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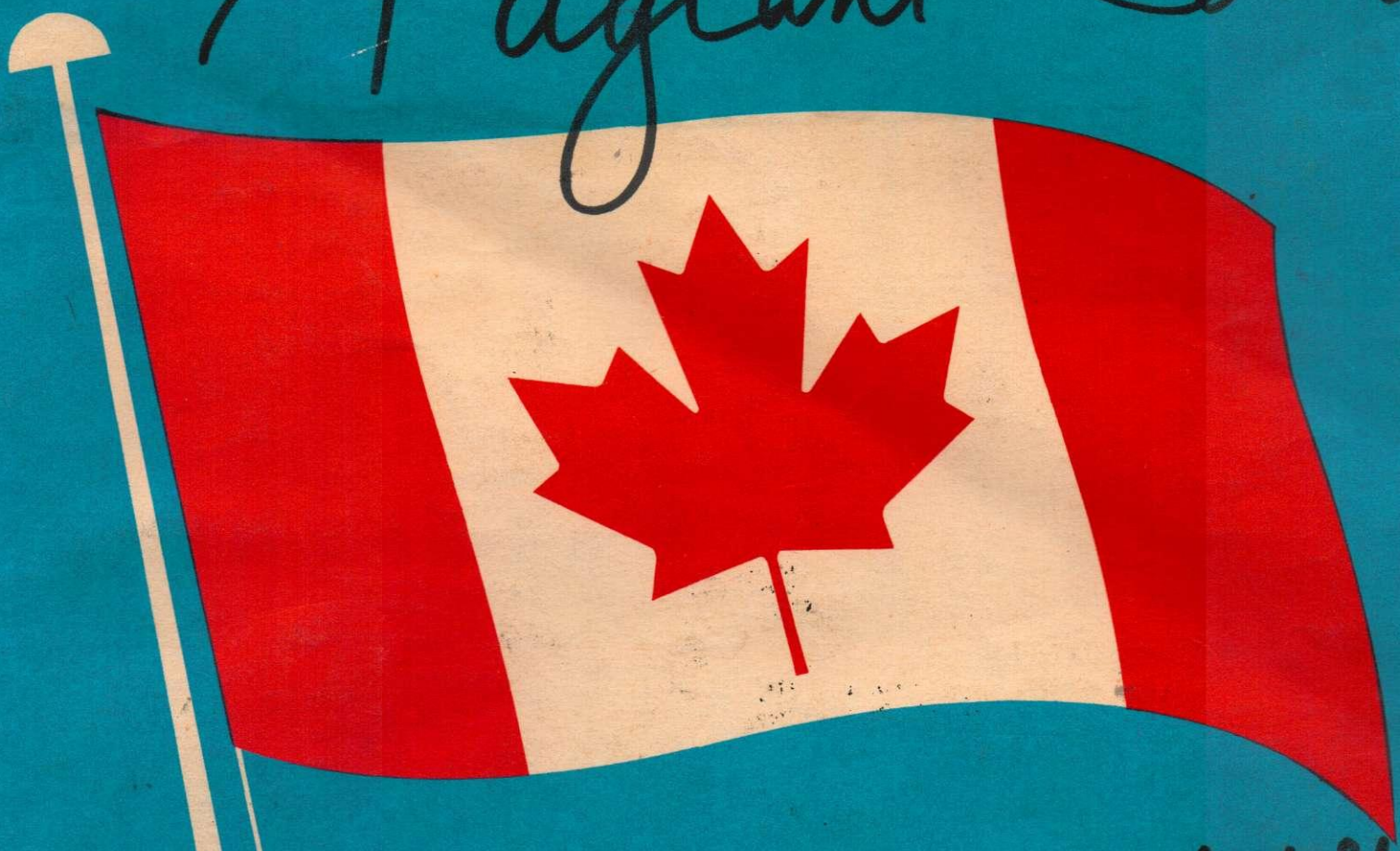

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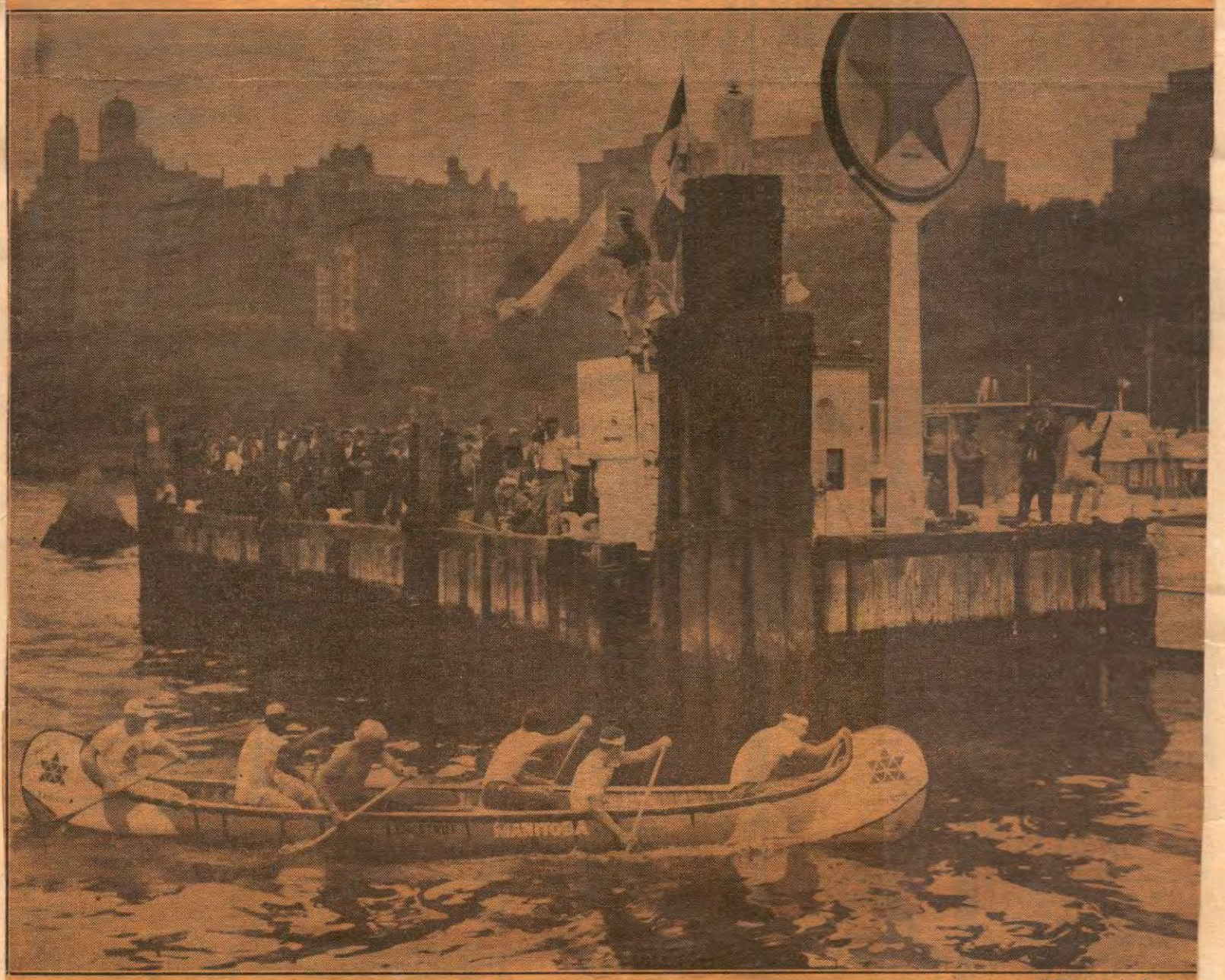
Canadians Can Canoe

City Council President Frank O'Connor greets bearded crew members from the Yukon following end of Montreal-to-New York canoe race at the W. 79th St. marina yesterday. A team from Manitoba (see foto below) won the 470-mile race in 32 hours 47 minutes 27.8 seconds. The canoers had to brave tricky currents and dodge motorboats as they paddled down the Hudson. There were 10 canoes, all from Canada, in the race. It was a preliminary to 100-day, 3,500-mile race next year, Canada's centennial year. *—Story on page 4*



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The canoe team from Manitoba crosses the finish line and man on pilings signals victory with flag as crowd cheers.

CENTENNIAL RACE

Feb. 17 1966

LOCAL COMMITTEE WILL PADDLE ITS OWN CANOE

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Will Seek Permission To Sponsor Team

A Manitoba Committee, formed in Flin Flon last night, will seek permission from the Manitoba Centennial Corporation to work directly with the Canadian Centennial Commission regarding the sponsorship of a Manitoba paddling team in the canoe pageant to be held in 1967.

The provincial Corporation recently announced that it would not sponsor a team in the race and unless this decision is reversed the committee formed at the meeting will attempt to sponsor the team from this province.

Interested northern Manitoba residents attended last night's meeting including Wilf Cudmore, president of The Pas Chamber of Commerce and Bob Siedler of the same community. Several Flin Flon organizations were represented.

The meeting elected Jim Rheaume of Flin Flon as chairman and empowered him to form an executive from all over the province. Tom Dobson of Flin Flon is secretary.

Health Minister C. H. Witney has notified the local group interested in the canoe pageant that he is lending his support to the idea.

Mr. Rheaume pointed out that the idea of the centennial canoe pageant to run from Rocky Mountain House in Alberta to Montreal during the summer of 1967 was originated by a group in Flin Flon who were connected with the canoe race held in conjunction with the annual Trout Festival. The complete plans for such a pageant had been presented to the Centennial Commission and was accepted as something that would bring back the early history of Canada's development through the use of canoes and the many rivers and lakes across the nation.

Mr. Rheaume told the meeting that all the provinces as well as the Yukon and the Northwest Territories had been asked to sponsor eight man teams in the pageant and many had already agreed and had their teams picked. He understood that British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia had entered and other provinces were still considering the matter. The Yukon and the Territories were both entering teams, he stated.

As far as Mr. Rheaume knew, Nova Scotia and Manitoba were the only two provinces that had turned down the sponsorship, however, in the former a committee had been formed and had received permission from the Centennial Commission to take over for the province.

Six paddlers will be in each 25 foot canoe with each team carrying two spares. The canoes have been built at a cost of $400. each and are replicas of the types used in the early fur trading days.

The paddlers would stop overnight at communities along the route where special events could be held. They would follow the Saskatchewan river from Rocky Mountain House to The Pas in Manitoba.

The original plan would have them travel down through Lake Winnipegosis and eventually into the Assiniboine River at Portage la Prairie. The route would pass through Winnipeg, Kenora, Fort William and to Montreal through the Great Lakes. It is estimated the race would take 110 days to complete.

Two publicity races, to give teams the opportunity to practice, will be held this summer, Mr. Rheaume told the meeting. One will be run from August 13 to 20 on the lower Fraser River in B. C. and the second from August 27 to September 3 from Montreal to New York.

Twelve Fredericton, N.B., built canoes will be used in the Centennial Canoe Pageant. The one shown is being tested on the North Saskatchewan River near Rocky Mountain House, Alberta.

Centennial Report

1867 1967

by JOHN W. FISHER
CENTENNIAL COMMISSIONER

It is still possible to put a canoe into our Canadian rivers and tributaries and paddle to one of the oceans.

Eric W. Morse, an expert on our fur trade history who has traversed and written about the old canoe routes of Canada, says there are as many miles of inland waterways in this country as in all the other nations of the world combined. In fact it is estimated that one quarter of all the fresh water in the world is to be found in Canada.

In an article published a few years ago, called "Canoe Routes of the Voyageurs", Eric Morse suggested that, sometimes, as much history can be learned from a canoe as from a history book. If that is the case — and I believe he is right — many of us are going to learn more about Canada's history when our attention is attracted to the 100-day Centennial Voyageur Canoe Pageant next year. From Rocky Mountain House, near the Alberta-British Columbia border, canoers will dip their paddles and follow in the wake of voyageurs and fur traders along the early inland waterways. Their destination - Expo 67 at Montreal, a distance of some 4000 miles!

The Centennial Canoe Pageant will create considerable excitement because it is to be a "race" between teams chosen by the various provinces of Canada and the territories. The race will be conducted according to rules similar to those of a car rally so that competitive spurts and stops can be made at communities for the teams' participation in local Centennial Celebrations. Like the old fur brigades, they will travel in flotillas and judging will be done on a points system.

While the race will create excitement it also will stir our imaginations. It will remind us how some of our colorful pioneers travelled and developed the early economy of Canada.

JUNE 6 1966

Manitoba Will Enter Team In Centennial Canoe Race

The Manitoba Centennial Commission has reversed its decision and will enter a Manitoba team in the proposed Centennial Monster Canoe Race, it was announced today.

The announcement came follownng a meeting of Manitoba and Saskatchewan officials with the Canadian Centennial Commission. The meeting saw Saskatchewan also agree to enter a team, bringing to eight the number of provinces to be represented. Only Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland will not be entered in the 110 day race from Rocky Mountain House to Montreal, which is slated to get underway during the long weekend in May, 1967, and conclude in Montreal on Labor Day.

Earlier the Manitoba Centennial Commission had felt that the race was too costly and simply a publicity stunt for Expo 67, but a local committee headed by Jim Rheaume brought pressure to bear on this decision, with the result that the Commission reversed its former decision.

Committee Chairman Jim Rheaume said today that he was very happy with the announcement and expressed the hope that Manitoba officials would get on the ball and get the wheels in motion for the preliminary planning of the race

MONDAY, JUNE 6th, 1966.

Canoe Pageant Has Backing

The Manitoba Centennial Corporation will lend its full support to the Canoe Pageant to run from Rocky Mountain House to Montreal in 1967, Hon. Maitland Steinkopf, head of the provincial body told a Centennial conference at Cranberry Portage Saturday.

Bert Robinson, of Winnipeg, who is chairman of the Manitoba committee for the pageant, told the meeting that at least no entries had been received including two from the Yukon and Northwest Territories. He said all western provinces will have teams entered.

The race will take 110 days and cover 3,500 miles passing through The Pas on the North Saskatchewan river, down to Cedar Lake and over Lake Winnipegosis and Lake Winnipeg to Portage la Prairie and Winnipeg. The paddlers are expected to be in Manitoba for 9 days.

Mr. Robinson said paddlers in northern Manitoba and some in the Winnipeg area are already training for next year and tests for paddlers wishing to enter would be announced by the Manitoba Commodore, Jim Rheaume, of Flin Flon.

The CBC and National Film Board will be covering the race for the full distance, Mr. Robinson, and said in his opinion the pageant would be the greatest single event of the centennial.

Mr. Steinkopf said the pageant had never been a part of the Manitoba Corporation until a definite financial picture had been presented by the Canadian Centennial Commission. He revealed the cost to Manitoba would be $15,000. paid to the central commission along with from $4,000 to $5,000 for other costs in the province. He said the Manitoba Corporation was pleased to support the pageant which would be a great historical event that all the province could co-operate in.

