

Some of its guests included the Marquis de Montcalm, the Chevalier de Lévis and the Marquis de la Jonquière. The chateau was serving in 1804 as the College of Montreal when it was destroyed by fire. A large section of the land was subsequently donated to the city as a market-place.

The lot, on the corner of Place Jacques Cartier and St. Paul Street, was sold to Dame Angélique Blondeau, widow of Gabriel Côté, a wealthy fur-trader. The old stone house was rebuilt and later occupied by a tavern-keeper. During its 150-year history, the house has served at various times as an inn, a saddlery, a printing shop, tailor shop, cigar factory and restaurant.

ACCIDENT MORTALITY

According to a report from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Canada's age-adjusted accident death rate in each 100,000 of the population rose among Canadian males, from 78.1 in 1950 to 79.3 in 1964, while the corresponding female death rate declined from 32.1 in 1950 to 30.2 in 1964. This means that, if the age distribution of the Canadian population had been the same throughout the period as it was in 1965, the death rate for males would have gone up by 1.2 and the female rate would have gone down by 1.9.

Accidents accounted for 7.2 per cent of all deaths in Canada in 1964 compared to 6.1 per cent in 1950.

PROVINCES

From 1950 to 1964, the male age-adjusted accident death rate increased in Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan and decreased in Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia; the female age-adjusted accident death rate declined in Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia.

AGE GROUPS

The Canadian age-group death rate declined for males in the age-groups 1-4, 5-9, 10-14, 50-54 and in all age-groups from 60-64 upwards; the rate for age-group 20-24 showed a strong increase. Among the females, the age-group death rate declined in the age-groups under 1, 1-4, 5-9, 70-74, 75-79 and 80+ and increased in all age-groups between 15-19 and 35-39 and between 45-49 and 55-59.

CAUSES

Among males, motor vehicle accidents accounted for 47.2 per cent, drownings, 12.3 per cent and falls 10.9 per cent and among females, motor vehicle accidents accounted for 43.0 per cent and falls for 26.2 per cent of all accidental deaths in 1964.

A comparison of mortality rates with those prevailing in a selected group of 19 other countries for the year 1962 shows that Canada's male accident death rate was fifth highest, where the female accident death rate ranked twelfth. However, the Canadian accident death rates for male and female infants alike were considerably higher than the corresponding rates for any of the countries.

CZECH MINISTER TO VISIT

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Paul Martin, has announced the acceptance by the Czechoslovak Foreign Minister, Mr. Vaclav David, of an invitation to visit Canada from December 6 to 11. Mr. Martin said the visit would provide an opportunity for talks on international questions of interest to Canada and Czechoslovakia, as well as on matters of special interest to the two countries.

Following his discussions with Mr. Martin, Mr. David is expected to make calls on the Prime Minister, the Speakers of the House of Commons and the Senate and the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Before returning to Prague, Mr. David will also visit Toronto and Montreal, where he will inspect progress on Czechoslovakia's pavilion at the site of Expo '67.

REVISED STAMP PROGRAMME

Postmaster General Jean-Pierre Côté recently announced that the Canada Post Office would release a special stamp to commemorate a centennial year visit to Canada by Queen Elizabeth II, the Duke of Edinburgh and other members of the Royal Family.

Mr. Côté also said that, the date of issue for the Expo '67 stamp had been revised. Originally scheduled for April 26, 1967, the date has been changed to April 28 to coincide with the opening of the World Fair in Montreal.

The Royal Visit stamp, of the 5-cent denomination, scheduled for June 30, 1967, will increase to eight the number of commemorative designs to be produced during centennial year. The revised programme for 1967 consists of: centennial stamp, January 11; Expo '67, April 28; fiftieth anniversary of women's franchise, May 24; Royal Visit, June 30; Pan-American Games, July 19; fiftieth anniversary of Canadian Press, August 31; centennial of Toronto as capital of Ontario, September 20; Christmas stamps (5 cents and 3 cents), October 11.

The current announcements do not affect the special centennial year souvenir box being made available as part of the Post Office centennial year celebration. A complete set of the newly-designed regular issues ranging from 1 cent to \$1 are to be embedded in the box lid. Face value of the stamps will be the only cost to the purchaser. February 8 is scheduled as the date of release for the 12 new regular issue designs.

CANADA-TURKEY DEAL

Mr. Robert Winters Minister of Trade and Commerce, announced recently that an agreement in principle had been reached between Canada and Turkey for the financing by the Canadian Government of the sale of telecommunications equipment, valued at \$24.5 million, by Northern Electric Company Limited of Montreal to the Turkish Directorate General, Post Telegraph and Telephone (PTT). The