

Ambassador named to EEC

The Secretary of State for External Affairs has announced that, in recognition of the growing political and economic importance to Canada of the European Common Market, the Government will appoint a full-time ambassador to the European Communities. At present, Mr. James Langley, the Canadian Ambassador to Belgium and Luxembourg, is also accredited as Ambassador to the European Communities, as has been the practice for several years. The Government has now decided to appoint Mr. Langley exclusively as Canadian Ambassador to the Communities and will accordingly accredit a separate Canadian Ambassador to Belgium and Luxembourg some time in the new year. These appointments also reflect the importance of Canada's relations with Belgium and Luxembourg, both bilaterally and in the European context.

Grant to provincial judges society

A \$10,000 grant to the Canadian Association of Provincial Court Judges was announced recently by Mr. Otto Lang, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada. It will help finance the first meeting of the CAPCT to discuss problems in the administration of criminal law.

Provincial judges recently decided to form a Canadian association, one of its principal functions being to provide a forum for continued self-education. "It is highly desirable for provincial court judges to meet for discussions as they try more than 95 per cent of Canada's criminal cases," Mr. Lang declared. Such meetings should lead to greater uniformity in practice, procedure and sentencing in criminal cases, he said.

The Association was discussed recently by the provincial deputy attorneys general at a meeting of the commissioners on Uniformity of Legislation; they agreed that it would be appropriate for the Federal Government to contribute financially to the first seminar, even though the provinces had jurisdiction over these courts. The Federal Government has made no commitment for further support of the Association.

PEI celebrates centennial

Governor-General Roland Michener launched the celebration of Prince Edward Island's entry into Canada's Confederation by participating in the official opening ceremony in Charlottetown on the evening of December 31. That night there was a concert by PEI artists in Confederation Centre, followed by a ball.

The Governor-General's levée was held on the morning of January 1 in Charlottetown. After a state luncheon and a reception by provincial premiers in the afternoon, he left for Summerside.

Provincial winter games were held in Charlottetown and Summerside on January 5 and 6. The Atlantic Provinces figure-skating championships were also held in January.

The Canadian Government released a commemorative stamp and a silver dollar in January, as well as a commemorative coin and postcard.

Centennial plaques will be presented this month to churches 100 years old or more.

A highlight of the celebrations will be the visit of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip to Prince Edward Island from June 29 to July 4.

There will be special events throughout the province on July 1, the national anniversary of Confederation.

Electronic locators a must for Canadian planes

The carrying of electronic locator transmitters (ELTs), a primary means of finding crashed aircraft, will be made obligatory for most Canadian registered aircraft, Transport Minister Jean Marchand announced recently.

The Air Navigation Order making ELTs mandatory will become effective following an appropriate period to permit consultation with interested public groups such as aircraft and flying club associations, and for the Canadian manufacture, distribution and installation of approved ELTs.

Exclusions under the regulations will probably include commercial jets over 44,000 pounds gross weight, as well as aircraft operating within 25 miles of their aerodrome of departure, and aircraft *en route* to a place where an ELT is to be installed or repaired.

This regulation is the result of an intensive review of the broad field of marine and air search and rescue. An interdepartmental task force formed in 1970 to investigate and advise on appropriate regulations has been instrumental in developing the proposed Air Navigation Order.



The Canada Mink Breeders' Award was won in 1972 for the first time by a Canadian entry at the International Fur Fair in Frankfurt, Germany. The winning garment (above), styled by Sunrise Company Ltd. of Toronto, was chosen from 650 coats entered by 300 firms from all over the world. It is a full-length Natural Dark Ranch Canada Majestic Mink with fitted front and long sleeves.

Cash for unharvested grain

Cash advances on unharvested grain would be made available immediately, the Honourable Otto Lang, Minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board, announced recently. "The Government had taken steps to bring the appropriate provisions of the Prairie Grain Advance Payments Act into effect when it became evident a considerable number of farmers in Western Canada, particularly in parts of Northern and Western Alberta, were unable to complete their harvesting operations," Mr. Lang said.

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