Mr. Steinkopf said the Hudson's Bay Company's next edition of the Beaver magazine would be devoted to the pageant in Manitoba.

June 7, 1966

Winnipeg Tribune

JIM RHEAUME

Rheaume is commodore

When eight modern-day voyageurs paddle Manitoba's canoe in the cross-country Centennial Canoe Pageant, Jim Rheaume of Flin Flon will be the Commodore.

Long an active paddler, Rheaume has been prominent in the annual 100-mile canoe race operated as part of Flin Flon's annual Trout Festival.

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Jim Rheaume
(Photo by Cyril Steventon)

Heads Manitoba Pageant Team

Jim Rheaume, well known for his efforts in promoting canoe paddling and especially the Trout Festival canoe derby, has been elected as the Commodore for Manitoba for the 1967 canoe pageant.

Mr. Rheaume was named to the position by the Manitoba Centennial Corporation when he attended a meeting in Winnipeg at the end of the week.

Others on the committee, all having considerable experience and interest in canoe paddling, are committee chairman Bert Robinson, General Elliot Rogers, Al and Doug Groft, former champion paddlers, Vic Johnson, Gerry Cox, Allan Cammell and Doug Campbell. All except Mr. Rheaume are from Winnipeg.

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Ninth Team Member Named

Manitoba Commodore Jim Rheaume today announced the selection of the ninth member of the Centennial Canoe team.

He is David Wells, 19 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wells of 243 Bracken. Dave was a member of the amateur team which clocked the best time over the three day lap of Trout Festival Canoe Derby.

He will be leaving for B. C. with the rest of the team for the trials which are slated to get underway there early next month.

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MANITOBA VOYAGEURS SET TO GO

The eight paddlers who will form Manitoba's team in the Centennial Voyageur Canoe Pageant have been chosen. The names were released by Hon. Maitland B. Steinkopf, Q.C. chairman of the Manitoba Centennial Corporation; James Rheaume, provincial commodore, and B.A. Robinson, chairman, Canoe Pageant advisory committee.

Well known for their successful participation in the Gold Rush Canoe Derby in Flin Flon, Gib McEachern and Norm Crerar of Flin Flon are among those chosen. The remainder of the team is made up of: Roger Carriere and Joe Michelle, Cranberry Portage; Wayne Soltys and John Norman, Flin Flon; Don Starkell and Blair Harvey of Winnipeg.

Reserve canoeists selected include: Mitch McCrimmon, Doug Simpson and David Wells of Flin Flon; Mel Doak of Churchill; Arnold Mikelburg, Frank Stephens, Ken Plews and George Ennis of Winnipeg, and George Barker of Dauphin.

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Winnipeg Free Press

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Members of the Manitoba Canoe Pageant committee include: Burt A. Robinson, chairman; Douglas C. Groff, Alan B. Groff, J. Allan Cammell, Doug Campbell, Vic Johnson, James Rheaume and Bud Jobin of Flin Flon, Ted Byfield of Selkirk, N. Elliott Rodger and Bill Dickson. A representative of Manitoba's Indian people will be appointed to the committee.

Five Local Paddlers Chosen On Centennial Canoe Team

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Trials Slated For August

Five Flin Flon paddlers have been selected on the eight man team which will represent Manitoba in the Centennial Canoe Pageant next summer.

The announcement came from Manitoba Commodore Jim Rheaume, who said this morning that eight had been selected from the 17 applications submitted to the Manitoba Centennial Commission.

Heading the list are professional champions Gib McEachern and Norm Crerar, who are rated the best paddling team on the North American continent. Also chosen from Flin Flon were runners'up in the Gold Rush Canoe Derby, Wayne Soltys and John Norman. The 5th Flin Flonner is Blair Harvey, who is presently living in Winnipeg.

Two other northerners selected for the team are 3rd place finishers in the Gold Rush Derby, Roger Carriere and Joe Michell, of Cranberry Portage. Don Starkell of Winnipeg completes the eight man team.

The only hitch remaining is gaining clearance for all paddlers to join the team for the trials this summer and the race next year. All have clearance so far with the exception of Soltys and Norman. Carriere, an employee of the Canadian National Railways received permission from the CNR to join the team for trials this summer, and if selected, the race next summer. The letter from the CNR, Rheaume said, stated th at they were pleased that one of their employees had beer chosen to take part in the race.

McEachern and Crerar are free to join the team as are Michelle, Harvey and Starkell. Harvey is employed by B. A. Robinson Company and Starkell by the CPR.

Soltys and Norman are both employed at the HBM&S and would have to receive time off from the Company in order to join the team.

....Gib McEachern....

.... Norm Crerar....

Pictured above are the two local paddlers who finished first in the Banff to Calgary race held this weekend. The pair was also selected on Manitoba's Centennial Canoe team.

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Meanwhile Norm, Gib Win Again

The paddlers will leave Manitoba on August 2nd and fly to Prince George in British Columbia. They will spend 10 days paddling on the Fraser River, before crossing the open water from Vancouver to Victoria. They will then be flown to Montreal where they will spend three days in the Lachine Rapids.

In choosing the team Rheaume said that the selections were made on the past record of the paddlers, their physical condition and their experience in the outdoors. If any of the eight selected are unable to join the team, replacements will be selected among the remaining applicants

Canoe Will Be Named "The Radisson"

The Manitoba Centennial Canoe, which is expected to arrive here in Flin Flon at any time now, will likely be known as "The Radisson". Each province is likewise naming its Canoe after a Canadian explorer or famous historical figure.

At last report, the Man. Centennial commission was considering naming our big 25-footer after early-explorer Radisson. The boat is en route to Flin Flon, fresh from the factory at Fredicton.

The Manitoba team is anxiously awaiting its arrival in order to get in a few practice sessions before the craft is sent on to B.C. for the August trial-runs. Most of the provinces already have their canoes.

Radisson Passes Test

Manitoba's Centennial Canoe, "The Radisson" arrived in Flin Flon Saturday morning and later in the day had made its first trip in northern waters.

Five local paddlers, headed by Manitoba Commodore Jim Rheaume took the craft for a short spin around Ross Lake. Yesterday, a team of six paddlers, including team members Wayne Soltys and John Norman paddled the craft to Cranberry Portage in roughly five hours.

The 25 foot craft weighs roughly 250, but it's expected that the six man team will be able to move the boat at a fair clip. Speeds of eight miles an hour and possibly more in the sprints are predicted by the local Commodore.

The boat will remain here, and available for practice sessions until later in the summer when it will be shipped out to British Columbia, and later to Quebec, for practice sessions.

Bruce Keddie

I would think that a little button popping is in order. After all it isn't every community of 12,000 heads which can supply the nucleus for two provincial canoe pageant teams. Flin Flon paddlers will dominate both the Manitoba and Saskatchewan teams. We probably have more paddlers available if any of the other provinces are finding the pickings slim. How about you people down in Ontario, all six million of you. Need any help.?

So far Flin Flon can take the credit for supplying, (a) the idea, (b) the background work, (c) a nucleus of paddlers. I thought I'd get that down in black and white, just in case the pageant turns out to be one of the big deals of the Centennial.

Of course the credit for Flin Flon's surge to the front of the paddling class must go to the men who years ago, spearheaded the local canoe club. Also, the success of Gib McEachern and Norm Crerar has undoubtedly had something to do with keeping the interest high. Old Mother Nature rates a tip of the chapeau for providing all the cold clear waters.

HBM&S Grants Paddlers Leave Of Absence

Manitoba Pageant Commodore Jim Rheaume has one less problem to worry about.

Yesterday, he announced that the Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Company had granted local paddlers Wayne Soltys and John Norman a leave of absence in order to paddle in the Centennial race. The pair will be granted the leave for the trials this summer, and the race next year.

Joe Michelle, one of the two northern natives selected to the team is also reported enroute to Flin Flon. The team is expected to leave for the West Coast around the end of the month.

Five local paddlers, headed by Manitoba Commodore Jim Rheaume give the " Radisson" its initial trial run on Saturday afternoon.

The 25 foot Centennial canoe arrived here on Saturday morning and will be here for practice until later in the summer when the trials will be held in British Columbia.

Paddling are Jim Rheaume, bow, Mitch McCrimmon, Bob Crerar, Dave Wells and Doug Simpson. McCrimmon, Wells and Simpson are all possible replacements on the Manitoba team.

BRUCE KEDDIE

MANITOBA FAVORED

By just being downright nosy during the Festival, I gleaned enough information to suggest that either Manitoba, British Columbia or Quebec paddling teams will be heavy favorites for the Centennial Pageant.

At least this seemed to be the word among the paddling teams, and it stands to reason as these three provinces have been the most active in canoe racing during the last decade.

Commodore Jim Rheaume must have been highly pleased to see the top three spots in the Gold Rush Derby won by Manitoba teams..

Herb Brade and Dick Hart, British Columbia paddlers, who are possibly the best on the west coast came in 4th. The paddlers from Quebec were 7th place finishers.

After two laps the team of Brade and Hart had a 40 second lead over Roger Carriere and Joe Michelle.

"Gotta beat 'em today," muttered Roger as he got ready for the last lap.

"Why?" someone asked. "Is the extra $50. worth all that extra effort."

"Nope," said Roger, "but I want those fellows to go back to B.C. with the knowledge that three Manitoba teams are capable of whuppin' them."

True to his word, Roger and Joe erased the 40 second deficit and at the end of the third lap had gained roughly a three minute lead, good for third place.

First place, of course, went to local giant Gib McEachern and Norm Crerar.

There's a good chance that nobody will beat this team of paddlers all summer. Gib and Norm are making the tour again this year and will be paddling in some seven or eight races. Last year they established themselves as the greatest paddling pair on the continent, and will be out to maintain their supremacy. Some indication of the esteem in which they are held in the outside is in the fact that top teams such as Sawyer and Peterson, arch rivals of Gib and Norm in past years, are not entering in the same races as the local pair. Sawyer and Peterson, once the giants of paddling, have been relegated to the runner-up slot the last couple of years, and have obviously conceded the number one ranking to Norm and Gib.

The presence of these two paddlers must put the Manitoba Centennial Canoe team in a favored position, simply because they are the best. However, such members as Wayne Soltys and John Norman, Roger Carriere and Joe Michelle, I would say, gives Manitoba six of the best. Soltys and Norman ran a strong second to Norm and Gib in the Gold Rush Derby, and would probably do exceptionally well on the pro tour after one time around the circuit. Roger and Joe have been in the money both at Shawinigan and Mount Laurier, so they know what it's all about.

Besides the six main paddlers, two spares are required, because it's inconceivable that the same six men could hack it every day for over 100 days. But that should be no problem for the Manitoba team. There were a number of paddlers in the Gold Rush Derby, who would make excellent standins, if not regulars.

With McEachern, Crerar, and Carriere, Manitoba will probably have the most celebrated crew. All three are well known across Canada, Gib and Norm for their paddling feats, while Roger's claim to fame is the King Trapper title.

I would think that Quebec would offer Manitoba the main competition, mainly because they have a large number of paddlers to pick from. Secondly, I would think that the enthusiasm will be the greatest in Quebec, were paddling and racing is still very much part of the life of the Frenchman. The races at Shawinigan and Mount Laurier are annual highlights in La Belle Province.

Alberta, will likely be one of the best organized provinces in the race, but it is doubtful if they have the experienced paddlers. The oil province is relatively new at the paddling game, and although the emphasis has been strong the past few years, it's doubtful that they can put as many experienced paddlers in a boat than either Quebec or Manitoba. Or B.C. for that matter.

Actually it's much too early to be selecting a winner, and although Manitobans probably have reason to be optimistic, much can happen between now, and the finish line in Montreal.

For instance, Manitoba may have the best individuals, but it's a paddling team which is going to win the pageant. Putting the three best paddling pairs in one boat is no guarantee that this will be the best six man paddling team. There would be much to learn about each other's style, the best position for each paddler, and no doubt many other little things, which novices such as myself, would know nothing about. Over a span of 100 days, teamwork and harmony will be the key.

King Trapper of the North and a member of Manitoba's Centennial Canoe team is Roger Carriere of Cranberry Portage. Roger and his Gold Rush Canoe Derby partner Joe Michelle were both chosen to represent the province.

Pictured above is former Flin Flonner Blair Harvey, who has been chosen as one of the paddlers on Manitoba's Centennial Pageant team.

Blair, who resides in Winnipeg was chosen as one of the two city representatives on the eight man team.

THE PAS HERALD

Manitoba Names Paddlers For Voyageur Race

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The centennial course is mostly along the main fur trade route as originally explored by Pierre Radisson (1661); Henry Kelsey (1691-92); LaVerendrye (1731 and 1735); De La Corne (1753) and Anthony Henday, and later used by the fur traders and explorers.

Starting from Edmonton the brigade will journey eastward down North Saskatchewan River bypassing Lloydminster, to North Battleford. Saskatoon (river runs some 20 miles north of this city), PRINCE ALBERT, NIPAWIN, THE PAS and CEDAR RAPIDS. Here the main fur trade route through Lake Winnipeg will be left in order to take in PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE and WINNIPEG.

Cross Cedar Lake going south leaving the Saskatchewan, and portage into Lake Winnipegosis following the lake in a southerly direction and portage into

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Norm Crerar

Roger Carriere

Joe Michelle

Gib McEachern

Lake Manitoba at Meadow Portage.

Go east and south down Lake Manitoba to DELTA and portage 9 miles from DELTA into PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE and the Assiniboine River.

Follow Assiniboine River east joining the Red River at WINNIPEG. Go north on Red River to Lake Winnipeg, then north and east on the lake to the mouth of the Winnipeg River.

Start up the Winnipeg River to LAC DU BONNET, POINTE DU BOIS and through Sand Lake, from there south to KENORA and Lake of the Woods. Cross Lake of the Woods due south to the mouth of the Rainy River. Follow up Rainy River to FORT FRANCES on Rainy Lake.

Proceed east on Rainy Lake to Namakan Lake and east up Namakan River to Lac La Croix. Cross Lac La Croix due east following a chain of lakes along the border, Crooked Lake, Basswood Lake, Knife Lake, Saganaga Lake, Gunflint Lake to the Pigeon River and east on the latter to Grand Portage and Lake Superior, then following the north shore to FORT WILLIAM.

Continue along the north shore to Whitefish Bay and SAULT STE MARIE, then by way of Hay Lake and St. Joseph Channel into the north channel of Lake Huron and Georgian Bay. Up the French River to Lake Nipissing and NORTH BAY. By way of Trout Lake, Turtle Lake, Robichaud Lake and the Mattawa River to MATTAWA and enter the Ottawa River. Down the Ottawa River to join the St. Lawrence and into MONTREAL, terminating at the site of EXPO '67.

Bruce Keddie

Having five local paddlers selected to represent the province is quite an honor, even in Flin Flon where natives have become accustomed to winning canoe derbies.

