

were all French possessions on the island, by the Treaty of Utrecht in 1713.

In the 1750s, England and France were again at war. When France captured St. John's in 1762, the English, compelled to transfer their base of military operations to Placentia, built a new fort on the hill at the site of Fort Royal. They named it Castle Graves in honour of Captain Thomas Graves, at that time Governor of Newfoundland. The remains of Castle Graves, which was abandoned in the early 1800s, can still be seen today.

### FISHERMEN'S INSURANCE EXTENDED

Insurance protection for commercial fishing-boats provided under the federally-sponsored Fishermen's Indemnity Plan will be extended to cover craft having a maximum appraised value of \$25,000. This extension, announced by Fisheries Minister H.J. Robichaud, became effective June 15 and supersedes the former insurable maximum limit of \$15,000. The minimum appraised value acceptable will remain at \$250.

The extension of the plan to cover boats valued at up to \$25,000 is the result of higher construction costs and the trend by fishermen to obtain larger craft capable of diversified fishing.

The increased insurance coverage is one of several changes in FIP regulations. One new amendment will extend insurance coverage to fishing-boats operating on Great Slave Lake in the Northwest Territories, which has an area of 10,000 square miles. Fishing-boats that operate in the Atlantic Provinces and in Ontario, British Columbia and the Canadian Arctic are already covered by the Department of Fisheries insurance scheme.

The FIP agency has insured nearly 8,000 boats having an appraised value of \$35 million.

### CANADIAN DIVORCES 1967

A record 11,156 divorces were granted in Canada during 1967 by provincial and territorial divorce courts and by Parliament, according to preliminary figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Increases over divorces in 1966 occurred in New

Brunswick, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. Ontario, British Columbia and Alberta accounted for almost four-fifths of the year's divorces.

### RISING RATE

The 1967 divorce rate was 54.7 (in 100,000 of the population), compared to 51.2 and 45.7 for the two preceding years. The rate has been rising steadily since 1961, when it stood at 36.0, the lowest since 1944.

Of the total of 11,156 divorces granted in 1967, the wife was the petitioner in 6,611 cases or in almost six cases out of ten. Among the provinces, the percentages in which the wife was the applicant for divorce varied from 35 to 64.

### B.C. SCHOOL BOOKS INCREASED

A record 101 new textbooks will be used in British Columbia's public schools next September. Mr. L.R. Peterson, B.C. Minister of Education, said that the large number of new books in recent years reflected a fresh approach to the growing reservoir of knowledge that is available in most fields. Ninety-nine were introduced for use in the school year just finished.

Forty-six of the new titles are for use in social studies in the first year of secondary school. All teachers will use some of the general material provided and they will be able to choose from the large volume of material a particular aspect of any subject for deeper study. Selection will be made on the basis of the common interest of both teacher and students.

Mr. Peterson said that 12 new texts would be available for elementary grade studies in language arts, three of which are being specially prepared. Included in the titles are Roderick Haig-Brown's *Captain of the Discovery* and George Clutesi's *Son of the Raven, Son of Deer*. The latter is believed to be the only book by a native Indian author to be used in Canada.

Among other subjects for which new texts are being provided are music, science, art, foreign languages, commerce, home economics, and industrial education.