

CANADIAN ROUNDUP

Rhodesia

External Minister, Mitchell Sharp, told the Commons on November 25 that for the time being Canada will not lift its economic sanctions against Rhodesia. Mr. Sharp was referring to the agreement signed between Britain and Rhodesia. Canada's position was that there should be no independence without majority African rule. Mr. Sharp said when and if Canada lifts its sanctions it would depend to a large extent on the views and actions of the United Nations.

Grey Cup

Calgary Stampeders edged the Toronto Argonauts 14-11 on November 28 to win the Grey Cup. For Calgary, it was the first Grey Cup win in 23 years. Calgary took a well-earned 14-3 lead into the second half, then died offensively. Toronto accommodated them by never coming alive offensively. Defensive half Dick Thornton gave Toronto a great chance with less than two minutes left by intercepting a Jerry Keeling pass and running the ball to the Calgary 11. Leon McQuay then lost it on a fumble. Calgary failed to move the ball and was forced to kick, but Toronto receiver Harry Abofs booted the ball out of bounds and it was awarded to Calgary end Herm Harrison and halfback Jesse Mims scored the Calgary touchdown. Defensive guard Roger Scales counted Toronto's only touchdown off a fumble. Larry Robinson kicked two Calgary converts. Ivan MacMillan kicked a field goal and Zenon Andrusyshyn punted a single for Toronto.

Nfld Election

The riding of St. Barbe South was left vacant and Progressive Conservative strength in the Newfoundland legislature was reduced by one on November 23 when a judicial recount of the October 28 provincial election votes was halted because 105 votes had been burned. The votes were burned after the election night count by someone who did not know they were to be kept for a possible recount. A spokesman for E. D. Maynard, the Conservative candidate who

won the seat by 8 votes, said steps would be taken to force a byelection. A Newfoundland Supreme Court petition will be needed to declare the election in the Northwest Coast District officially void. The lost Conservative seat leaves the standings as Liberals 20, Progressive Conservatives 20, and the New Labrador Party 1.

Successor to Smallwood

A convention to choose a successor to Premier Joseph Smallwood as Leader of the Liberal Party in Newfoundland will be held February 4-5, the Executive of the Party's Provincial Association decided on December 5. Mr. Smallwood, who was 71 Christmas Eve, said on November 11 that he would step down as Party Leader and Premier early in 1972. The only announced candidate for the Leadership is Steve Neary, Social Services Minister. Other likely candidates include Health Minister Edward Roberts and Mayor W. G. Adams of St. Johns.

Separatism

Prime Minister Trudeau was asked on an open-line radio programme on December 12 what he thought about the possible separation of Quebec from Canada. He replied: "To ask me what would happen if there was a separatist government in Quebec is like asking an atheist what would happen if he went to heaven or hell?" Mr. Trudeau told the caller that he does not consider separatism an option and that he will fight it as much as he is able.

Ontario Budget

Ontario Provincial Treasurer Darcy McKeough on December 13 presented the opening session of the Legislature with what he called a mini-budget, designed to stimulate the economy and curb unemployment. He announced a budgetary deficit for 1971-72 of \$553 million, up from the predicted \$415 million deficit in the April budget. He also announced a number of cuts in personal income tax, succession duties and corporation tax.

New Tax Legislation

The Government's massive overhaul of the country's tax law was passed by the Commons on December 17 under a Government-imposed time limit that ended debate after 50 days. The vote was 132 to 83, with the Liberals outvoting the three opposition parties. The Bill, more than 700 pages long and which revises virtually the entire tax system, was immediately sent to the Senate, the last Parliamentary hurdle in a Government drive to have it in force by the start of the new tax year January 1, 1972. The Government says the Bill will lop about a million low-income Canadians off the tax rolls entirely and reduce taxes for millions more.

Heath Visit

British Prime Minister Edward Heath said on December 17 relations between Britain and Canada will continue as close as ever after Britain joins the European Common Market. Mr. Heath and Prime Minister Trudeau discussed the Indo-Pakistan war, the Rhodesian question, and current international trade and monetary problems.

Loan to World Bank

The Bank of Montreal on December 17 signed an agreement to lend the World Bank \$50 million to be used for economic development loans to member countries. The Bank said this was the first time the World Bank has borrowed from a commercial bank in North America.

Dr. Charles Best

Dr. Charles Best, 72-year-old Canadian co-discoverer of insulin, on December 16 received one of Britain's most prized awards, the Companion of Honour, in a private audience with the Queen. The Order is restricted to 65 living persons. Dr. Best is the only Canadian to hold the title. The discovery of insulin by Dr. Best and the late Sir Frederick Banting in 1921, is estimated to have saved many millions of lives.