And the fact that the core of the Manitoba team will be Flin Flon paddlers is more or less appropriate, for two reasons. First off, the idea of the Centennial pageant originated here, and secondly, if it hadn't been for the work of a local committee, Manitoba wouldn't even be in the race.

Of course the structure of the pageant differs radically from the idea which was first formulated here a few years back. The Centennial Committee decided that commercialism had no part in the race, so instead of the pageant offering a big cash bonanza, and reaping the benefits of heavy television and newspaper coverage, its appeal will be of a more or less local flavor. Without a big pot of gold as an attraction, interest will be largely centered among the cities and towns which the canoes will pass through. There will be a fleeting enthusiasm in each small town. Interest will remain largely Canadian. Stuffy old Canadianism, I call it.

The Canoe pageant had the potential to be the one, big event of the Centennial. A coast to coast race, covering thousands of miles, over a 100 day span, was full of appeal. It could have been exploited so as to obtain international appeal. Big business was willing to take the race under its wing. Along with big business would have come vast advertising. Huge juicy TV contracts would have followed, and the eyes of the continent would have been focused on Canada during its Centennial year. Canada's birthday party might even have attracted some gate crashers from the south, completey equipped with a wallet full of unpegged dollars.

Unfortunately though we must go small time because a flock of stuffy government appointees probably could not stomach the idea of losing control over any phase of the Centennial. At least I cannot think of any other reason why the Centennial Committee would keep commercialism out of the race. Surely they are not so naive as to think that dollars and cents are not very much a part of Canada's birthday party. Surely they could see the advantages of staging a spectacular event, something which would have added a touch of glamour to the celebrations. Surely, they are not all living in the 19th century, complete with the stuffy traditionalism and conservatism which has plagued our country since its first birthday. Surely, we are not still running scared after 100 years.

I think we are. I think our Centennial committee is terribly lacking in the imagination to make the 100th birthday a really big show. Recently they announced a short story or essay contest, but no author in his right mind will enter. They won't enter because the Centennial committee wants to retain the rights to all entries. Well, the piddly little prizes offered couldn't hope to cover what an author would lose in royalties alone, if his work were publishable. Anyone with talent will avoid the contest like the plague, and the work which will be turned into the committee, will be just about what it deserves.

Yesterday I read where the committee is searching for a song to help put the celebrations over. They're hoping for a popular hit such as "Meet me in St. Louis," the smash disc which helped make the 1904 St. Louis World Fair, a spectacular show. The committee must be getting the message because a prize of $5000. has been offered to the winner, and the writer has also been allowed to retain all publication rights.

But if they are starting to go big league at this stage of the game it will be too little and too late. I'm a little disappointed because I know that if the Americans were celebrating their birthday, they'd make it the biggest show on earth. I'm afraid our 1967 firecracker will have a damp fuse.

As a basis of comparison, how many people would be interested in the Master's Golf Tournament if there were not a $50,000 prize packet. How many TV networks would fight for the broadcast rights, and how many newspapers would headline the event.

That's why I feel a little sorry for men like Jim Rheaume and his fellow Commodores, who will be responsible for staging the big race. The Centennial committee has handed them the starting gun, but has kept most of the bullets.

Johnny Norman (pictured above) and racing partner Wayne Soltys are edging closer on the heels of the highly-rated McEachern and Crerar, placing a good second in the Gold Rush Canoe Derby for the fourth season, this year. This should somewhat prove the value they will be to the Centennial crew.

Constant practise and workouts is no doubt the secret of their success.

Thirty year old John, who is now employed with the Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Company at Flin Flon, was born at Denare Beach, Saskatchewan, a few miles across the border from the mining town. His family owned a mink ranch at big Beaver Lake, and this is where Johnny received his primary education, along with the native children from the nearby Reserve. He attended High School in Flin Flon.

He moved to "civilization" for the first time when he was married, residing in Creighton, the border town adjoining Flin Flon. He and his wife, Eunice, have three daughters, Carla, Cathy and Lorraine.

Weighing 164 pounds and standing 5 ft. 9 1/2 inches tall Johnny is another all-round athlete, playing hockey in the winter and cramming in baseball and water-skiing during the short summer season, along with canoeing. He is also a member of the Search and Rescue Squad organized by the Creighton Fish and Game League. (This group is always on the alert for someone lost while boating or fishing in the endless maze of lakes, rivers and swamps that make up the northern wilderness.) Having grown up in this type of surrounding he is a natural for the job, as well as for the big race.

LETTER to EDITOR

Dear Editor;

It was interesting to read your views on the Government run Centennial Race. I should imagine anyone connected with or interested in it feels the same although they might not express their opinion as aptly or candidly.

You're right! It was the opportunity of a lifetime.

What began as a highly imaginative grand-scaler, was watered down to something typically Canadian. Or rather typically government controlled. By the time the federal and their provincially appointed politicians have their say in the matter (many of whom know not the bow from the stern) the event should be "suffocated" enough so as not to resemble its original concept.

It was first envisioned as a million dollar sweepstake which would have immediately jostled awake international interest, to say nothing of the capital it would have attracted to Canada.

But seems, while it is alright for us to buy Irish Sweepstake tickets, take part in small raffles, bets, "pools" and bingos, to even suggest we "gamble" on such a grand scale was utterly unthinkable!

However, that's all water under the canoe. Such as it is, the race is still the biggest single event that will bring every part of the country into the celebrations. And it can certainly focus plenty of attention on this northern area.

So let's take advantage of it as much as possible. Perhaps such an event will be staged again after Centennial year if the race is successful enough - then wide open to commercialism and good old private enterprise -- the only really effective way anything can be done.

" Interested "

Paddlers Leave For Trial Run

The Manitoba Centennial team of paddlers left here Sunday morning for the pre-Centennial trial races beginning in British Columbia this weeek.

Leaving from here were Wayne Soltys, John Norman, Joe Michelle, Roger Carriere, Dave Wells and Provincial Commodore Jim Rheaume. McEachern and Crerar are already in B.C. Blair Harvey and Don Starkell will also join the team there.

The local boys will no doubt have a rough trip west. The specially built trailer, to be provided by the Centennial Commission, still hadn't arrived to transport the huge 25 foot "Radisson" several hours before departure time, when Steelgas Limited came to the rescue, with one of their trucks being hastily equipped to carry the big canoe and the paddlers.

Prince George, B.C.

Canoe Race Starts Friday

Canoe teams from across Canada have begun to gather in Prince George for the start of the Canadian Centennial Canoe Race from Fort St. James Friday.

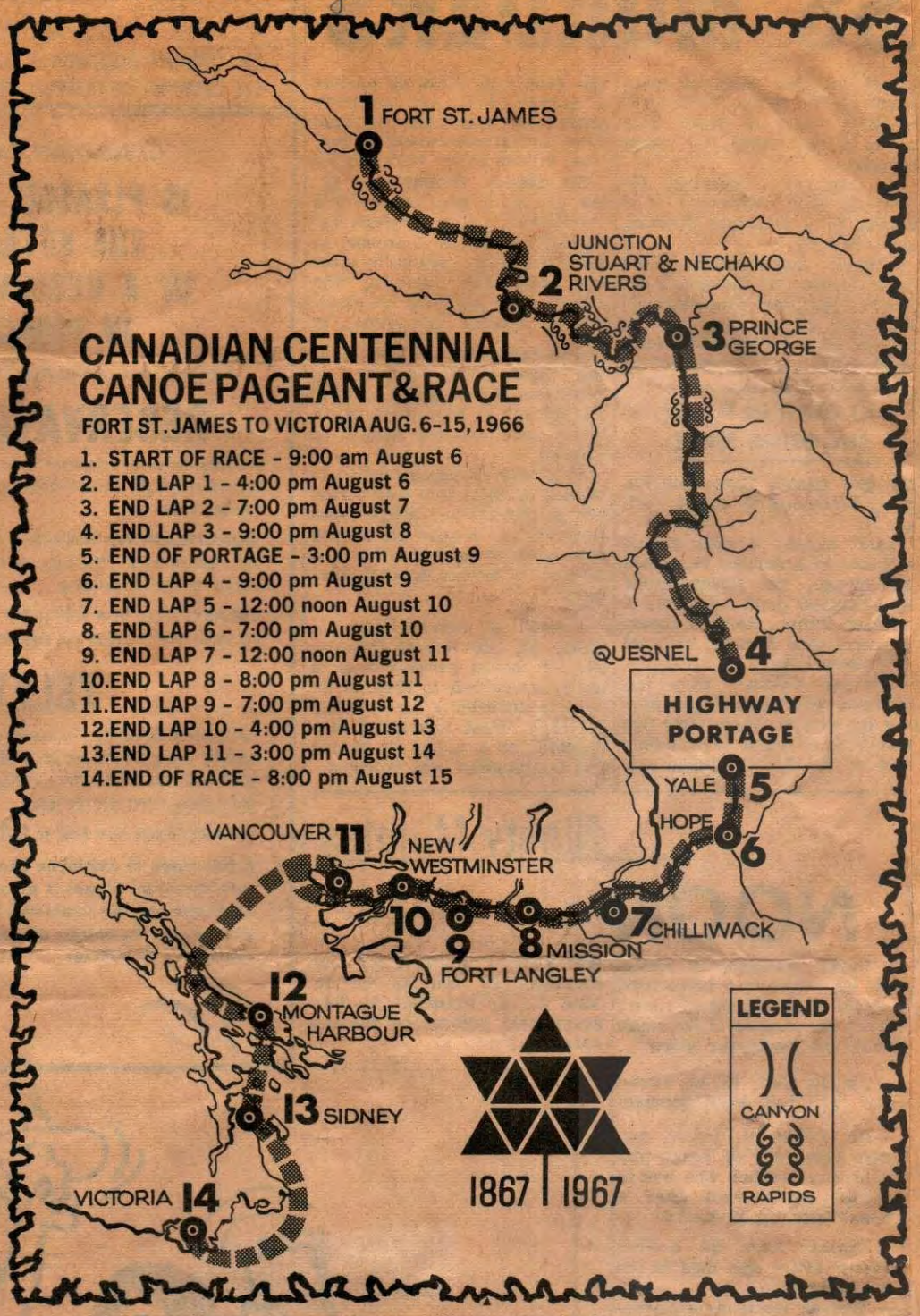
During the ten-day race canoes will follow routes of explorers down the Stuart River onto the Nechako and to its mouth onto the Fraser. From there contestants follow that river to its mouth then cross the Straits of Georgia.

The race is planned as an endurance test and will be a major trial for the 100-day centennial race from Rocky Mountain House to Montreal in 1967.

Residents of every hamlet, village and city along the banks of the Fraser River are expected to turn out next week to watch and welcome competitors.

Many communities are planning local events to tie in with the arrival of the canoes and their 80 colorfully-garbed paddlers. Similar events are planned for Vancouver, Galiano Island, Sidney and Victoria for the final stages of the trip across the Gulf of Georgia.

The race, which will start early Saturday morning, is believed to be the largest and longest canoe race ever staged on the Fraser River system.



'VOYAGEURS' DUE AT NEW WESTMINSTER AUG. 11

Thousands to see Centennial canoe race

The Columbian aug 1/66

Residents of every hamlet, village and city along the banks of the Fraser river are expected to turn out next week to watch and welcome ten canoes taking part in the Canadian Centennial canoe pageant and race from Fort St. James to Victoria.

Many communities are planning local events to tie in with the arrival of the canoes and their 80 colorfully garbed Voyageur paddlers. Similar events are planned for Vancouver, Galiano Island, Sidney and Victoria for the final stages of the race across the Gulf of Georgia.

The race, which will start in Fort St. James Aug. 6 and finish in Victoria Aug. 15, is believed to be the largest and longest canoe race ever staged on the Fraser river system. It is also believed to be the first time an armada of canoes has tackled the often treacherous Strait of Georgia in modern times.

Throughout the race the expert Canadian canoeists taking part will relive the days of the Voyageurs of the early fur trade. They will carry all their equipment with them and camp out at the various overnight stops.

The 26-foot pack canoes similar to those used by the Voyageurs, are named after early day explorers. For British Columbia, Simon Fraser; Nova Scotia, John Cabot; New Brunswick, Samuel de Champlain; Quebec, La Verendrye; Ontario, William McGillivray; Manitoba, Radisson; Saskatchewan, Henry Kelsey; Alberta, David Thompson; Yukon Territory, Robert Campbell; and the Northwest Territories, Sir Alexander MacKenzie.

Like the old fur brigades, the canoes will travel in flotillas, all starting together and racing to assembly areas several miles outside the major centers. They will then participate in a sprint race to the next community competing for special prizes. A point system will determine the winner, combining times for all laps plus points for sprints. The overall winner of the race will receive the British Columbia Centennial Trophy.

new Westminster

The Royal City race will begin at the junction of the Pitt and Fraser Rivers and travel over six miles to the finish near the Annacis Island causeway.

Competitors and officials will then be guests of the New Westminster Centennial Committee at a beef and salmon barbecue on the island.

Mayor Stuart Gifford and other New Westminster officials will welcome the partici pants to the Royal City.

The entire race is under the direction of the federal Centennial Commission in Ottawa and will be a test of endurance for a 100 days race in 1967 which will see the canoes travel from Rocky Mountain House, near the B.C.-Alberta border to Montreal.

IN MARATHON CANOE RACE

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Manitoba still leads

HOPE, B.C. (CP) — Manitoba added 19.5 seconds to its narrow lead over British Columbia Tuesday in the 15-mile, halehope leg of the 10-day Canadian Centennial canoe race.

Tuesday's fourth day, which brought paddlers 90 miles east of Vancouver, was in marked contrast to Monday's wild ride through white water in the B.C. Cariboo country.

The paddlers spent most of Tuesday driving more than 200 miles south from Quesnel to Yale in order to avoid the worst of the rapids in the Fraser River. Canoes were lifted clear of the water Monday as they were swept through log-infested rapids north of Quesnel.

The Fraser River between Yale and Hope was fast but not dangerous.

Manitoba completed the 15-mile sprint in one hour, 39 seconds. B.C. was 19.5 second behind, and now trails the lead ers by a total elapsed time 6 minutes, 17.1 seconds.

Strung out behind Manitob and B.C. are Quebec, Alberta Saskatchewan, Ontario, Nov Scotia, the Northwest Territo ies, New Brunswick and th Yukon.

The competitors, who ar colorfully dressed as voyageur were served coffee and sand wiches at Yale by residen dressed in period costumes. A most 400 persons — nearly th entire population of Yale attended the luncheon.

Hundreds lined the Frase River as they raced into Hop Another civic reception wa held.

The race ends at Victori Monday.

Canoe Pageant Paddlers Chosen

The eight paddlers who will make up Manitoba's team in the Centennial Voyageur Canoe Pageant have been chosen, it is announced jointly by Hon. Maitland B. Steinkopf, chairman of the Manitoba Centennial Corporation, Jim Rheaume, provincial commodore, and Burt Robinson, chairman, Canoe Pageant Advisory Committee.

