the second year of the commerce program."

Mr. Shaffer said he is hopeful that some of the students currently in their senior year in the school of retailing will take the opportunity next year and enter second-year commerce.

"Of course," he said, "it will be up to us. Each case will be considered individually."

There are about 60 students from all parts of Canada in the school of retailing—about 35 in the junior year and 25 in the senior. Many more apply for admission every year, but at the moment circumstances limit the number to about 60.

The students each week spend three days in class and three days working in stores.

A group of 10 major Montreal stores co-operate with the 19-year-old school in the scheme. The students work in four stores a year, gaining a variety of experience.

Undergraduate commerce students aiming for a diploma in retailing, in addition to their bachelor's degree at Sir George Williams, will be allowed to get their compulsory store experience working in stores anywhere in Canada, provided the stores are approved by the faculty.

"There is no problem for these students in getting summer jobs," said Mr. Shaffer. "Our experience is that the stores want more people than we can supply."

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