

## News briefs

**Frank Lynch-Staunton**, a 74-year-old cattle rancher, has been appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta. He succeeds Ralph Steinhauer, 74, who is retiring after a five-year term to return to his farm on the Saddle Lake Indian Reserve, northeast of Edmonton. Mr. Steinhauer, a Cree, was the first Indian to be named lieutenant-governor.

**Clearing U.S. customs** and immigration before boarding flights at Vancouver International Airport has been further simplified by new pre-clearance procedures. U.S.-bound passengers now can check into one area on the airport's second level, rather than having to pass through various check-points at different locations on the third level. An estimated 680,000 persons fly from Vancouver to the U.S. each year.

A plaque honouring Col. John By — founder of Ottawa and builder of the Rideau canal system — was unveiled in Frant, England, recently on the two-hundredth anniversary of his birth. Col. By of the Royal Engineers served two hitches in Canada and during the second, beginning in 1826, he took charge of the design and construction of the canal system linking the Ottawa River with Lake Ontario and opening the interior of Ontario for settlement. The plaque, a slab of engraved Welsh slate, has been presented by the Historical Society of Ottawa. Col. By, born in London in 1779, died in Frant, an upland Sussex village in 1836. Canadian High Commissioner Paul Martin, who officiated at the ceremony, described him as "a modest hero".

**Seagram Company Limited** of Montreal, the world's largest distiller, has registered its biggest year-to-year increase in profit since 1948. The company showed profits of \$107.3 million, or

\$3.06 a share, for the year ended July 31, up 15.3 per cent from that of a year earlier, chief executive Edgar Bronfman said recently. Sales were \$2.6 billion, up 12.4 per cent from last year's \$2.3 billion.

**McGill University's Faculty of Medicine** in Montreal was recently re-accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education. It is the first Canadian medical school to receive accreditation for a period of seven years. Accreditation is formal recognition of standards of instruction satisfactory to the medical profession in North America.

**Year-round oil production** from the Canadian Arctic may be achieved within four or five years. A report by Dome Petroleum Ltd. of Calgary to the World Petroleum Congress says vigorous action is necessary to exploit the Arctic's potential reserves before shortages hit the economies of the world. Describing advances in knowledge of ice characteristics and Arctic drilling methods, the report estimated there could be year-round marine traffic through the Northwest Passage within three years. Within that period there might be year-round exploratory drilling, with year-round production and transport of petroleum in another two years, it added.

**Air Canada** has announced that its winter schedule between Montreal and New York City would include two flights a day to LaGuardia Airport as well as flights to Kennedy International Airport. A spokesman said LaGuardia was not only closer to down-town Manhattan than Kennedy, but offered connecting flights to other destinations, particularly on the eastern seaboard.

**Jake Warren**, former ambassador to the United States who spent the last two years co-ordinating Canada's participation in the world trade talks in Geneva, has been appointed vice-chairman of the Bank of Montreal. Mr. Warren will assume his position at the country's second-largest bank November 1. He will be responsible primarily for the bank's growing international network.

**The National Library of Canada** has announced a new price schedule for the sale of *Canadiana*. The subscription price for the printed monthlies will increase immediately to \$62 a year in Canada, and to \$75 a year in other countries. The new price of single copies is \$5.75 in Canada and \$6.90 in other countries. For further information on the price schedule of *Canadiana* services contact: Cana-

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**United States' hospitals** will not be invited to recruit nurses at seven Metropolitan Toronto community colleges this year because there are more jobs available in Canada. For the past three years, college placement officials in Toronto have organized a job fair, with 40 U.S. hospitals conducting interviews on campus. About 90 per cent of last year's 2,200 college nursing graduates in Ontario were employed within six months of graduation, with 32 per cent of them finding work out of the province.

**Quebec Appeal Court Justice** Julien Chouinard has been appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada. He replaces former Justice Yves Pratte, 54, who resigned for health reasons in June. Mr. Chouinard was appointed deputy minister of Quebec in 1965 and became general secretary of the provincial cabinet three years later. He was appointed to the Quebec Court of Appeal in 1975.

**Teleglobe Canada**, a federal Crown corporation, has opened its \$14-million Laurentides earth station about 60 miles north of Montreal. The station makes it possible to use new satellite links for telephone and television transmission across the Atlantic.

**The black canvas** running-shoe worn by a generation of youngsters during the 1950s and 1960s has been replaced by rainbow-coloured, specialized, lightweight athletic footwear. Running shoes have become a lifestyle fad, says Thom Gravelle, executive president of Pony, Canada's only worldwide sports-shoe company. Companies such as Pony, Adidas, Puma, New Balance, Nike, Brooks, Etonic and Sonic are fighting for a piece of the estimated \$8-million Canadian running-shoe market.

**Twice a month** on the average, an anonymous money order or a crisp bank-note arrives for the Receiver-General of Canada, in amounts ranging from \$1 to several hundred dollars. Most of this "conscience money", as it is identified on Government accounts, is accompanied by a holy picture or a prayer. "Each year we get \$9,000 to \$10,000 worth of conscience money," said R.R. Moore, chief of financial systems and accounting for the federal Ministry of Supply and Services, which is responsible for all money received by the Government.

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