The team is composed of Norm Crerar, Gib McEachern, Wayne Soltys, and John Norman, all from Flin Flon; Roger Carriere and Joe Michelle, from Cranberry Portage; Blair Harvey and Don Starkell from Winnipeg.

These eight team members (only six of whom will be paddling at any one time, the other two will follow the route with the Provincial Commodore) will represent Manitoba in the Centennial Voyageur Canoe Pageant which begins at Rocky Mountain House on May 22, 1967, and ends 3,500 miles and 103 days later at Montreal.

Besides the eight team members, Manitoba is fortunate enough to have nine excellent paddlers as stand-by reserves, each of whom is willing to fill in for regular team members at very short notice. This reserve team is composed of George Ennis, Arnold Meckelburg, Ken Plews, and Frank Stephens, all of Winnipeg; Mitch McCrimmon, Doug Simpson, and David Wells, of Flin Flon; Mel Doak of Churchill; and George Baker of Dauphin.

Each of the paddlers will received $7 a day from Ottawa to cover their expenses en route. In addition to this, each of the eight men participating in the Voyageur Canoe Pageant will receive $1,000 upon their arrival at Montreal. Should the Manitoba team compile more points than the other seven teams, (points to be awarded for sprints, endurance stretches and skill), each of the paddlers will receive $2,500. There are similar prizes for the team coming in second and third.

The proposed travel itinerary of the Canoe Pageant has been set up so as to enable the teams, dressed in Voyageur costumes, to participate in local Centennial celebrations, regattas and the like along the Pageant route.

The Centennial Voyageur Canoe Pageant will, in the year that marks Canada's 100th Birthday, pay tribute to those men who contributed so much to the history of Canada.

McEachern and Crerar Star

Two of the most highly skilled paddlers to be found anywhere, Norm Crerar and Gib McEachern, reached the pinnacle of their professional paddling career last season when the pair set an unheard-of winning record, making a clean sweep of every race they entered across Canada. The boys have raced together for the past ten years and have piled up so many triumphs that McEachern and Crerar, or Gib and Norm as they are affectionately known closer to home, have become synonymous with canoe racing.

Norm Crerar and Gib McEachern are on the Manitoba canoe pageant team which will spend 130 days during the summer of 1967 crossing the country from Rocky Mountain House to Montreal.

In preparation for their endurance test in retracing Canada's historic waterways, Norm and Gib, a few weeks ago, won their second consecutive paddling victory at Calgary, and went on to win the Rocky Mountain race and the Edmonton race the following weekend.

The champion professional pair opened this season with a victory at the Gold Rush Canoe Derby, followed by a victory in the 101 mile race from Banff to Calgary. They topped the field of 17 entries completing the course in nine and one half hours on the rough waters of the Bow River.

Canoes named

The following are the names given by the provinces to the participating canoes:

Quebec - **Laverendrye;** Manitoba - **Radisson;** Saskatchewan - **Henry Kelsey;** Alberta - **David Thompson,** British Columbia - **Simon Fraser;** Yukon - **Robert Campbell;** Northwest Territories - **Sir Alexander MacKenzie;** New Brunswick - **Champlain;** Nova Scotia - **John Cabot;** Ontario - **Wm. McGillivray.**

Gib McEachern

Norm Crerar

Gib McEachern began racing a canoe at the age of 16, and has participated in every canoe race from British Columbia to Quebec, and from Northern Manitoba to Texas.

Now 26, Gib is considered one of the two best paddlers on this continent, and is a prize "catch" for Manitoba's paddling team. Known as the 'friendly giant', Gib will be a good will ambassador for Manitoba wherever he goes during the Centennial canoe pageant. He's gentle as he is huge (six feet, four inches) and he has a reputation for excelling at anything he tries.

Friends and family still chuckle about Gib's one skirmish in the world of boxing. Untrained, he entered at the last moment to fill a gap in the heavyweight fights, and returned from Winnipeg clutching the Manitoba Novice Heavyweight cup. But he disliked physical violence, and never entered again.

He has participated in The Pas Festival and the Edmonton Muk Luk Mardi Gras contest with a racing dag team. An accomplished skier, he has instructed at Falcon Lake.

Gib promoted a 59-mile marathon walk with the co-operation of Station CFAR to raise money for the Crippled Children's Fund. Educated in Flin Flon, he attended the University of Manitoba for Physical Education studies, and later attended the University of North Dakota. He holds the St. John's Ambulance Gold Medallion.

Gib and his wife, Barbara, are the parents of a small daughter, Pamela. They reside in Flin Flon.

In the next issue, further members of the Manitoba Canoe Pageant team will be introduced.

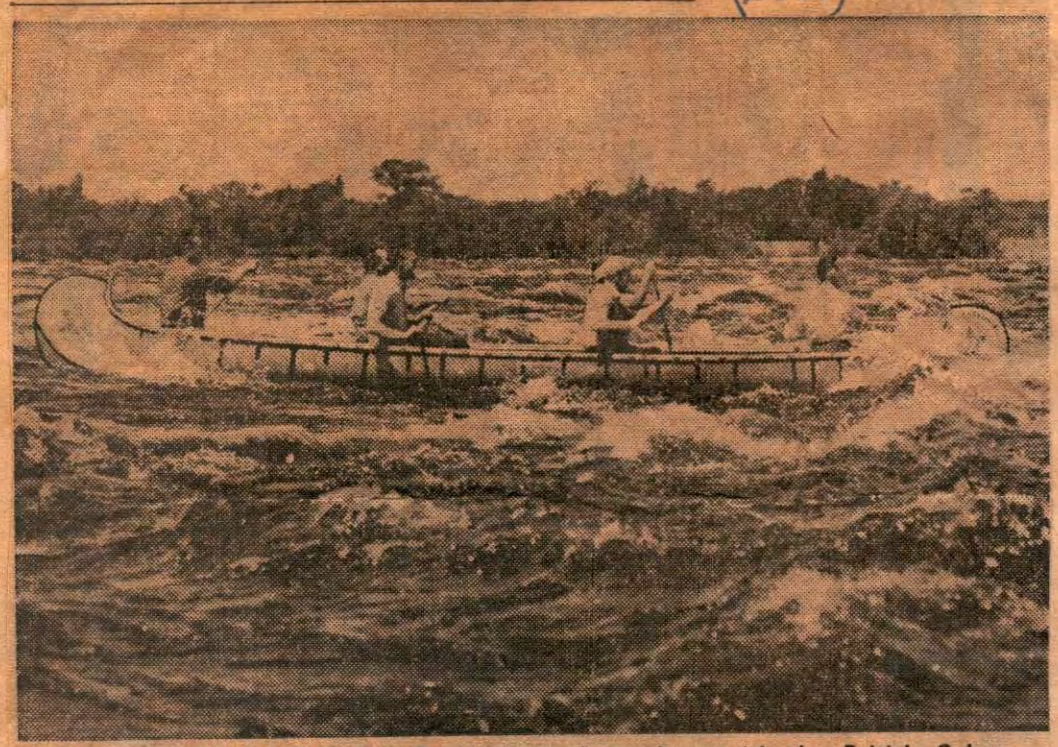
A 26-year-old bachelor, Norm Crerar spent the winter season touring Europe and skiing in Switzerland. The ski slopes are his second love; he has won many ski awards and attained his Canadian Ski Instructor standing and was the pro at Banff during 1965. A "born" athlete, Norm taught himself to ski on the small rock-slides surrounding Flin Flon.

Born at the Pas, Norm moved to Flin Flon and received his education there. An electrician, Norm apprenticed at the Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Company, but left the mine to devote his full time to paddling and skiing.

Norm comes for a family of ten children. With his parents, that makes an even dozen. The big rambling house on South Hudson Street usually holds many more. It's a gathering place for friends, athletes or anyone in need of a place to go. The Crerars have always devoted much time to the children and their sporting activities. If there was ever a question of a new pair of skis, or curtains for the house, the athletic equipment got top priority. From the easy-going sports oriented atmosphere of the Crerar home comes the distinctive personality that is Norm Crerar. He is passing it along by helping to promote canoeing in the Boy Scout organization.

Manitoba Team Setting Pace In Centennial Canoe Trials

(B.C.)



B.C.'s entry in the Canadian Centennial canoe pageant is named the 'Simon Fraser,' a 26-foot pack canoe, shown here with the British Columbians in training for the gruelling race from Fort St. James to Victoria.

Team Promised Full Backing

Manitoba's Canoe Pageant team will have the full backing of the Centennial Committee during next season's big race, Centennial Chairman Maitland Steinkopf said Thursday night.

Mr. Steinkopf was speaking at a banquet honoring the nine paddlers and Commodore Jim Rheaume which was held at the Marlborough Hotel. Also attending the banquet was the Honorable C. H. Witney and Mrs. Witney, Mayor Jack Freedman and Karl Edmands from Flin Flon and other Winnipeg guests.

In promising full support to the paddling team, Mr. Steinkopf made no mention of whether or not more money would be made available. However, he assured the paddlers that more interest in the race would be shown by the Manitoba committee.

Mayor Jack Freedman urged "togetherness" in the staging of the race. He expressed the hope that the north and south could get together and make this an entire Manitoba effort.

Presented to the paddlers were matching blazers, and cheques for $15 each. Trousers and tartan ties will be forwarded to Lachine where the paddlers will start the eastern trials.

Also presented to the paddling team was a cheque for $1000 from an anonymous donor.

The eastern trials will begin on Wednesday with the teams paddling from Lachine to New York. The Manitoba team is also favored to win in the east.

(B.C. Centennial Team)

Posed before the great race down the Fraser, an August Centennial event, is the six-man team and alternates, all experts in river boating. They are, top row, left to right, Dick Hart, Kamloops; Harry Schwartz, Prince George; W. K. Blackburn, commodore, Prince George; Dave Hentges, Prince George; Roy Jackson, captain, Kamloops. Front row, left to right, Herb Brade, Prince George; Costo Bush, Prince George; Herb Sievers, Kamloops; and Harvey Fraser, Kamloops. British Columbia team placed second.

Manitoba still leads

MISSION, B.C. (CP) — Manitoba turned on the power Wednesday to extend its lead from six minutes to 10 over British Columbia in the fifth day of the 10-day Centennial Canoe Race.

The race down the Fraser River system from Fort St. James to Victoria ends Monday.

The six-member Manitoba team, racing under captain Norm Crerar of Flin Flon, added four minutes 15.3 seconds to its lead in the 40-mile leg between Hope and Mission, 50 miles east of Vancouver.

B.C., under captain Roy Jackson of Kamloops, trailed by a total elapsed time of 10 minutes 42.9 seconds.

Alberta, Saskatchewan, Quebec, Nova Scotia, Ontario, The Yukon, New Brunswick and the Northwest Territories followed in that order.

The paddlers, all dressed as voyageurs, today tackle the Fraser between Mission and New Westminster, where a civic reception will be held.

Hold Five Minute Lead After 3 Laps

After the third day of the pre-Centennial trial Canoe Races being held in B.C., the Manitoba team of paddlers is holding an overall five and one half minute lead, according to information received from Manitoba Commodore Jim Rheaume.

Holding down second place is British Columbia, with Alberta third, and Saskatchewan fourth. The Wheat Province is running neck and neck with 5th place Quebec.

The surprising Saskatchewan team has been dubbed "little Manitoba" by the B.C. press, since all of the boys come from, or near, northern Manitoba.

Manitoba dropped only one lap, the first, as the B.C. team won with a 19 second margin over the familiar waters of the Fraser River.

On Sunday's lap the Manitoba squad proved to be head and shoulders over the rest of the field arriving four full minutes ahead of runner-up British Columbia. Thousands of spectators lined the banks of the Fraser River for the lap, coming into Prince George. Immediately following the lap, a short sprint race was held for the benefit of the crowds, with the Manitoba team again winning, this time with a 19 second margin. They picked up the $100 prize money put up by the B.C. government.

Yesterday Manitoba won the third lap into Quesnel, by 39 seconds, and today the teams will move onto Yale B.C. and will take to the waters for Hope B.C. on the 4th lap of the race. The 80 paddlers will then cross over to Eastern Canada where they will continue trial runs from Montreal to New York.

The B.C. government is putting up a $1000 prize for the best overall time to Victoria where th e western section of the trials will end August 15th.

According to Rheaume the paddlers are working together like clockwork, despite the fact that Manitoba was the only team which hadn't paddled together prior to the trials.

SASK. IN 4th PLACE

MANITOBA PADDLERS CONTINUE TO SET PACE

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Meanwhile Blazer Fund Tops $250.00

Manitoba's Centennial Canoe team continued to set the pace in the western trials, underway at B.C., and following yesterday's lap led the field by over six minutes.

The Manitoba squad won yesterday's 14 mile lap by 20.9 seconds over runner-up B.C. and hold a six minute, 17 second lead over the second place finishers. Alberta is in third place, Saskatchewan, fourth, Quebec, fifth, Ontario, 6th, Nova Scotia seventh, Yukon, eighth, NWT, ninth, and New Brunswick, tenth.

While the Manitoba paddlers continued to display big league form on the water, a local campaign, designed to give the team a big league appearance, swelled over the $250 mark. At press time today a total of $256 had been raised to purchase matching blazers for the paddlers. Roughly $350 is required.

Both Mayor Jack Freedman of Flin Flon and Mayor Harry Trager of The Pas pledged $25 to the fund, while many donations were forthcoming from both local and outside residents.

BLAZER FUND TOPS $500

Manitoba Team Pads Lead

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Ten Minute Margin At Halfway Point

Manitoba's Centennial paddlers turned on the power yesterday and added four minutes to their league leading time, as the Western pageant trials reached the halfway point.

The Manitoba team completed yesterday's 40 mile leg four minutes ahead of runner-up B.C. to increase their overall lead to ten minutes. Alberta is third, and the young Saskatchewan team continues to hold 4th place ahead of the Quebec team.

Meanwhile the "blazer fund" hit the $500 mark by press time today and present plans call for the team to be outfitted with blazers, slacks and Manitoba tartan ties. It is hoped to have the outfits ready by August 19th, and presented to the paddlers on that day, when they stop over in Winnipeg enroute to Quebec.

Manitoba won the first leg of yesterday's lap by only 10 seconds. However, the second lap was paddled in rough water, and it was at this point that the Manitoba team outclassed the rest of the field. They pulled away to win the short lap by over three minutes.

Today, the teams hit the Fraser River and paddle to New Westminster. The final lap of the western trials will take the teams from Fort St. James to Victoria, and is scheduled to end on Monday.

Barring some unfortunate mishap the Manitoba team is heavily favored to win the western trials. The action then shifts to Lachine, Quebec where the Eastern trials will be held later this month.

THE TRIBUNE, Tuesday, August 9, 1966.

