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## Bank Of Montreal Joined Celebrations

The Bank of Montreal, through its Charlottetown branch manager, has released its 147th annual report.

In this year of achievements the bank joined in Charlottetown's Centennial celebrations. As part of the memorial project marking the 100th anniversary of the first Confederation Conference, the bank's board of directors met in full session in Charlottetown on May 12.

The meeting brought to the Charlottetown Centennial celebrations representatives of a broad cross-section of business and industry from every part of Canada.

Following the meeting the directors attended the official opening ceremonies of the bank's new building on Grafton Street which saw Hon. Walter R. Shaw, premier of the province, cut a ribbon of Prince Edward Island Tartan to mark the event. Among those taking part were Hon. W. J. MacDonald, Lieutenant-governor of the province, and His Worship A. W. Gaudet, mayor of Charlottetown.

**MAP DONATED**  
An original 1768 Montrossor map of the Maritime area was

donated by the bank to Prince Edward Island for the Fathers of Confederation Memorial Buildings.

The Bank added its own touch to the centennial through the striking of a special medal to mark the occasion.

As for the material side of the report, the Bank has increased its assets by 9.2 per cent to a new year-end record of \$4,668,000,000. It has passed the \$2-billion mark in personal savings for the first time in the bank's history.

It has also shown an increase of 12.8 per cent in loans of all kinds, welcomed \$2,901 new business and personal depositors, recorded net earnings at an increase of 6.6 per cent a share, raised dividend payments by 5 cents a share, opened 25 new offices to reach a total of 954 offices in Canada, the United Kingdom and Continental Europe, the United States, Mexico and Japan, and announced in July that Barclays Bank DCO had become a third equal partner in the bank of London and Montreal Ltd., thereby broadening the scope of operations for BOLAM's 32 offices throughout the Caribbean and Latin America.

## Alberton Legion Elects Executive

ALBERTON — Arthur McRae was elected president of the Alberton branch of the Royal Canadian Legion at the annual meeting Wednesday night. Previously first vice-president he has filled the office of president since the death of G. Graham Bennett in July.

George Dunbar was elected first vice-president, Robert Profit, second vice, and Leo O'Meara, sergeant at arms.

Remaining executive members are Herbert Leavitt, R.D. McKinnon and Frank Weeks, all re-elected.

The minutes and financial report were read by the secretary-treasurer, Earle Callaghan.

In a brief address the new president reported that the branch had an active and successful year taking part in numerous centennial celebrations such as Jacques Cartier Day, at which time Lieutenant Governor W.J. MacDonald, Premier W.R. Shaw and officers and men of the HMCS New Waterford were entertained in the Legion hall; delegations were sent to Summerside and Charlottetown for the visit of Her Majesty the Queen; an impressive Remembrance Day service was held followed by a banquet and two zone cribbage tournaments were won by the branch.

A cement foundation was installed under the home and a modern kitchen added on the north end of the building for use of the ladies auxiliary.

In closing President McRae expressed sincere regret at the death of branch president and long time secretary G.G. Bennett in July.

The following chairmen of

committees were elected: finance, Earle Callaghan; sick, R.D. McKinnon; building, Kenneth Quigley; entertainment, Robert Profit; welfare, Herbert Leavitt; canteen, Arthur McRae; chaplain, Herbert Leavitt; sports, Earle Callaghan; blood donor and poppy committees, Fred Hastings; membership, Dr. S. Helmlich.

At the close of the meeting musical entertainment was provided by Henry Myers and Gebe Gray, followed by lunch served by the ladies auxiliary.

**Remand Given In Theft Case**  
Lawrence Doiron of Parkdale was remanded to today when he pleaded guilty to a charge of theft of under \$50 value before Magistrate A. J. Haslam, QC, in city police court yesterday.

A fine of \$20 and costs was imposed on William MacFarlane of Parkdale on a charge of disorderly conduct.

James J. Connolly, 155 Easton Street, was given a 20-day suspended sentence on a drunk and disorderly charge.

One man charged with being drunk and incapable was remanded to a later date when Police Chief Sterns Webster said he was unfit for trial.

**ANNUAL INCREASE**  
Each year the world population total increases by 65,000,000.

**SOLID BARK**  
The tree with the thickest bark is the giant sequoia of California which often has a layer two feet thick.

