

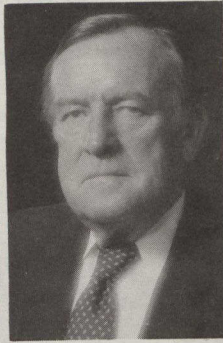
New Chief Justice named

Mr. Justice Brian Dickson was sworn in recently as the fifteenth Chief Justice of Canada, succeeding the late Bora Laskin who died in office last month.

Born in Saskatchewan and educated in Manitoba, the bilingual war veteran has written many landmark judgments during his 21 years as a judge, the last 11 on Canada's highest tribunal. Most often cited by legal scholars is a novel test for guilt in pollution cases and similar public welfare offences.

The new chief justice said he wants a full panel of nine judges to again become the custom in the Supreme Court. During Bora Laskin's lengthy illnesses, panels of five and seven judges were frequently used.

Mr. Justice Dickson was appointed to the Court of Queen's Bench of Manitoba in 1963, and from 1967 to 1973 served in the Manitoba Court of Appeal. He was appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada in 1973.



Justice Brian Dickson

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Nova Scotia boosts US eagle population

The Nova Scotia government will donate six bald eagles to the United States to help bolster the numbers of the US national symbol.

There are only 1 600 pairs of eagles left in the lower 48 states and the US Fish and Wildlife Service is trying to improve their habitat while introducing new birds, Kenneth Streach, Nova Scotia Lands and Forests Minister, said in announcing the gift. The US eagle population has been reduced by illegal hunting, industrial development and pesticide poisoning, he said.

About 400 eagles live in Nova Scotia, and 150 nesting pairs average 1.8 eaglets each a year, according to Nova Scotia wildlife biologist Anthony Duke. He said the loss of the six eaglets will be insignificant.

The eight-week-old birds will be captured in Cape Breton and transferred to the Quabbin Reservoir in Massachusetts this summer. They will be fed until they are 12 weeks old, then freed to learn to fly and find their own food.

Last year, four eagles were sent from Nova Scotia to New Jersey, along with ten from Manitoba, in the first donation from Canada.

Canadian films win Oscars

Canadian films won two Oscars for best documentary short subject and best live-action short film at the fifty-sixth annual Academy Awards ceremony held recently in Hollywood, California.



Award winner Cynthia Scott carries her Oscar home.

Flamenco at 5:15, an impressionistic record of a flamenco class filled with dozens of young dancers from the National Ballet School in Toronto, won an Oscar for best short subject. It was the eighth Oscar won by the National Film Board since 1941. The half-hour feature film was directed by Cynthia Scott, who was co-producer with Adam Symnasky.

Boys and Girls, a drama produced by Atlantis Films Ltd. of Toronto, won an Oscar for the best live-action short film.

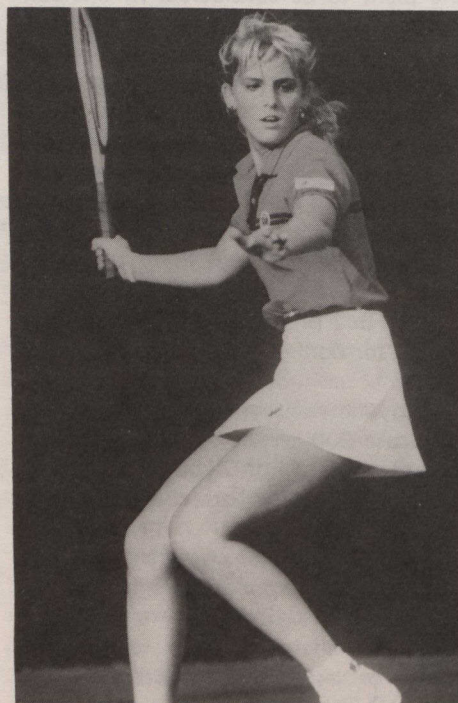
The drama, based on an Alice Munro story about a young farm girl's struggle with her unenlightened parents, starred Megan Follows and was produced by Atlantis in association with CBC.

Carling Bassett named to Olympic demonstration team

Carling Bassett of Toronto and Jill Hetherington of Peterborough, Ontario, joined such notables as Americans Andrea Jaeger and Jimmy Arias and Mats Wilander of Sweden on the list of 32 men and women selected for the demonstration tennis tournament at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. This year, the International Tennis Federation selected only players aged 20 or under.

This year will mark the first time that tennis will be played at the Olympics and precedes it becoming a full Olympic sport for the 1988 Games. A maximum of two players were selected from each country — with the exception of the United States which has four. Carling Bassett, 16, is currently the top-ranked Canadian woman and rated sixteenth on the Women's Tennis Association computer.

Jill Hetherington, a gold medallist for doubles and mixed doubles at the 1983 World University Games in Edmonton, is ranked fourth in Canada and one-hundred-and-eighty-first worldwide.



Bassett joins Olympic demonstration team.

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Tourist office opens in Washington

Canada's Capital Visitors and Convention Bureau recently opened the bureau's first out-of-town sales office in Washington, D.C.

About 250 association executives were invited to the official opening of the Washington sales office. Washington was chosen as the site for the first out-of-town office because it is the home of the bulk of national associations in the United States.