

Mr. Léger joined the Department of External Affairs in 1940 and served in Canadian diplomatic missions in Santiago and London from 1943 to 1949. He returned in the latter year to Ottawa, where he served in the Office of the Prime Minister until August 1950. He was appointed Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs in 1951, and in 1953 became Ambassador to Mexico. Mr. Léger served as Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs from 1954 to 1958, when he was appointed Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the North Atlantic Council and the Organization for European Economic Co-operation in Paris. He was appointed Ambassador to Italy in May 1962.

ADULT EDUCATION, 1960-61

Enrolment in part-time adult-education courses was almost 1,000,000 in 1960-61, according to the *Survey of Adult Education, 1960-61*, released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The total enrolment of 930,905 represented an increase of 14.7 per cent over that for the preceding year. Publicly-sponsored night schools and government agencies accounted for 70.7 per cent. Universities and colleges reported 21.3 per cent, and the remainder was under the auspices of private business and trade schools.

PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE SITE

The Prime Minister announced on February 17 that the National Centre for the Performing Arts would be built in Ottawa at Elgin Street and the Rideau Canal, north of the Mackenzie King Bridge, provided agreement could be reached with the City of Ottawa to make the land available without charge. This choice of site was based on a National Capital Commission recommendation, unanimously supported by the Commission's Advisory Commission on Design. The project's architects advised the Government that construction as contemplated could contribute to the development of the Elgin Street and Confederation Square area in accordance with NCC plans.

The city has been asked to convey to the Federal Government clear title to all municipal lands required for the project. It has been suggested that, if there is doubt as to the city's ability to meet this request

immediately, a rent-free long-term lease, renewable in perpetuity, should be granted on a temporary basis until the transfer of title.

CO-ORDINATOR APPOINTED

The Prime Minister also announced the appointment of Mr. G. Hamilton Southam as full-time co-ordinator of the project. Mr. Southam will be on loan from the Department of External Affairs and will report directly to the Secretary of State, Mr. Maurice Lamontagne. His appointment is for one year, pending permanent organizational arrangements for the Performing Arts Centre.

RECORD NHB YEAR

Total cargo tonnage handled by Canada's National Harbours during 1963 rose to the unprecedented level of 66 million tons, and eclipsed the previous record year of 1961 by 8 per cent.

The National Harbours Board recently released statistics that recorded a heightened business activity during the past year experienced by all ports under its jurisdiction. The Board administers the ports of Halifax, Saint John, Chicoutimi, Quebec, Trois-Rivières, Montreal, Churchill and Vancouver, as well as grain elevators at Prescott and Port Colborne.

In 1963, a total of 38,451 vessels entered the National Harbours with an aggregate net registered tonnage of 58,618,585. They handled 66,009,534 tons of water-borne cargo, of which 17,197,045 were imports, 22,658,384 tons were exports and 26,154,105 tons were domestic cargo. Deliveries from grain elevators, both privately-owned and those administered by the Board, totalled 522,985,544 bushels.

FINNISH ENVOY RECEIVED

On February 14, His Excellency Karl Torsten Tikanvaara presented to the Governor General his letter of credence as Ambassador of Finland in a ceremony at Government House. The Deputy Chief of Protocol for the Department of External Affairs, Mr. R.F. Douglas, presented the Ambassador to Governor-General Vanier.

The new Ambassador was accompanied by Mr. Unto Tanskanen, who, since the departure of Mr. Tikanvaara's predecessor, had been Chargé d'Affaires *ad interim* of the Finnish Embassy in Ottawa.