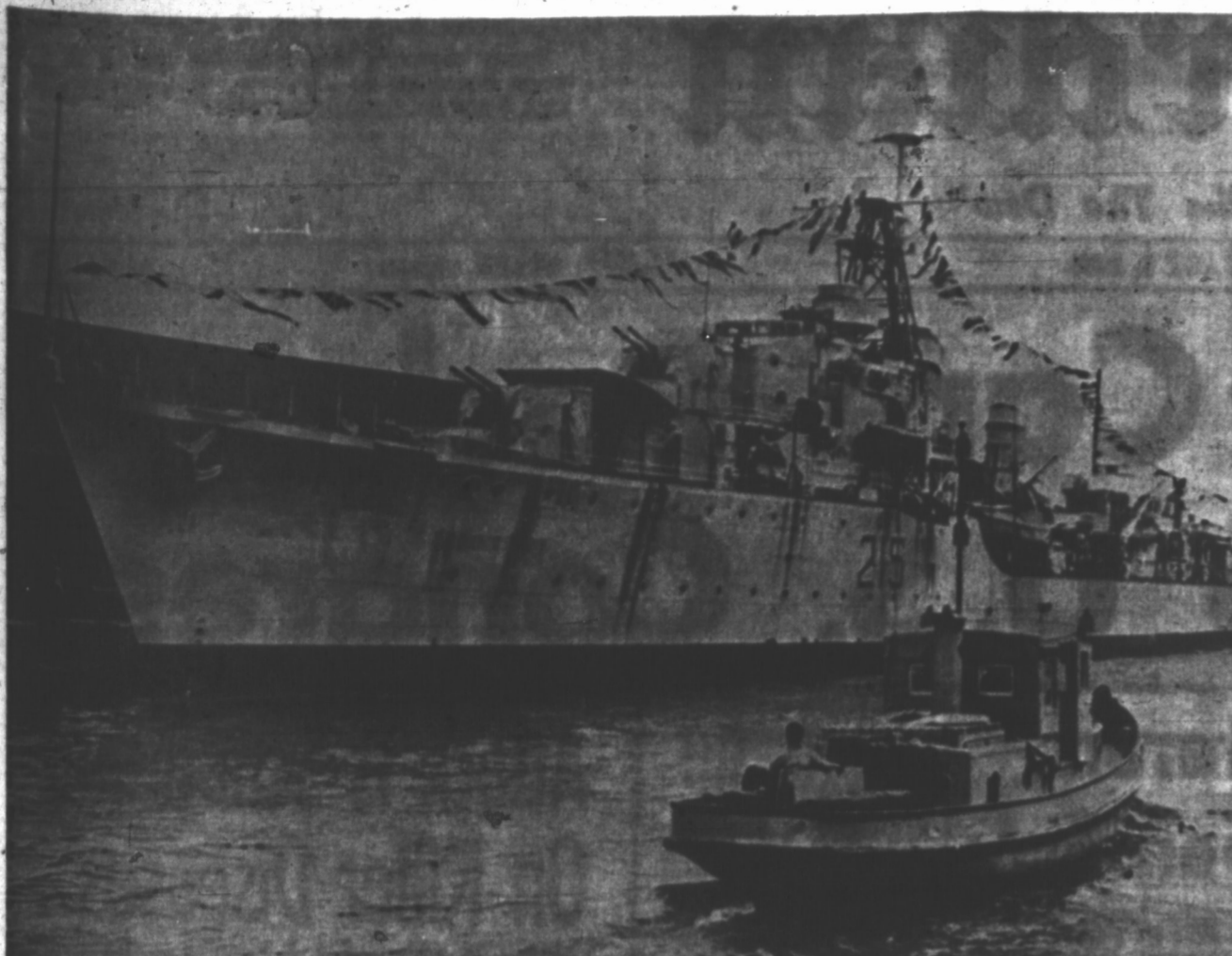
**Rare Coins Donated To 'Centre'**  
News of the Fathers of Confederation Memorial Centre here obviously reaches far afield. In a letter received by director Moncrieff Williamson of the Art Gallery and Museum from Portland, Oregon, (on the Pacific coast) there was an enclosure of seven Atlantic province coins from "colonial" times for the museum.

The writer, Lester A. Halpin of Portland, said, "they (the coins) belong in your museum rather than in a cigar box in a bureau drawer in Portland."

To Richard Beauchamp, assistant curator and head of the department of historical collections the response was "we are delighted."

