

\$5.5 Million Assigned For Cape Breton Mines

Lieutenant-Governor Has Centennial Year Message

In a New Year's message to the citizens of Prince Edward Island Lieutenant-Governor W. J. MacDonald said, "Canada, our nation of abundant blessings, reaches its one-hundredth birthday in 1967. Across the large expanse of this country from the Atlantic to the Pacific, Canadians of every creed, color and race will take part in what promises to be the most outstanding Centennial birthday celebration the world has ever known. Peoples of the other nations of the world will join with us in paying homage and eternal memory to those illustrious Fathers of Confederation 'who builded better than they knew.'"

"However we must not forget the great masses of people since 1867, who contributed their share, both great and small, in moulding and protecting this land of opportunity which we take too much for granted today. Plans for our Centennial birthday have been formulated for some considerable time. In Prince Edward Island we held the 'national premiere' in 1964 and it has set the pattern and mood for the national Centennial program of 1967. Since we are proud of our contribution to Canadian history, and being known as 'the Cradle of Confederation' I am certain that the people of Prince Edward Island will not only repeat, but exceed, their performance of 1964, in participating in the many Centennial projects and programs in the coming year, which will be held in every city, town, village and community in the Province."

of human resources known as "Poverty". This blight still remains on our scene. The War on Poverty has been declared and it would be an ideal project for Centennial Year if a massive concentration were undertaken in both a public and private way by all our citizens in 1967, to eliminate poverty and its accompanying evil social consequences. What better way could we celebrate our Centennial? Let us make it a worth while birthday by prosecuting this war on poverty to decisive and dynamic victory.

"It is a great pleasure to extend my best wishes to all our citizens for a happy and prosperous Centennial Year in 1967."

LT.-GOV. MacDONALD

Phasing Out Will Be Aim

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Pearson today announced plans to set up a Crown corporation with federal and Nova Scotia backing to buy and phase out the Cape Breton coal industry, while at the same time helping to promote industrialization of the island.

The prime minister told a news conference the federal government would contribute \$45,000,000 to the corporation and the Nova Scotia government would put up \$10,000,000. Mr. Pearson said the government plans to establish with Nova Scotia a "joint framework" permitting concentration of all federal and provincial efforts to promote the economic development of eastern Nova Scotia and Cape Breton Island.

Police Probe Woman's Death

LONDON (CP)—Medical experts studied Thursday night the cause of death of Alexa Metcalfe, Canadian-born beauty who became the third wife of the late millionaire film producer, Sir Alexander Korda.

Police said they would decide after receiving a pathologist's report—a post-mortem was held earlier in the day—whether they would continue investigation of the death of Mrs. Metcalfe, 38, whose body was found in her Surrey home Wednesday.

Born Alexandra Irene Boycum at Fort William, Ont., she met Korda when she came to Europe to study singing and became his third wife in 1953 when she was 26 and he was 59. She was married again and divorced after Korda's death in 1959.

PM Faces Retirement Questions

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Pearson faced a barrage of questions about possible retirements in the Ottawa hierarchy at a press conference Thursday, but came through without disclosing any major shifts.

Concerning his cabinet, he said that Sir Guy Favreau, president of the privy council and registrar-general, had a very high probability of staying in the cabinet.

Mr. Favreau would be back in the Commons early in January and any decision on his retention would have to be made by Mr. Favreau himself.

No other cabinet shifts are being considered at the moment, he added. Asked about Governor-General Vanier, who also had a long bout of illness, Mr. Pearson indicated there is no plan for his early retirement.

Another Consolidated School Opened At Ceremony In Dundas

Another consolidated school in Kings County was officially opened yesterday when Harold J. Hynes, of Montague, superintendent of schools in the area, declared the corner stone of Dundas Elementary School "well and truly laid."

Master of ceremonies was Paul Kingsbury, chairman of Montague Regional High School Board. The ribbon-cutting ceremony at the main door was conducted by Malcolm MacKenzie, deputy minister of education, Education Minister Gordon Bennett was guest speaker at the opening.

Mr. Hynes, who has been a school inspector for 45 years, congratulated the residents of the districts for their support in the construction of Dundas Elementary School. He urged that parents give their pupils the supervision they don't usually receive in the classroom, and advised the students to give their studies the proper time in relation to other activities.

Stalled Montreal Vehicles Towed Away In Heavy Snow

MONTREAL (CP)—A storm that struck most of eastern Canada and the northeastern United States dumped 10 1/2 inches of snow on Montreal Thursday and slowed traffic to a crawl.

It was the second major storm to hit the southern part of Quebec province since Christmas Day when 13.7 inches of drifting snow paralyzed the Montreal area.

Montreal Police Director Jean-Paul Gilbert ordered his 3,630-man police department to have stalled vehicles towed away in an attempt to speed up the clearing of the city's thoroughfares.

This was the first time in recent history that the police department had taken such a step. Normally cars are towed away only during snow removal operations when they block snow clearing equipment. The weather office said the snow would change to flurries during the night, with little additional snow expected by today.

Bomb Blast In Commons Voted Top Canadian Story

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
A bomb blast that shook the House of Commons May 18 was voted top Canadian story of the year by news editors participating in a Canadian Press poll.