Problem for Pageant

"Watch for Deer Crossing" would be an appropriate warning for canoeists taking part in the Canadian Centennial Canoe Pageant and Race from Fort St. James, B.C., to Victoria. The voyageurs have encountered a number of moose, deer and bear, and race officials wonder how to deal with the possibility of competitors losing time in the race due to animal action.

MONDAY, AUGUST 15th, 1966.

Final Lap Underway

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Manitobans Have Eighteen Minutes Lead

Manitoba paddlers moved into today's final lap 18 minutes ahead despite losing yesterday's lap of the western Centennial Canoe pageant trials.

The Manitobans finished second to third place Alberta, who took a legal shortcut to finish in first place. The B.C. team, who are in second place in overall time finished third on yesterday's lap.

The victory for Alberta failed to improve on their third place standing. They trail B.C. by roughly two minutes and Manitoba by twenty minutes.

The race will conclude at Victoria today, and barring disaster the Manitoba team should finish on top. Under ordinary circumstances an 18 minute deficit would be too much for the remainder of the field to overcome.

Following today's lap the (cont'd P. 8)

PADDLERS (Cont'd)

teams head for Quebec where the eastern trials will be held. The Manitoba team will be passing through Winnipeg on Thursday and will be presented with blazers, slacks and ties at that time.

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"We'll Win Trials" Team Captain Claims

Manitoba Centennial Canoe captain Norm Crerar is confident that Manitoba will win the final lap of the western pageant trials from Georgia Straits to Victoria, and earn the $1000 prize money offered by the British Columbia government.

Crerar made the statement in an interview last night, after the Manitoba team added another two minutes to their leading time.

The team, he said, was getting stronger every day and they were looking forward to wrapping things up in Victoria on Monday, the final day of the ten day trials.

Yesterday, Manitoba won the 30 mile lap from Mission to New Westminster by over two minutes, and boosted their lead over second place B.C. to twelve minutes and seven seconds. Alberta is third, and the young Saskatchewan team continues to hold down fourth place, despite losing yesterday's lap to Quebec.

The Manitoba team has won all but two heats since the race got underway, but have been boosting their margins in the last few laps.

Crerar was treated for an infected leg in New Westminster, but, it is not expected to keep him out of the duration of the race.

As soon as the Western trials are over, the paddlers leave for Lachine, where the eastern trials will be held.

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Manitoba canoeist raises his paddle in victory as the canoe crosses finish line at Victoria.

Canoe pageant

MANITOBA WINS

Canadian Press

VICTORIA — Manitoba's team paddled their canoe to victory Monday night in the finish of the 600-mile Canadian Centennial canoe pageant here.

B.C. followed by 25 minutes. Alberta was third and Quebec fourth.

Manitoba went into Monday's final 23-mile lap with an 18-minute lead on the nine other entrants. The teams represent eight provinces and two territories.

The six other teams in their order of finish were: Saskatchewan, Ontario, Nova Scotia, The Yukon, New Brunswick and Northwest Territories.

Northwest Territories was unable to complete the last lap.

Manitoba, under Jim Rheume of Flin Flon, picks up the B.C. Centennial trophy and $1,000 in cash for the victory.

WINNING PADDLERS — Radisson and its 10 Manitoba paddlers were the victors Monday night in a 250-mile canoe race from Fort St. James to Victoria. (L. to R.) — Commodore Jim Rheaume of Flin Flon; Gilbert McEachern of Flin Flon; Wayne Soltys of Flin Flon; Blair Harvey of Winnipeg; Dave Wells of Flin Flon; John Norman of Flin Flon; Roger Carriere of Flin Flon; Joe Michelle of Sturgeon Landing; David Starkell of Winnipeg and Capt. Norm Crerar of Flin Flon.

Wnpg. Free Press

'Tobans Paddle To Victory

VICTORIA (CP) — A victorious Manitoba canoe team heads for Montreal today with $1,000 in prize money and a trophy for winning the 600-mile Canadian centennial canoe pageant.

Six paddlers stroked the Manitoba canoe, Radisson, across the finish line in Victoria's Inner Harbor Monday night to complete the race from Fort St. James, B.C., in 39 hours, 59 minutes and 17 seconds.

British Columbia, the closest rival, glided across the line a total of 25 elapsed-time minutes later.

In their order of finish the eight other teams were Alberta, Quebec, Saskatchewan, Ontario, Nova Scotia, Yukon, New Brunswick, and Northwest Territories.

Manitoba, under commodore Jim Rheaume of Flin Flon, showed its professionalism in a last four-mile dash to the finish, completing the distance about 40 minutes ahead of schedule.

The result was that Victoria Mayor A. W. Toone, who left home one-half hour early to greet the winners, arrived as canoes were being stored on a wharf.

The winners consider themselves professionals in the sport and say they earn about $6,000 a year on the "circuit."

"We have been in serious training since May, said Capt. Norman Crerar of Flin Flon.

"My partner Gib McEarchern (also of Flin Flon) and I travel across Canada each season following the canoe race circuit."

The second-place B.C. team also are professionals, said team member Roy Jackson of Kamloops.

The flotilla of canoes and their 90 paddlers all head for Montreal today with the Manitoba team to compete in a seven-day race to New York city.

Both races are a test of crews for a 100-day race next year from Rocky Mountain House, Alta., to Montreal for the centenary of Confederation.

Manitoba Wins It All

Shown with the British Columbia Centennial Canoe Trophy and their individual replicas are members of Manitoba's winning team in the race from Fort St. James to Victoria. Standing, left to right: John Norman, Blair Harvey, Joe Michelle, Don Starkell, Roger Carriere, Dave Wells, and Waybe Soltys. Seated: Norm Crerar, Jim Rheaume, and Gib McEachern.

A team of husky young paddlers from Manitoba won the Canadian Centennial Canoe Race from Fort St. James to Victoria. Salt-caked and bronzed after 10 days of voyageuring, they led the pack into Victoria's inner harbour on the evening of August 15 by 25 minutes.

British Columbia finished in second place, with Alberta third and Quebec fourth. The six other teams in their order of finish were Saskatchewan, Ontario, Nova Scotia, the Yukon, New Brunswick, and the Northwest Territories.

The 600-mile canoe pageant began in Fort St. James on August 6. Each team paddled a six-man 26-foot pack canoe similar to those used by early explorers of the Province's waterways. The race was a prelude to the Voyageur Canoe Pageant of 1967, which will see canoes from all Provinces make the 3,500-mile trip from near the British Columbia border to Montreal along the fur-trade route of 150 years ago.

Paddlers in the British Columbia race camped out each night, and were timed on the basis of their total time in the water.

Sprint races were held before arrival at each of the major stopping points of Quesnel, Hope, Mission, New Westminster, Kitsilano, Galiano Island, Sidney, and Victoria.

At the conclusion of the race the paddlers and their commodores were entertained at dinner by the British Columbia Centennial Committee. His Honour Lieutenant-Governor George R. Pearkes presented the B.C. Centennial Canoe Race Trophy to the Manitoba team, pictured above.

(B.C. Centennial Paper)

Interested spectator

A swooping seagull displays passing interest in Manitoba's paddlers during Sunday's leg of the 500-mile centennial canoe race from Fort St. James, B.C. to Victoria. The canoeists, however, were intent on keeping their 18-minute edge on the second-place British Columbia team for today's final lap and paid the bird scant attention.

MANITOBA TEAM WINS WESTERN PAGEANT TRIALS

★★★★

Earn Trophy And $1000

Manitoba's nine man team paddled into Victoria ahead of the field yesterday and picked up first place honors in the Western Canada Pageant trials.

For winning, the team picks up the British Columbia Centennial Trophy and the $1000 cash prize offered by the British Columbia government.

The Manitoba team completed the 600 mile course in 39 hours, 59 minutes and 17 seconds, a full 24 minutes better than runner-up B.C. Third place Alberta was over an hour behind the winners, while Quebec placed 4th. Fifth place went to Saskatchewan, the youngest and lightest team in the race. Ontario, Nova Scotia, Yukon, New Brunswick, and NWT finished in that order.

The Manitoba team won the majority of the laps over the ten day stretch and never finished lower than second in any of the laps. They finished in the runner-up slot on one lap early in the race, and again on Sunday, when the Alberta club took a legal shortcut to beat them.

Following their victory, a wire from Premier Duff Roblin was sent to Commodore Jim Rheaume and read as follows: "Manitoba has followed with interest and pride the success of the Manitoba canoe team under captain Norm Crerar. Warmest congratulations to all team members in your efforts as Manitoba representatives in this colorful event. Best wishes on your Lachine to New York trial run."

The teams will now head for Lachine where the eastern leg of the trials will be held next week. The Manitoba team will be driving through Winnipeg on Thursday and will be presented

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Manitoba's "Radisson" steamed into the finish line at Victoria ahead of the field yesterday to win the western pageant trials. Paddling in the bow is Flin Flon's Gib McEachern while another local product Wayne Soltys holds down the number two position.

PADDLERS (Cont'd)

with blazers, slacks and tartan ties at that time. Karl Edmands and Mayor Jack Freedman plan to be in Winnipeg to make the presentation. Tentative plans are also underway to hold a banquet in honor of the team when it passes through the Manitoba capital. Norm Donogh, member of the Canoe pageant committee, made this announcement last night.

Members of the Manitoba team include Captain Norm Crerar, Gib McEachern, Wayne Soltys, John Norman, Roger Carriere, Joe Michelle, Don Starkell, Blair Harvey, and David Wells.

The young Saskatchewan team, many of whom live in either Flin Flon or Creighton, held down 4th place for over half the race, but failed to hold off a late rush by the more experienced Quebec paddlers, led by paddler Gil Tinkler.

Paddling Team Honored At Banquet Tonight

Manitoba's Centennial paddlers, winners of the western pageant trials are slated to pass through Winnipeg today and will be guests at a banquet tonight.

The banquet is jointly sponsored by the provincial government and the Centennial Commission. Premier Duff Roblin is slated to be guest speaker.

Blazers, slacks, and tartan ties will be presented to the nine man team and Commodore Jim Rheaume. Over $600 was raised in a local campaign and it is planned that any money left over after the purchase of the clothes will be presented to the paddlers in the form of cheques.

Mayor Jack Freedman and Karl Edmands left today by plane to attend the banquet and make the presentations.

SURREY HERALD

WHALLEY, BRITISH COLUMBIA

The paddlers from the Raddison, the Manitoba entry in the B.C. Centennial Canoe Race, are shown as they sprint from Fort Langley, past Barnston Island and Surrey, to New Westminster. They nosed out the B.C. canoe in this, as in most other sections of the race.

The B.C. Centennial Canoe Race held some surprises for the local weekly editor Winnifred Thorpe, pictured here with Norman Crerar, young captain of the Manitoba paddlers.

She discovered that most of the Manitoba canoe team were from the northern Manitoba town of Flin Flon and Cranberry Portage, where she lived as a girl. The youthful captain is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Crerar who were close friends of the Thorpes thirty years ago.

Manitoba Wins

Canoe Race

Ten canoes representing ten provinces of Canada took part in the B.C. Centennial Canoe Race last week, travelling from Prince George to Victoria by way of the Fraser River. Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland were the only provinces who did not send an entry.

The travellers stopped for lunch and a rest at Fort Langley's national historic park on the banks of the Fraser on Thursday, and had an opportunity to tour the fort which contains many relics of pioneer days in this area. The ladies of the community had a tasty luncheon awaiting the paddlers.

Alex Hope welcomed the visitors, telling them that a souvenir medallion would be presented to the winning team.

The paddlers from the "Radisson," the Manitoba entry, had systematically lengthened their lead by a few minutes each day by the time they reached Fort Langley. In their sprint to New Westminster, they again nosed out B.C. with the fastest time for the distance from the Fort to the Royal City.

When they reached Victoria, the Manitoba team had built up a 25-minute lead during the 600 mile journey over their nearest competitor, the B.C. team.

pondering

with Win Thorpe

It seemed like "hometown days" for me on Thursday when I met the crews of the B.C. Centennial Canoes. The paddlers from Manitoba, (who, by the way, were leading when they reached Surrey) were mostly Flin Flonners.

The captain of the crew was Norman Crerar, the son of our closest friends of thirty years ago. Norman has been travelling across Canada for ten years now entering canoe racing competitions, and went to Europe last summer. His partner lives across the street from my brother in Flin Flon.

Another of the paddlers was a chap from the small town of Cranberry Portage, my old home-town, and another was my nephew's roommate in college and had just attended his wedding the week before the Centennial Canoe Race.

It's really quite a small world!

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Manitoba sprint finishing line

By BRUCE RAMSEY
Staff Writer

HOPE — The paddles of 90 voyageurs dipped silently into the swiftly-flowing Fraser River in a race where seconds were precious, particularly for the crews of B.C.'s "Simon Fraser" and Manitoba's "Radisson."

At the finish of the sprint race from Yale to the bridge across the Fraser at Hope it was Manitoba first—one minute 39.5 seconds ahead of B.C.

For the two top teams of the Canadian Centennial Canoe race the fourth day on the water from Yale to Hope presented few problems, even though at times some of the 10 competing canoes seemed about to collide.

The race began at Fort St. James and continued to Quesnel, from where the canoes were trucked down to Yale, the old head of navigation on the lower Fraser.

Following a sendoff from the old steamer landing at Yale watched by hundreds of persons, some in old-fashioned costumes, the 10 canoes leapt off when the starting gun fired Tuesday.

They quickly rounded the bend past Hills Bar and disappeared. Other crowds lined the river bank to cheer as the canoes, bobbing like corks, shot the swirling rapids near Emory Bar.

From beginning to end it was a three-way race: Manitoba and B.C., followed closely by Quebec's canoe "LaVerendrye."

The real test came at American Bar where a black rock piled high with logs rose like an ugly monster with the Fraser swirling around it.

It was the nearest to "white water" the canoes faced. But with spray flying and paddles never missing a beat, the frail craft bobbed their way through

As a matter of historical record these 20th century voyageurs made faster time than Simon Fraser did when he passed this way in July, 1808. He took five hours to cover the distance. His goal was to reach the mouth of the Columbia, but when he arrived at Point Grey he discovered he was on the wrong river.

Today's crews are after a prize of a different kind — a place on next year's marathon race from Rocky Mountain House Alta., to Montreal, and prizes of $100, $50 and $25 put up by the B.C. Centennial committee.

This morning they push off once more and stop at Chilliwack at noon, arriving at a point five miles north of Mission about 5 p.m. An hour later they will sprint into Mission, arriving at about 7 p.m.