Mr. Beauchamp said the coins will go on display shortly and be part of an exhibit of rare coins and paper currency of an earlier era in Prince Edward Island next June under the auspices of the P.E.I. Numismatic Society.

The coins are Prince Edward Island, one cent, 1871; Nova Scotia one cent 1861, and half-cent 1861; New Brunswick penny token 1854, and penny token 1843, and New Brunswick 30-cent silver and five-cent silver, both 1864.



**THE FORMER** Canadian destroyer Haida lies at her berth in Toronto harbor after arriving in the city under tow from Halifax. The ship was bought by a group of Toronto men known as Haida Inc. It will be turned into a floating Royal Canadian Navy museum. (CP Photo)

## Canada's Most Famous Warship Saved By Group Of Torontonians

By JOHN LEBLANC  
TORONTO (CP)—For a fellow who'd never been aboard anything bigger than the stout ship Sam McBride of the Toronto harbor ferry service, Neil Bruce has been churning up quite a wash in nautical circles since embarking on HMCS Haida in her last days in the Canadian navy.

Her visit set in motion a wave of nostalgia that has seen Haida—perhaps Canada's most famous ship of the Second World War—rescued by an eyelash from the cutting-up torches and started on her way to becoming a memorial to Canada's part in the Battle of the Atlantic.

The air pilot and a group of other lovers of the sea tradition—mostly landsmen—have scraped up enough cash and credit to buy the old warrior from the navy and have her towed to Toronto. Now they are eyeing a goal of \$250,000 to ensure her permanently in a cement berth complete with such trappings of her old war as remain and with facilities for telling her segment of the navy story.

It's a lively yarn. Haida met the enemy from the bedevilled Murmansk convoy run to the close-in waters of the German-held French coast to the broad reaches of the Atlantic. She got her share of trophies, and more. And she was, as they said, a lucky ship and a good ship, to sail in.

**HUNTED TROUBLE**  
The British-built Haida, commissioned in 1943, found her sharpest action the next spring as part of the 10th Flotilla, a composite group of British and Canadian vessels attached to Operation Tunnel. This was a trouble-busting force assigned to search out and destroy all such enemy surface shipping

as possible before D-Day to cut down resistance to the invasion armada.

During this time, she was in on the sinking of about 20 enemy vessels, four of which were destroyers, one a submarine, and the remainder smaller coastal escorts or merchant ships.

The spot was five miles off enemy-held coast and under the guns of coastal batteries. Haida picked up 36 Athabaska survivors and, when dawn forced her to move out of range, left her motor cutter with a crew of four volunteers to hunt for more. The small boat, pursued part of the way by three German minesweepers, got away after fishing eight more seamen out of the water.

Haida spent an uneventful D-Day patrolling on the fringe of the invasion path but found action a few days later when she and a British destroyer sniffed out a Nazi submarine in 300 feet of water while on patrol south of Land's End. Two hours of depth-charging brought the raider to the surface, where the destroyers promptly sank her.

**HAS WORST MISHAP**  
About a month after D-Day, Haida suffered the worst mishap of her career while she was with a cruiser-destroyer force that was picking off ships in a German convoy that it came upon off the French coast at night. One of her own shells exploded in a gun and killed two gunners. Haida continued the

job on the convoy, and six of its seven ships were disposed of.

Later, her work included supplying Free French forces with arms and ammunition in the Bay of Biscay area. In this region, too, she captured a couple of small German naval vessels trying to run from Brest in the guise of fishing craft.

Shortly before the German surrender, she switched to the Murmansk convoy run—where she had served earlier—and on the final homeward leg had a last close shave. A torpedo narrowly missed her, and another passed close to her sister tribulate craft, Iroquois. A British frigate was sunk.

After that, Haida went into drydock to refit for the Pacific war. She came out too late for that, but years later got into action in the Korean conflict. She ranged up and down the enemy coast beating up trains, factories and other shore targets.

Her most notable peacetime feat came in November, 1946, when she rescued 18 United States airmen whose B-29 bomber went down in mountainous seas 300 miles northeast of Bermuda.

**CRUISE STARTS IT**  
By 1963 she was a nautical dowager and nearing the end of her active life when Neil Bruce's brother Ron, who once served in Iroquois and now was a Sea Cadets officer, took him for a short cruise on Haida during a spell of reservist training on the Great Lakes.

