

ball game between the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and the Saskatchewan Roughriders, the second football game attended by Prince Charles since his arrival in Canada in advance of the rest of the party. The arrival of the visitors at the game was cheered by the crowd and by about 1,000 members of the Royal Canadian Legion, which plans to establish three scholarship funds in honour of the occasion.

The Queen addressed an outdoor assembly of the Manitoba Legislature attended by an estimated 125,000 people. During her stay in Manitoba, Her Majesty also spoke to Indians at The Pas and French-speaking Canadians at St. Pierre. At the latter place, she declared that the Royal Family had received "a most vivid impression of the intricate racial, religious and cultural tapestry which makes up the population of the province".

After the running of the Manitoba Derby at Assiniboia Downs, the Queen presented the trophy to Jean-Louis Levesque, owner of Fanfreluche, the winning horse, which was ridden by Ron Turcotte.

Before returning to Britain on July 15, Queen Elizabeth assured the Governor-General that the Manitoba and NWT centennials were "vivid reminders of the last 100 years" and that she had been "extremely glad to take part in them". To Lieutenant-Governor R.S. Bowles of Manitoba she expressed her "warmest good wishes for the continued progress and prosperity of Manitoba during the next 100 years".

The farewell party included Prime Minister Trudeau, who flew from Ottawa to say goodbye.

## CANADA'S CHRISTMAS STAMPS

Christmas drawings by 12 Canadian children will decorate Canada's 1970 Christmas stamps, Minister of Communications Eric Kierans announced recently. The Christmas commemorative stamps will be issued in four denominations this year. In addition to the annual 5-cent and 6-cent Christmas stamps, used primarily on domestic letters and cards, 10-cent and 15-cent stamps will be issued for use on parcels and international air mail.

The two lower-value stamps will be produced in medium-size format (24 x 30 mm.), as in past Christmas issues. Five designs will be alternated over each sheet of stamps on both the 5-cent and 6-cent values. The smaller-volume 10-cent and 15-cent stamps will carry one design each, and will be produced in large size format (24 x 40 mm.).

## CONTEST AND CONTESTANTS

About 50,000 drawings were submitted by children of 12 and under to the Post Office Department's "Christmas Canada" stamp design project, conducted in cooperation with provincial departments of education and provincial art galleries. The children were asked to portray the theme "What Christmas Means to Me". Traditional Christmas images, such as nativity scenes, Christmas trees, and Santa Claus were most

prevalent, while snowmen and outdoor winter scenes ran a popular second. Many drawings reflected the contemporary imaginations of their young authors with jet-propelled Santas, astronauts celebrating a lunar Christmas, or symbolic designs representing universal brotherhood. About 500 of the drawings will be seen in itinerant exhibits that will tour the country in the autumn.

In order to reproduce the original drawings as closely as possible, the stamps are being produced by the four-colour lithography process. They go on sale in early October to meet the Christmas demand.

## MOUNT LEACOCK IN THE YUKON

A mountain rising 10,200 feet in the Yukon's Saint Elias range has been named for the humorist Stephen Leacock.

Mr. Jean Chrétien, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, announced recently that the mountain would be known as Mount Leacock, following an earlier recommendation by the Canadian Committee on Geographical Names.

Snowcapped, with a needle-like peak resembling that of the Matterhorn, Mount Leacock looms over an arm of the massive Kaskawulsh Glacier. The closest access to it is from the Alaska Highway, 22 miles from its base.

Stephen Leacock (1868-1944), won world-wide recognition for his humorous sketches. He is best remembered for his collection of character sketches published in 1912, *Sunshine Sketches of a Little Town*. Others of his well-known humorous works are: *Literary Lapses*, *Arcadian Adventures with the Idle Rich*, and *Moonbeams from the Larger Lunacy*.

Although he achieved fame as a humorist, he also contributed to the library of Canadian political science and history books. *Elements of Political Science*, and studies of Mackenzie, Baldwin, Lafontaine and Hincks are among his better-known books.

## RAILWAY STATISTICS

Canadian railway operating expenses increased in 1969 to \$1,488,773,502, or 3.9 percent above 1968 expenses, while operating revenues increased only 3.5 per cent, to \$1,581,334,981. As a result, net operating income decreased to \$92,561,479 from \$94,624,587 in 1968.

Revenue freight also decreased 4.7 per cent to 231,217,882 tons, but the average haul increased by 26 miles to 410 miles, so that the ton-miles rose to 94,690 in 1969 from 93,147 in the previous year.

Passenger count decreased 3.7 per cent, to 23,699,748, and the average passenger journey was reduced by 5 miles to 102 miles. Revenue a passenger mile increased to 2.727 cents in 1969, from 2.542 in 1968.