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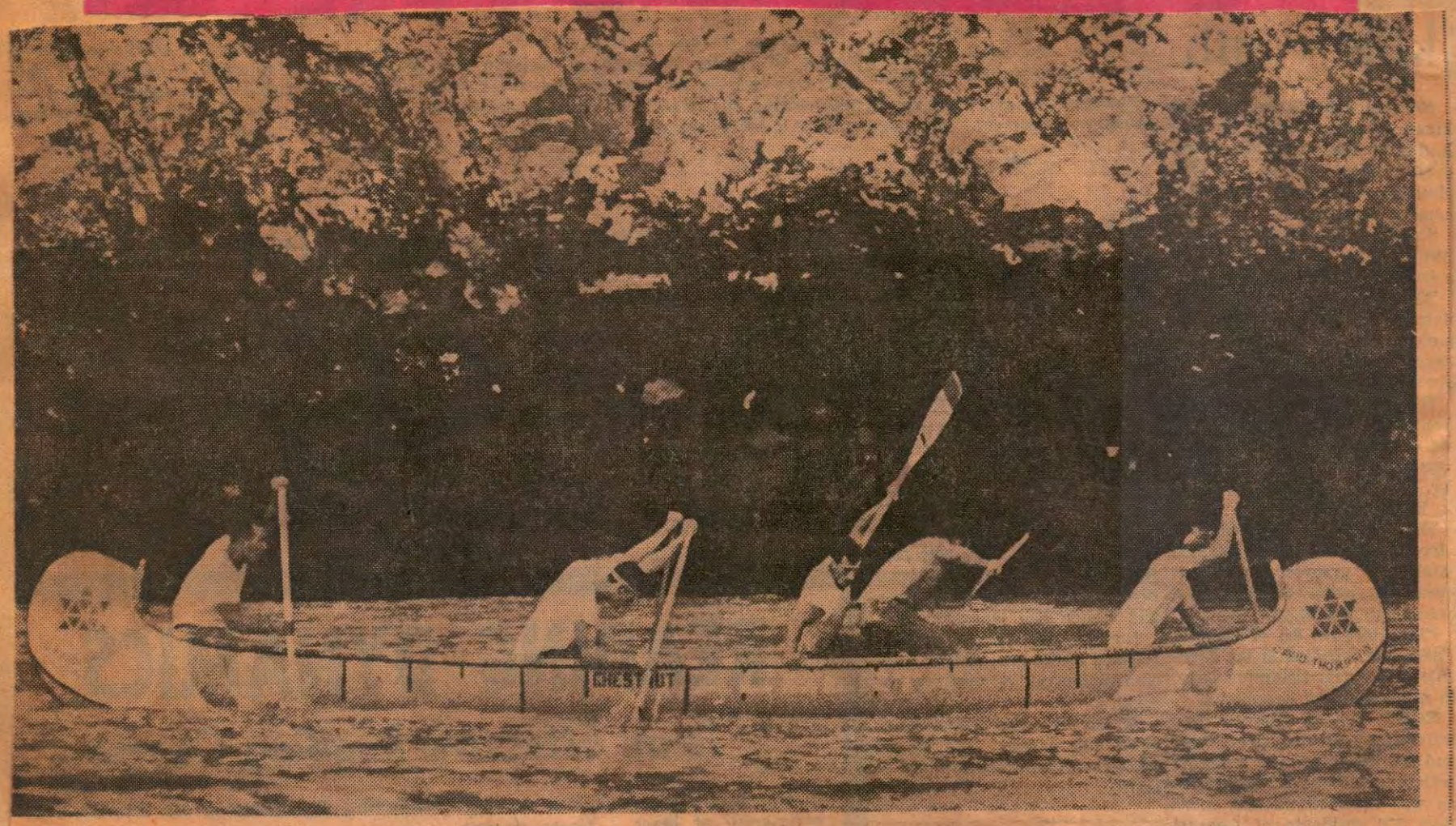

—Dave Paterson photo

Aug. 10/66 Vancouver Province

Look out – you're rocking the boat

TWO MEMBERS of the Alberta Centennial canoe David Thompson gingerly change places as the canoe plunges past Emory Bar, five miles south of Yale in the Fraser Canyon. Canoes were trying to make time in a sprint from Yale to Hope. See story on page 2.

Saskatchewan canoe races escort boat to rescue Quebec canoeists swamped by rough water.

Manitoba sniffs gold, glory

The last lap of the 600-mile centennial canoe race starts at Sidney at noon today.

And sometime later, in the quiet of Victoria harbor, the six-man crew from Manitoba should pick up a thousand dollar cargo.

That's the prize to spice the glory that Manitoba has been searching for since first their paddles flashed far-up in the Fraser River, 10 gruelling days ago.

Second-place B.C. team is fully 18 minutes behind over all. Only if the Manitoba crew capsizes—as Quebec did in heavy seas on Saturday—can Manitoba be robbed at the final hurdle. A $1,000 prize awaits the winners.

Saturday's sprint across Georgia Strait marked the only unfortunate incident in an otherwise memorable race.

Strong westerly winds and an incoming tide combined to sink the luckless Quebec team in biting-cold water off Point Grey.

A Vancouver city police boat moved in to the rescue and took the soaked paddlers aboard as officials, amidst a furry of official seasickness, hurriedly cancelled the day's racing.

Other escort vessels plucked the remaining nine crews from the water, despite protests that they wanted to carry on.

Sunday's stage from Montague Harbor, Galiano Island, to Sidney, was won by Alberta, 11 minutes over second-place Manitoba. Choppy waters made it more a parade than a race—and the last crew home was an hour behind the first as 1,400 spectators waited to welcome them at Sidney.

Alberta's time, 3 hours 20 minutes, still left them in third place, 1 hour and 50 minutes behind Manitoba.

Overall standing of the others in order is: Saskatchewan, Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Northwest Territories.

The race is regarded as a trial for the 100-day marathon in 1967 from Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, to Montreal, as part of Canada's centennial celebrations.

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Eastern Trials

The Montreal Star

MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 1966

Staff Photo by Lloyd Blackham

FLOWERY START: Mrs. Paul Lamoureux, wife of a Lachine alderman, tosses flowers to canoeists taking part in trial races for the 1967 Centennial Voyageur Canoe Pageant. The scene took place during blessing of the canoes at Lachine yesterday. Eight provinces are participating in the event.

Voyageur Trials For 1967 Begin

By WALTER PORONOVICH

Trial races for the 3,500-mile 1967 Centennial Voyageur Canoe Pageant began here today, but the distance to be covered in these preliminary tests will cover only about one-tenth of next year's.

Canoes, representing eight provinces (excepting Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island) and the Yukon and North West Territories, set off from Lachine, en route to Sorel, then through Lake Champlain, the Hudson River and into New York, which they'll reach sometime next weekend.

In the meantime, a "blessing of the canoes" ceremony was held yesterday at Lachine, off St. Joseph street at Eighteenth avenue, with representatives of various religious faiths on hand.

Also present were Colonel Arnold Charbonneau, co-ordinator of the sports division of the Canadian Centennial Commission, members of the Lachine city council and other sporting and government figures.

Among the church representatives at the ceremonies were Levy Becker, national chairman of the Canadian Inter-faith Conference; Reverend P. W. E. Jones, of the United Church; H. S. Weldon, senior elder of the Dorval United Church; and Reverend Irenée Beaubien, of the Roman Catholic Church and head of the Ecumenical Centre in Montreal.

Mrs. Paul Lamoureaux, wife of the Lachine alderman, distributed flowers to each of the canoe teams.

Familiar Symbol

Each canoe bears the now-familiar Centennial maple leaf symbol, with the name of the represented province and a pioneer voyageur. Quebec's canoe carries the name of La Verendrye; New Brunswick that of Champlain; Nova Scotia that of John Cabot; Ontario that of McGillvray; B.C. that of Simon Fraser, etc.

About 200 persons gathered at the Lachine pier to witness the ceremonies under gloomy skies.

Today's trial runs are part of a series of cross-country regional contests. Winners will compete next year in a series of sprints, endurance laps and portages will originate at Rocky Mountain House, Alta., and end at Expo 67 here.

Today's trials participants stopped briefly at the Expo site before continuing to Sorel where they are to enter the Richelieu River. They are to arrive at St. Johns, swinging into Lake Champlain on Wednesday.

The remaining schedule calls for them to be at Burlington, Vt., on Thursday; at Crown Point and Fort Ticonderoga, N.Y., on Friday; Albany and Kingston, N.Y., on Saturday; West Point and Nyack, N.Y., next Sunday; and New York City a week from today.

Another trial race, in the west, was mapped from Fort St. James, B.C., along the Fraser River to Vancouver then to Victoria.

Eastern Trials

Départ de la course de canots Montréal-New York

Dix équipes comprenant chacune six canotiers ont entrepris hier la course de 450 milles qui les conduira jusqu'à New York au début de la semaine prochaine. L'équipe du Manitoba a gagné le sprint de 13 milles entre Lachine et le site d'Expo 67 en un temps d'une heure 19 min. 38.3 secondes. Sur la photo du haut, on aperçoit les participants qui quittent le site de l'Expo à destination de Sorel où la Colombie Britannique s'est finalement assuré la victoire devant le Manitoba (au centre). Le capitaine de l'équipe victorieuse, Roy Jackson est félicité par le maire J.-P. Poliquin, de Sorel. Dans l'ordre habituel, le Sieur Pierre de Sorel, M. G.E. Gauthier, commissaire associé de la comission du centenaire; Jackson; le maire Poliquin et M. Paul-Emile Ally, président du comité des fêtes du 325e anniversaire de Sorel qui sera célébré en 1967.

(Montreal)

The Montreal Star

MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 1966

Staff Photo by Allan Leishman

CENTENNIAL CANOES AT EXPO: Canoes used in today's trial runs to decide which will compete in next year's cross-country Centennial Voyageur Canoe Pageant are shown at Expo, where rowers who man them stopped briefly this morning. On hand to greet the canoeists were, from left: Jean-Paul Bonin, pro-mayor of Montreal; Commissioner General Pierre Dupuy, Social Credit Leader Robert Thompson and Centennial Commissioner John Fisher.

Getting ready for next year's 3,500-mile Centennial Voyageur Canoe Pageant.

Les canotiers à Saint-Jean

☐ Les quelque 70 canotiers de la bonne entente, représentant 10 provinces du pays, étaient à Saint-Jean, mercredi 24 août. Ils sont arrivés hier soir pour continuer leur route jeudi. A Saint-Jean, c'est la Jeune Chambre de Commerce de Saint-Jean et Iberville qui était la responsable de cette manifestation dans le cadre des fêtes du centenaire de la Confédération. La photo ci-dessus représente l'équipe de la province de Québec et le canot porte le nom de "La Vérendrye".

Canoeists Retrace Explorers' Routes

Montreal Star

There are 80 ambitious and muscular Canadians who have a pretty good grip on their Centennial project and they are in the Montreal area to prove it.

They are members of the 10 crews of canoeists — each canoe has six regulars and two spares — who have been toiling over their paddles in trial runs for next year's mammoth canoe extravaganza which sends crews over the waterways dared by the earliest explorers of Canada.

This year's action on rushing, often remote, waterways is the final dress rehearsal to establish just what equipment and training requirements will be needed for the Centennial Canoe Pageant.

The 10 canoes, all replicas of those used by explorers who sought out the wonders of the untamed country 200 years before Confederation, are 25 feet in length, double-pointed and especially adapted for running rapids and facing the difficulties of larger lakes. Their design also allows for a ton of cargo in excess of the crew.

This area's phase of the trials starts August 22 at Lachine, from where they'll race to the Expo site, pause for a press conference, reception and dinner, and then move down river to Sorel. Daily legs after that are Sorel-Beloeil-St. Jean; St. Jean to Plattsburg; then to Burlington, Vt., where a sprint race will be held and, finally from Burlington to Crown Point, Ticonderoga, N.Y.

Each of the 10 provinces has a canoe in this and the craft bear the names of the great explorers who helped discover the vastness of Canada — Roberval, LaTour and Poutrincourt from the Atlantic area; Champlain, Albanel and LeMoyne from the Quebec region; LaSalle, Radisson and Brulé from Ontario; Kelsey, Henday and LaVerendrye from the Prairies, and Thompson, Fraser and Mackenzie who explored British Columbia.

What they are preparing and testing for is considered high on the list of imaginative and colorful Centennial events. The actual 1967 Pageant is to last 100 days, cover 3,500 miles and feature period costumes and celebrations and ceremonies at each stop.

In the just completed western phase, the Manitoba canoe picked up $1,000 in prize money in the 600 mile stage. The final lap of that was from Fort James, B.C. to Victoria and they covered the distance in 39 hours, 59 minutes and 17 seconds.

The Gazette
Montreal

Ron Butler of White Horse, commodore of the Yukon crew, gets welcome kiss from Expo hostess Danielle Touchette. (Gazette Photo Service)

Voyageurs – '67 Style

Expo Paddlers Getting Ready

The birch-bark canoe is as much a symbol of Canada's heritage as the covered wagon is of the old west.

So it's only fitting that one of our biggest centennial projects will be a canoe race between provinces, following the old fur trade routes. The trail will lead from Alberta to Montreal's Expo site, with a six-man crew from each province competing.

In preparation for the 1967 Centennial Voyaguer Canoe Pageant, sprints are being held this summer. One got underway from Montreal yesterday, and will end in New York next Monday.

The ten wood-and-canvas canoes arrived at the Expo site early in the morning after shooting the Lachine rapids. In their first lap, Manitoba was in the lead, closely followed by British Columbia.

Waiting to greet the stalwarts was Social Credit Leader Robert Thompson, rigged out in the costume of David Thompson, the great explorer of the west.

Les représentants du Manitoba ont remporté l'étape Beloeil-St-Jean dans la course de canots reliant Montréal et New York. Les Manitobains ont enregistré un temps de 2 heures 52.53 minutes, tandis que les représentants de la Colombie britannique terminaient au deuxième rang avec un temps de 3 heures et 3 secondes. L'étape d'aujourd'hui conduira les canotiers de St-Jean à Plattsburgh.

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EASTERN TRIALS AUG 24 1966

B.C. Team Holds Slim Lead

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Manitobans In 2nd Place

A surprising British Columbia paddling team, second place finishers in the Centennial Canoe Pageant Western trials, are holding down first place after two laps of the 450 mile eastern trial run from Lachine to New York.

The B.C. team sports a 48 second lead over Manitoba, winners of the Western trials. Alberta is in third place, while the young Saskatchewan team holds down fourth spot.

The B.C. paddlers won the opening lap from Lachine to the Expo site by 12 seconds and held a 36 second margin in the second lap from the site to Sorel.

Alberta's third place spot is exactly where they finished in the western trials, however Saskatchewan's hold on fourth place is surprising. It was expected that the Quebec team would fare much better once they returned to familiar surroundings. Quebec rallied for a fourth place finish in the western trials.

The young Saskatchewan team also picked up a prize finishing second in a novelty portaging event.

The race is following much the same pattern as out west. B.C. took an early lead winning the first lap of the western trials, however, the Manitoba team came on strong to win almost every lap thereafter.

The trials will conclude in New York in seven days.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25th, 1966.