The airman heard Haida's story from her officers, promptly began a romance with the ship and became convinced she should be preserved. He came across several others who were thinking along the same

lines—Allan Howard, of Toronto's Marine Museum; Norman Simpson, a former navy officer turned lawyer, and Peter Ward, a reserve navy lieutenant and military editor of The Telegram. They recruited others.

Expectations had been that Haida would be in reserve until late 1964, but the group was jolted last winter when the navy's economy drive speeded up and it was announced Haida was being declared surplus and for sale almost immediately.

There was frantic action by Haida Inc., complete with visits to Defence Minister Paul Hellyer and the chief of naval staff. It probably did the Haida-warshipers no harm that the naval chief at the time was Vice-Admiral H. G. (Hard-Over Harry) DeWolf, Haida's skipper through most of the war. (Rear Admiral R. P. Welland, deputy chief of operational readiness in the new integrated command structure, was the second of Haida's two wartime commanders.)

**SALE NOW, PAY LATER**  
Haida was destined for Crown Assets for disposal, but the government eventually turned her over to the group on the easy-going terms of \$20,000 spread over 10 years, the first payment due a year after delivery. She was delivered at Sorel, Que., last August after a tow from her berth at Sydney, N.S., with a detour to the Halifax dockyard for a quick once-over.

Getting her to Toronto was going to cost some \$7,500 on the barehanded. McAllister Towing Company of Montreal quoted a rock-bottom price of 6,000 for the haul and then knocked off \$1,000 for sentiment. Another \$2,500 was needed to insure the crew for the trip up the St. Lawrence Seaway and the ship for her first year in Toronto. More money was needed for a watchman.

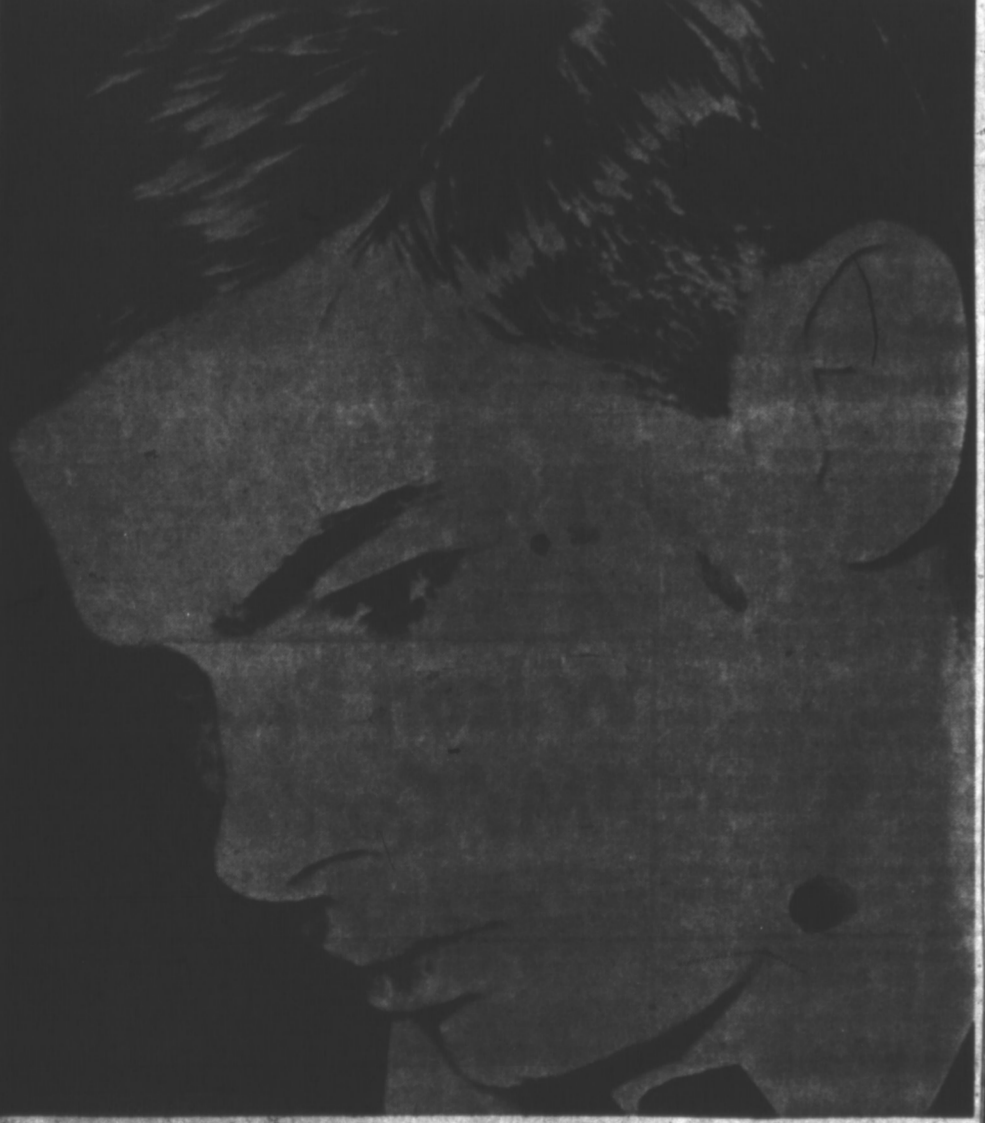
A friendly bank came up with the cash, but it's all costing the group \$256 a week so far.