The tragic story of 45-year-old Gerda Munsinger sex- and security case which shook the Commons in another way. Chartier blew himself to pieces as he was fus-

Here are the selections:
CANADIAN
1. Paul Joseph Chartier's abortive attempt to kill members of Parliament.
2. The Gerda Munsinger case which culminated in a royal commissioner's report criticizing Progressive Conservative Leader John Diefenbaker. Mr. Justice Spence's report said Mr. Diefenbaker, as prime minister, should have fired his associate defence minister, Pierre Sevigny, because of the latter's association with the German woman, considered a security risk and cited by the Supreme Court justice as a prostitute.

On the world scene, the No. 1 story to Canadians was the heart-tugging tale of the deaths of 116 children and 28 adults under a sliding heap of coalmine refuse in an Aberfan, Wales, school.

3. The most tumultuous labor year in Canada's history with more than 4,500,000 man-days lost through work stoppages. For the second time in history the country's rail system jarred to a halt. The strike stopped when Parliament hurried into session three days later to debate a strike-ending bill. At the end of 1966, the rail workers, while back at work, had still not settled their dispute.
4. The question of John Diefenbaker's continued leadership

5. The months-long controversy over the CBC-TV public affairs program. This Hour Has Seven Days. Co-hosts Patrick Watson and Laurier LaPierre were dropped from the show which did not appear when new programs were scheduled in the fall.
6. The case of Steven Turcott, sentenced to life in 1959, when he was 14, for the rape-slaying of 12-year-old Lynne Harper near Clinton, Ont. The Trial of Steven Turcott, written by Isabel LeBourdais, led to a Supreme Court review of the case. Final hearings are scheduled for late January.

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U.S. Gasoline Prices Will Be Investigated

By DON LEBLANC
HALIFAX (CP)—The Nova Scotia government announced establishment of a one-man royal commission Thursday to investigate gasoline and diesel fuel costs in the province.

But the move is unlikely to make New Year's Eve celebrations any brighter for Nova Scotians. They also learned of a 1 1/2-cent-a-gallon increase in the price of gasoline, effective Jan. 1.

Appointment of Harold A. Renouf of Halifax as inquiry commissioner was announced by Provincial Secretary Gerald J. Doucet.

Mr. Renouf, a 49-year-old member of the firm H. R. Doane and Company, chartered accountants, said he has not yet decided when hearings will begin or where they will be held.

"I'll have to get my bearings first," he said in an interview. He has been commissioned to study the price structure of gasoline and diesel fuel in Nova Scotia, primarily to determine how prices are arrived at.

Mr. Doucet said the public utilities board, which authorized increases in the retail prices of gasoline and diesel fuel Thursday, is limited in regulating the price spread between the wholesaler and retailer. The board was not empowered to carry out "an inquiry of this scope."

Prices in most provinces vary with area. Following are the most common prices for gasoline in other provinces:

	Regular	Premium
N.B.	47.4	52.4
Que.	41.9	45.9
Ont.	45.9	50.9
Sask.	44.6	49.6
Man.	44.9	49.9
Alta.	40.9	5.9
B.C.	40.9	45.9

Wife Of U.S. President Is On Best-Dressed List

By JEAN SPRAIN WILSON
NEW YORK (AP)—Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson, wife of the U.S. president, has been named to the women's international best-dressed list, the first time she has made it. Also for the first time daughter Lynda Bird was among the contenders.

Princess Stanislas Lee Radziwillo topped the fashionable dozen for 1966 although last year she couldn't muster enough votes to make the list.

She is the sister of Mrs. John F. Kennedy, wife of the late president, who made the list so often she now is in the fashion hall of fame.

This year the committee of fashion editors which polls the industry and compiles the list also elevated Mrs. Kennedy's mother-in-law, Mrs. Joseph F. Kennedy, to the hall of fame after placing her five times in the top dozen.

The youngest international fashion plate and No. 1 on the list last year, American society figure Mrs. Carter Amunds Burden, was second this year. The 23-year-old brunette beauty is the daughter of Mrs. William Paley, also in the hall of fame.

Mrs. Jason Roberts Jr. (Lauren Bacall) was third. The husky-voiced American actress is devoted to Norman Norell's clothes.

Mother, Child
Are Found Shot
ANTIGONISH, N.S. (CP)—RCMP said Thursday a 28-year-old woman and a seven-year-old girl were found shot to death Wednesday in a house at nearby North Grant.

Police said a rifle was found near the bodies.

Dead at Mrs. Steven Ratka and her daughter Anne Marie. Two other children, aged four and two, were unharmed.

Mr. Ratka found the bodies when he returned from Antigonish after about an hour's absence from the house.

Police disclosed no further details.

New Car Claimed
To Be Firebird
WINDSOR, Ont. (CP)—The Windsor Star says the Pontiac Motor Division of General Motors Corporation, which will introduce a new car line in February, has named the new vehicle Firebird.

The car is due to be unveiled publicly at the Chicago auto show Feb. 11.

CENTENNIAL SEND OFF PREPARATIONS

Work is being completed on Parliament Hill for the launching of centennial celebrations on New Year's Eve.

The lighting of the centennial flame (in the foreground) will mark the beginning of activities centering around Canada's 100th birthday. The flame will burn through 1967.

With the exception of Prince Consort Radziwillo who does not like to use her title, European royalty, usually standard as the list, was absent this year.

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