Manitobans Back In Top Spot

Manitoba's Centennial paddling team turned on the power yesterday and turned a 48 second deficit into a commanding seven and one half miuute lead in just one short lap.

The Manitobans, who lost the opening two laps of the Eastern Pageant trials to British Columbia, left no doubt yesterday finishing over eight minutes ahead of the rest of the field in a short 19 mile lap.

The course was sprinkled with

PADDLERS (Cont'd)

a series of short sprints and portages and in this department the Manitobans proved to be head and shoulders over the rest of the field. They won both sprint prizes and proved far superior on the portages.

Saskatchewan's young team maintained their hold on 4th place over Ontario. Quebec, fourth place finishers in the western trials were expected to show better form, but are presently in 6th spot. Saskatchewan also showed power on the sprints placing second in one and fourth in the other.

British Columbia is in second spot but third place Alberta is almost an hour behind the leading Manitobans.

New York State

TICONDEROGA SENTINEL, THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 1966

100 Canoeists Compete In Race

Fort Ticonderoga will play hosts tomorrow to over 100 Canadian canoeists who are participating in a race from Montreal to New York City and who will spend the night at the Fort.

In 1967, Canada will celebrate the centennary anniversary of her Confederation. Two and one-half centuries before its official birth date, the first significant explorations of the North American continent were beginning. The waterways of North America were the pathways of empire and the St. Lawrence River and the Hudson-Champlain waterways were two of the most important and most traveled by the early explorers and voyageurs.

In preparation for its 1967 celebration, Canada is sending this summer, 100 Canadian canoeists renenacting the pageantry of the voyageurs whose courage established the trends of exploration in the Canadian wilderness. A race from Montreal to New York City, a distance of 470 miles, will be a trial run for the 1967 Celebration. The "Voyageurs," including a number of Eskimos and Indians, will wear colorful costumes like those worn by the "wood runners" of an earlier day. There will be 10 canoes in the race one each from eight of Canada's 10 Provinces and its two northern territories.

The canoeists will paddle up the Richelieu River to Lake Champlain, following the historic invasion route, and then down the Hudson to New York. Two overnight stops will be made on Lake Champlain, one at Burlington and the other at Fort Ticonderoga.

The Canoecade is expected to arrive at the Fort Friday, around 4:00 p. m., where they will be met by Fort officials and by Ticonderoga Supervisor Charles Schwerdtfeger and Mayor John Bevilacqua. The entourage will tour the fort and museum and will camp on the Fort grounds as did their predecessors many years ago.

Canoes used are replicas of the early voyageur canoes. Twenty five feet in length, double pointed, and specially adapted for running rapids and facing difficulties of large lakes, the canoes are able to hold as well as their crew, one ton of cargo.

SPORTS

High Winds Burlington, Vermont

Burlington-to-Plattsburgh Canoe Race Leg Canceled

Canadian canoeists arrived in Burlington from Plattsburgh N.Y. Thursday by car instead of by paddle.

Winds up to 25 miles per hour on Lake Champlain caused cancellation of this leg of the 400 - mile trip from Montreal to New York City.

"We talked with the Coast Guard and made the decision to cancel this leg for safety precautions," a group spokesman explained.

The members of the Canadian Centennial Voyageur Canoe Pageant camped overnight Thursday at Burlington's Municipal (North) Beach and were scheduled to leave at 8 a.m. Friday for Ticonderoga, N.Y.

From Ticonderoga, the 10 canoes, representing eight provinces and two territories, will head for Troy, N.Y. by trailer for the Hudson River which they will follow into New York City. They plan to reach New York Monday.

The Montreal - to - New York City trip is a warmup for a trans - Canada race in 1967 in celebration of Canada's 100th anniversary as a confederation.

Manitoba leads after times from Lachine, Que. to Plattsburgh were tabulated. Their time is 16 hours, 37 minutes and 35.4 seconds, just a few minutes ahead of second place British Columbia 16 hours, 48 minutes and 31.1 seconds. Alberta is in third place.

One of the group leaders estimates that each paddler (each boat has six and three spares) has taken a minimum of 80,000 strokes since leaving Montreal.

"Members of the leading boat are taking 64 strokes per minute," the spokesman explained. "It's really makes the trip an endurance feat."

Ontario paddlers unload canoe.

WELCOME ABOARD...

Patrol Yacht — Montreal to New York

"Lady Interceptor"

Manitobans Pad Lead

Manitoba paddlers have all but clinched the eastern Centennial Canoe pageant trials, with a 26 minute and five second lead with only two laps remaining.

The Manitobans won yesterday's lap over 10 minutes ahead of second place B. C. Alberta is a distant third while Saskatchewan is holding down 4th spot.

The 470 mile trials wind-up in New York on Monday and barring misfortune the Manitobans should finish easy winners. They won the western trials by over 20 minutes.

All correspondence may be addressed to the Governor Clinton Hotel in New York as Commodore Jim Rheaume has advised that this is where the team will be staying.

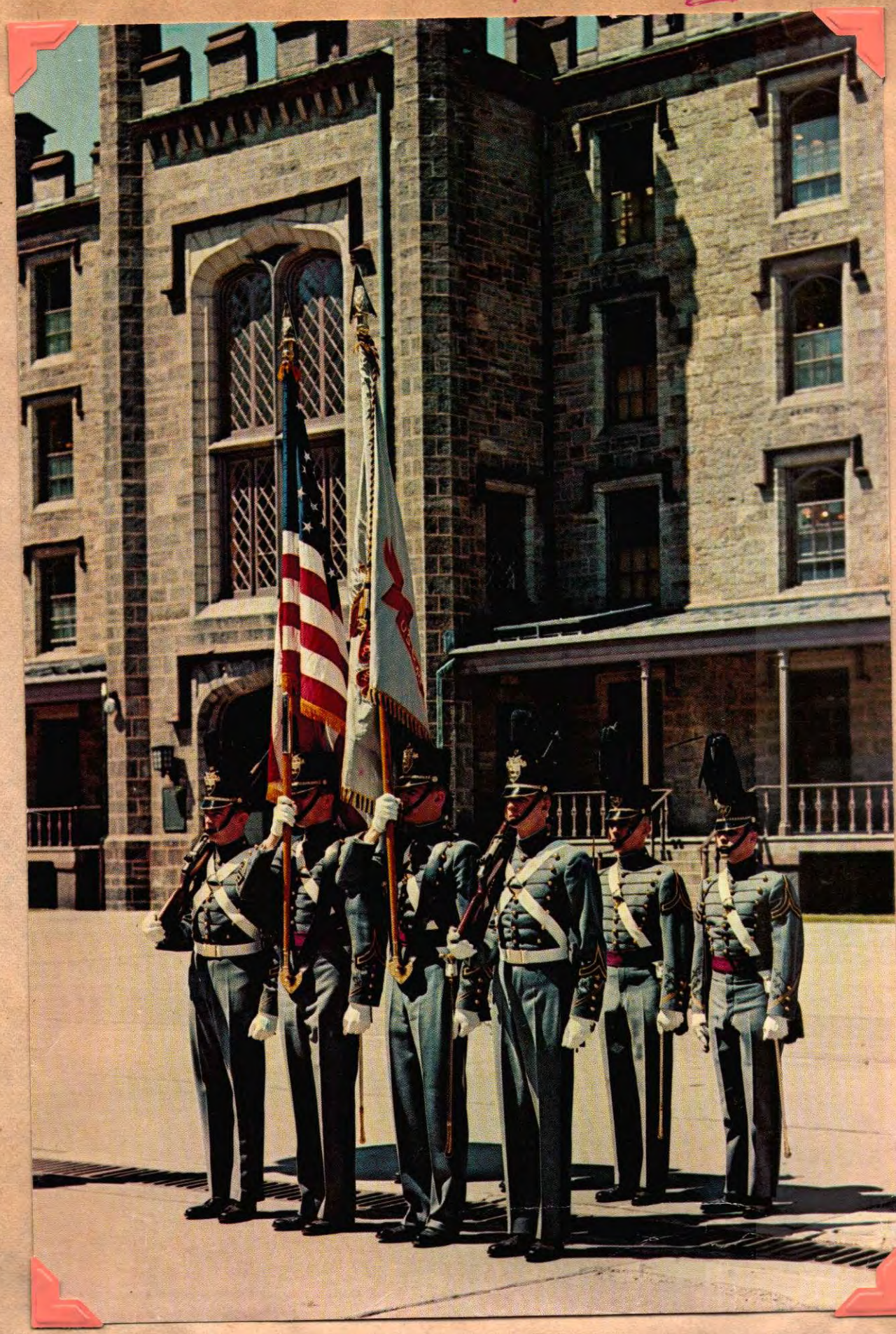
Magnificent Lake Champlain

(Lake Champlain)

(Hudson River)

Sunday, Aug. 28, 1966

West Point Military Academy



(West Point - Washington Statue)

(West Point Amphitheatre)

The New York Times.

Canadians Arrive From Montreal by Canoe

With less than a mile to go in their Montreal-to-New-York race, the men from Manitoba paddle furiously to hold their lead as they skim down the Hudson River, off 97th Street, on their way to the boat basin at 79th Street.

The New York Times (by Neal Boenzi)

The Manitoba crew won, and here members of Northwest Territories crew console themselves with ice cream. From left: Ken Bailey, William Aray, Eric Manning, Phil Blake.

470-Mile Race Held to Publicize Fair and Centennial

By PHILIP H. DOUGHERTY

Out of the Hudson River mist they came, like an illustration in a children's book — 10 six-man canoes paddled by Eskimos, Indians and Canadian woodsmen, in the home stretch of the great Montreal to New York race.

All but two Canadian provinces as well as the Yukon and Northwest Territories were represented by the boats, which ended the 470-mile race at the 79th Street Boat basin yesterday morning.

They started Monday, Aug. 22, from St. Helen's Island in Montreal, which will be the site of Expo 67, the world's fair that opens next April 28. Publicity for the fair and the Canadian centennial was the reason for the race.

"It was an opportunity to focus attention," a pleased centennial commission official said as he looked over the crowds waiting at 79th Street.

Up river, off 125th Street, the Manitoba canoe was closing fast on Alberta, which had held the lead. More than 60 times a minute their paddles flashed into the murky water. Twice a minute Norm Crerar, the 26-year-old captain, shouted "shift," and the perspiring paddlers slid to opposite sides of the canoe.

Two of the men were sucking an orange juice and honey mixture through plastic tubes as they strained against the water.

Manitoba Is Winner

The Manitoba men — most of them from the town of Flin Flon — had led for most of the race and had a 26-minute lead for the approximately 290 miles that were timed. They nosed into the boat basin finish just ahead of the Alberta canoe. Their time was 32 hours 47 minutes 27.8 seconds.

Fighting to stay out of last place were the New Brunswick and Yukon teams. "How about tossing us a line," shouted a bearded Eskimo in the bow of the Yukon boat to a passing yacht. He could have used it—Yukon was last.

Among those cheering the teams as they neared the basin were the team commodores and the two extra men each team had to spell its paddlers. They had followed the race route down the Richelieu River, Lake Champlain and the Hudson by station wagon.

As the 60-man First Army Band played the Canadian and American National Anthems, the paddlers stood at attention on the pier, the Nova Scotia men wearing shirts of the official blue, green and yellow tartan and the bearded Yukon men in beaded buckskin jackets. They looked out of place below the cliffs of Riverside Drive apartment houses.

They were nibbling ice cream pops when Canadian officials reminded them that the 25-foot canoes they had paddled were the kind that French explorers used to probe the Canadian wilderness, and then they were welcomed by City Council President Frank D. O'Connor, who admitted to being "quite an expert myself" when it came to canoeing.

WIN GRUELLING CANOE RACE

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From the start, only the western provinces were in the fight for the top spots.

Thursday the Alberta crew made a shrewd move by portaging Cumberland Point in Lake Champlain while other craft paddled around it. But the 13 minutes the crew picked up was not enough to gain the lead.

The crews camped out at night and paddled between eight and 10 hours a day, sipping food through tubes as they stroked.

The Manitoba boat was named Radisson, after the rebellious fur trader who refused to knuckle under the Quebec government and whose efforts eventually resulted in formation in 1669 of what is today's Hudson's Bay Company.

All canoes were named after pioneers from the areas from which they came. The craft and vehicles on which they were carried cost the Canadian centennial committee $12,000. The committee had a budget of $90,000 for the two races. Crews were paid $7 a member a day and some picked up extra money by winning various sprints along the course. Some were also subsidized by their provincial or territorial governments.

There was no cash prize for the winner. Next year's race is expected to have about $200,000 in prizes.

Paddlers said after the race that it was not as exciting as the B.C. race because of the lack of fast water.

Manitoba captain Norman Crerar of Flin Flon said there were fewer people to watch it.

Roy Jackson of B.C. said he didn't know "what the heck happened" to make his team fall behind.

New York Times

Manitoba Canoe Can Do & Does

(NEWS foto by Dan Farrell)

Ken Baigley, Bill Aray, Eric Manning and Paul Bleke (l. to r.) of the Northwest Territory canoe team take it easy at W. 79th St. Marina.

Braving tricky currents and hot-shot motorboats, a Manitoba, Canada, canoe team paddled to victory down the Hudson River yesterday, defeating nine other canoes in a 470-mile week-long race from Montreal to the W. 79th St. Marina.

The paddlers, dressed as French voyageurs, were greeted by a band and city and state dignitaries. They were then escorted by a small fleet of vessels to the Statue of Liberty for a wreath-laying ceremony.

The winning time was 32 hours, 47 minutes and 27.8 seconds—23 minutes and 24.6 seconds ahead of the second-place team of fellow Canadians from British Columbia. An Alberta, Canada, crew was third.

The racers were timed only while at the paddles. Overnight stops, during which they camped by the water, did not count.

Victory was almost snatched from the Manitoba team. Norm Crerar, the captain, explained: "We almost got run down by a motorboat up near Kingston Sunday. We were so far ahead of the other canoes that they didn't see us."

A crew from Ontario lost the services of a 22-year-old paddler on Monday, the first day of the race. He had a heart attack and was taken to a hospital in Sorel, Quebec, where he is recovering.

The Montreal-New York run was a preliminary for a 100-day, 3,500-mile race in 1967, Canada's centennial year.

(Other pictures in centerfold)

"Radisson" On Display In New York

Manitoba's winning canoe "The Radisson", which was first to cross the final finish line in the 470 mile race from Montreal to Quebec, was left in New York City, where it will be on display for two weeks in a Park Avenue window.

Along with the Manitoba canoe the window display will include the complete Voyageur equipment and dress - paddles, tent, costumes, etc. Literally thousands of people are expected to see the display since Park Avenue, needless to say, is in the heart and the elite section of the Metropolis.

Davey Wells, Johnny Norman, Wayne Soltys and Jim Rheaume arrived home yesterday. Roger and Joe, Gib and Norm are taking in the Shawinigan race and will be home about Sept. 15.