The crew problem for the trip was solved when three days' special duty was authorized for three officers and 12 reservists from HMCS York, Toronto's naval division.

When the water is high next spring, tugs will take the Haida from Pier 6 to a spot on the waterfront on the edge of Coronation Park, a Metropolitan Toronto park dedicated to servicemen who fell in the Second World War. The city has advised Haida Inc. that it will beappy to have the old ship there as part of the memorial.

When there is enough money in the kitty, a concrete mole will be built to separate Haida from Lake Ontario. Later—about \$250,000 away from Neil Bruce's first cruise—the water will be drained out and the basin filled with concrete to leave the fighting old lady high and dry with her memories.

**POPE RENEWS PEACE CALL**  
VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Paul renewed his appeal for Christian unity on this Epiphany Day. He spoke at the traditional noon blessing from the window of his studio overlooking St. Peter's Square, filled with 15,000 Romans and tourists.



## UNHAPPY NEW YEAR

Eighteen-year-old Harrison Crouse sits with bowed head during coroner's inquest into slaying of Crouse's father, mother, and sister at their

home in Wilmette, suburban Chicago, Jan. 2. At yesterday's inquiry coroner's jury recommends Crouse be held to the grand jury on a charge

of murder. Told he had the legal right to decline to testify, he remained silent except answering "no" to question about being a witness.

Due to the death of Ralph M. Jones the office of Eastern Securities Limited will be closed all day Friday, Jan. 8.

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## ARSENAL SEIZED IN ARRESTS

Some of the 15 weapons seized by Toronto police yesterday lie near a case filled with thousands of rounds of

ammunition. The arsenal was seized when police arrested three men, charging one of them with capital murder in connection with the death last July of Jack Blanc of Toronto, who attempted to apprehend a bank robber in suburban Downsview. The men arrested were identified as Matthew Kerry Smith, 24, Kenneth Amiotto, 24, and Richard Skeay, all of Toronto. (CP Wirephoto).

## Centennial Planning Meeting Scheduled Here Wednesday

A planning meeting in conjunction with the Centennial train and caravan that will cross Canada in 1967 will be held Wednesday at the Charlottetown Hotel.

Chairman of the meeting will be Provincial Secretary J. David Stewart.

Attending from Ottawa will be Centennial Commissioner John Fisher, planning director Robin L. Elliott, public relations officer Arthur MacDonald and project officer Leslie J. Malden.

Among provincial committee members to attend the meeting will be deputy provincial secretary Wendall MacKay; Major Orin Simons, RCMP Superintendent A. S. McNeil; Canadian National Railways Island Superintendent Edgar Taylor, City Comptroller John Butler, Fire Marshal Earle MacLeod, travel bureau director George Fraser, Deputy Health Minister Dr. Owen Curtis, Deputy Highways Minister Gordon White, Deputy Education Minister Malcolm MacKenzie, Canadian National Railways Regional Passenger Sales Manager George Stiven and Town Manager Joseph Brophy of Summerside.

The Confederation Train will make stops in 13 communities in the Maritimes, during the period Oct. 1 to Nov. 10, 1967. The Caravan, on the other hand, will be in the Maritimes from June 25 to Nov. 3, 1967, stopping at some 70 communities not visited by the Train.

Other Centennial programs of national interest to be reviewed at the meeting include Centennial Youth Travel, the performing arts and the

Centennial programs on athletics and on historical pageants, all of which involve joint federal and provincial participation.

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**GIVE** them a life to save and they will save it!  
**SEND** them to Hell and they will come back.  
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