Manitoba Rules The Rapids

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Paddlers Score Clean Sweep

Manitoba's nine man paddling team left no doubt as to their superiority on the water, making a clean sweep of the Centennial Canoe Pageant trials.

The Manitobans paddled into Nww York in first place today .o add the eastern trials to their victory out west ten days ago.

Their elapsed time of 32 hours 47 minutes and 22 seconds was over 26 minutes ahead of runner-up British Columbia. Their winning margin in the western trials was just over 24 minutes.

Well back in third place was Alberta, while Saskatchewan waged a successful battle with Ontario to finish fourth. Quebec, fourth place finishers in the west, were a disappointing sixth.

Today's lap was a short one hour sprint, with Manitoba, B.C. and Alberta waging a close fight right to the finish line. The Manitobans overhauled the (cont'd P. 6) leading Alberta team, to reach the ramp ahead of the field.. They were greeted by a member of the New York City Council and National Centennial Chairman John Fisher.

The teams will be hosted in New York for a couple of days before returning to Montreal and then home.

The Manitobans spotted the B.C. team the first two laps of the 470 mile eastern trial run, but roared back to win by over seven minutes in the third lap. They added to their winning margin each lap after that. The short lap today was worth $100 to the winning team.

Following is a report of the laps run over the weekend.

Manitoba continued to set the pace Saturday in the running of the eastern centennial canoe pageant trials covering the 27 miles from Murderous Creek to Kingston N.Y. in 3 hours, 23 minutes and 27.7 seconds.

British Columbia was the runner-up for the lap, just 8 seconds behind the Manitoba team. The Saskatchewan paddlers finished 6th on Saturday behind Alberta, Ontario and Nova Scotia.

The Manitoba crew continued to hold their 26 minute lead over B.C. for the overall time with Saskatchewan still in the fourth spot behind Alberta despite their slow time of 3 hours, 55 minutes and 30.5 seconds Saturday.

The information on the Saturday lap reached the REMINDER from Bob Pollock of Flin Flon, a local amateur radio operator.

"Ham" operators in both United States and Canada are cooperating to cover the canoe trials as they prepare for next summer when they will cover the canoe pageant as their centennial project.

The results of the laps for the present trial run are being handled by Norm Tyson, a former Flin Flon resident now living in Edmonton, and with the teams at the present time. Mr. Tyson is providing the results to an operator in the Towns at the end of each lap and these are being relayed to anyone listening. Mr. Pollock is picking up the results from amateur radio station VE2KO in Montreal.

Although Mr. Pollock was expecting to hear the results of yesterday's lap last evening the Montreal station did not give them out.

Manitoba had an elapsed time of 26 hours, 54 minutes and 7.1 seconds after the completion of Saturday's lap. British Columbia had covered the course in 27 hours, 20 minutes and 20 seconds, Alberta 28, 19, 58.2 and Saskatchewan 29, 13, 10.2. Yukon was in the 10th spot with 32 hours, 14 minutes and 56.1 seconds. The Saskatchewan entry was 10 minutes ahead of 5th place Ontario.

THE TRIBUNE, Tuesday, August 30, 1966.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Editor: Through the courtesy of the Daily Reminder, may I be permitted to extend heartiest congratulations to the people of Northern Manitoba in general and to the citizens of Flin Flon and Cranberry Portage in particular on the recent decisive victory of their paddlers in the Centennial canoe race in British Columbia.

While some good paddlers from other centres in the province are members of both the first and reserve teams, the solid core of strength, experience and leadership is provided by the northern boys, all of whom have been well tested and tried in the Gold Rush Canoe Derby, a major annual event of the Flin Flon Trout Festival.

Thus, in paying tribute to the Flin Flon and Cranberry Portage paddlers, one cannot help but recognize as well the significance of the Gold Rush Canoe Derby in providing both the opportunity and incentive for these young men to become the best paddlers in Canada.

All the Flin Flon people who have given leadership to the Trout Festival down the years and all the local merchants and others elsewhere who, in one way or another, have made annual contributions to the Festival should take particular satisfaction in this latest victory of the northern paddlers - all fine products of the Gold Rush Canoe Derby.

Very sincerely, Frank Hall.

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September 1, 1966

Dear Mr. Rheaume:

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Please convey to all team members my personal congratulations for a job well done!

Yours sincerely,

Duff Roblin

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Flin Flon, Manitoba.

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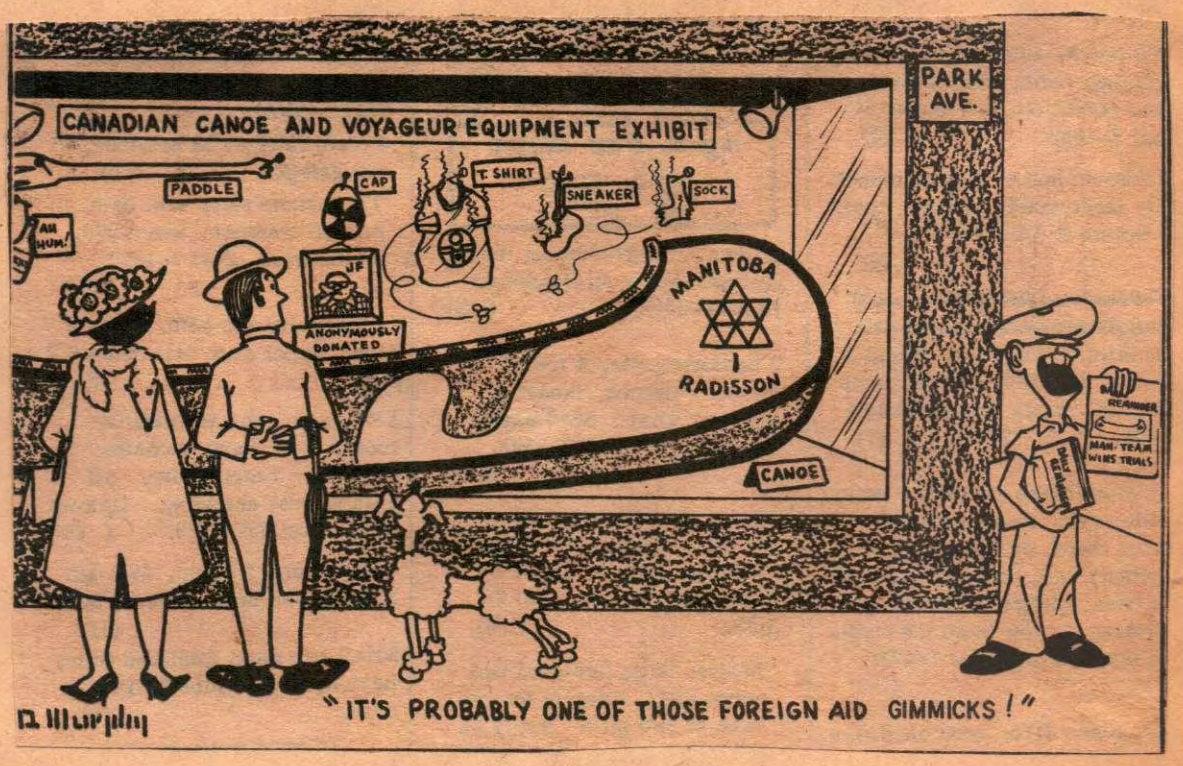
The Manitoba canoe, "The Radisson" remained in New York where it will be on display in a Park Avenue window.

Shown with the British Columbia Centennial Canoe Trophy and their individual replicas are members of Manitoba's winning team in the race from Fort St. James to Victoria. Standing, left to right: John Norman, Blair Harvey, Joe Michelle, Don Starkell, Roger Carriere, Dave Wells, and Wayne Soltys. Seated: Norm Crerar, Jim Rheaume, and Gib McEachern.



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SPORTS

SPLASHDOWN—Two of the canoes entered in the Montreal-New York City canoe race are shown here as they arrived Friday at Fort Ticonderoga, where they camped overnight. More than 100 Canadian canoeists took part in the event re-enacting the explorations of the early voyageurs who travelled the same route down Lake Champlain. (Photo by Mason Smith).

Pageant Highlights

By Adeline Rheaume

The hands of time could well have been turned back into history as you watched the colorful Voyageurs lowering their canoes into the "Mother River ofCanada" as John Fisher so aptly described it.

It was here in old Montreal that the Eastern section of the pre-centennial trial runs got underway; or as they are often being referred to "The Big Dress Rehearsal for 1967."

The first lap of the race began at Lachine, Quebec. A short but rough 1 1/2 hour run down the Lachine Rapids brought the ten crews to St. Helen's Island, site of Expo 67, where the official opening ceremonies and "Bon Voyage" took place. Harbour patrol boats and helicopters followed the race, sending in reports on its progress, while at the Island, dignitaries and the crowd gathered to welcome the Voyageurs with rousing French-Canadian fanfare.

The victorious Manitoba team, who sprinted by the B.C. boys in the waning final seconds of the first leg of the lap, were heralded across the finish line by a Royal Scots Band. It was a thrilling spectacle to watch each of the provinces' crews appear over the rim of the steep river bank carrying the big canoes, each of the paddlers wearing the brightly colored Voyageur costume, complete with ceinture flechee and foulard. They passed through a formation line made up of a Scottish Pipe Band on one side, and opposite them an Honor Guard in old French Military costumes. In the background, the skyline of Montreal, the Jacques Cartier Bridge, and all around, frantic activity in preparation for Expo 67. It was a most impressive send-off and an exciting glimpse into Centennial and what's in store for next year.

Robert Thompson, National Leader of the Social Credit Party, was on hand to greet the paddlers, since his home province of Alberta will be hosting the grand opening of the Pageant in 1967. He was fittingly decked out in Explorer David Thompson costume.

John Fisher, Mr. Canada himself, addressed the crowd, stating that nothing in all the Centennial celebrations could be more fitting than the re-enactment of the historical pageant, our forefathers putting their canoes into these very waters, exploring the vast uncharted wilderness, and building the great fur trade which opened up and began to build this country. "Some nations have the covered wagon as their historical symbol. Ours is the canoe! For our highways were the waterways and the Voyageur Canoe is our symbol.

Prior to the opening of the race in Montreal, an inter-faith waterfront service was held on the banks of the St. Lawrence. The canoes were blessed in an inspiring ceremony, in which every denomination was represented. The traditional rite of draping a garland of flowers over the bow of the canoe was performed for each of the provinces and territories, wishing them good luck on their voyage which would cover 470 miles from the Canadian Metropolis to New York City.

From Montreal the teams set out for Sorel and Chenail de moine, Quebec, where a reception was held. They continued on to Beloeil, Quebec, where they were again officially received and were guests at a large banquet. At this time B.C. had inched ahead to take the lead in several laps. Heading into the twin towns of St. Jean - Iberville, the Manitoba boys re-established their first place standing and were presented with a large trophy during the civic reception which followed.

During each night's stop-over, a tent camp was set up, which in itself made a most colorful scene, with each of the provinces and territories erecting a cluster of different colors tents, all proudly flying their large provincial or territorial flags. One of the teams attracting much attention because of their very eye catching attire while "off duty" wasthe Yukon. The boys had Indian beaded buckskin shirts and mukluks which they donned at every available opportunity. In addition, they snorted beards which made them all the more resemble the old wood-runners of the north. The North West Territories was also in great demand by the camera crowd, since the team consisted of Indians and Eskimos. Spectators seemed particularly pleased that so many of the native people were included in the pageant. Our own Joe Michelle, we are pleased to say, is gradually turning from a shy, withdrawing person into one of the gang, no longer as afraid to meet and speak to folks. The "Big Indian" as some of the crew call him, takes a good-natured ribbing from the boys by simply passing them off as "crazy white men!"

King Trapper of the North Roger Carriere, when in costume, looks every bit the part of athe French Canadian courier de bois. During several of the social functions, Roger delighted the audience with his fascinating "Calls of the North". His most well known call however, was the one heard each morning; the signal that Manitoba was alive and raring to get in the fight. His Tarzan-like resounding "Wrow!! I feel like a tiger!" was of course accused of intimidating the other teams into submission.

It was interesting to note the way Manitoba and Saskatchewan seemed to "stick together". The reason for this is naturally obvious to us, since most of the boys are from Creighton and Flin Flon, and are personal friends or even relatives. But this really confused anyone who didn't understand but saw the two provinces in and out of each other's camp, equipment and even clothes, as tho they were one big family.

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New York State

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Each of the boys were interviewed and photographed. (It was most interesting to see this on TV that same evening, and pick up the newspapers a few hours later, with full reports on it.) I think the boys were secretly very proud of being Canadians about that time, and particularly Manitobans. The idea that these very boys would be embarking on an almost 4000 mile canoe race across the country next year really seemed to catch the imagination of the Americans, who like to do things on a grand scale themselves.

An official welcome was then extended to "the fleet of Canadians who invaded New York." Frank Connor, President of the New York City Council, greeted everyone from north of the Border, and John Fisher replied, explaining, "This is Canada's invitation to our friend and neighbor the USA, to attend our nation's 100th birthday, in 1967, and what better way could we issue an invitation than through our voyageurs?"

The Army Band then played O Canada and The Star Spangled Banner.

A luncheon was served to the paddlers, visitors and officials, and immediately following, the entire contingent set out towards Liberty Island, to place a wreath under the Statue of Liberty. This final ceremony was the most impressive of all and I wished everyone back home could have seen this.

The entire 100 Voyageurs proceeded in unison, by canoe towards the awesome and symbolic Lady with the Torch. A small fleet of vessels escorted them, including Canadian and American destroyers, VIP and Press Boats, and Helicoptor equipped with soundtrack and photographers.

So down the Hudson they went, breaking out in a resounding "Alouetta" from one canoe to another; passing by Wall Street, the Empire State Building, and the towers of Manhattan. The huge harbour Fire Ship turned on the Sprays for the occasion, and streams of water arced hundreds of feet in the air, and turned the colors of a rainbow through the rays of the sun.

Then the canoes pulled up, facing the Statue of Liberty, and a representative of the Voyageurs placed a wreath beneath it. The horns of all the ships and boats then blasted away and turned back towards the Pier.

The entire Canadian entourage was booked at the Governor Clinton Hotel in downtown New York, and the 32 storey building flew the Canadian flag for the day, along with the American.

One of the officials had said earlier "Manhattan Island isn't for re-sale but its yours for tonight. So enjoy yourselves." And so they did, after the long hard month's work and tension that started in B.C. and ended up in New York thousands of miles away. From Times Square to Greenwich Village the City of Bright Lights was explored.

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Each of the boys were interviewed and photographed. (It was most interesting to see this on TV that same evening, and pick up the newspapers a few hours later, with full reports on it.) I think the boys were secretly very proud of being Canadians about that time, and particularly Manitobans. The idea that these very boys would be embarking on an almost 4000 mile canoe race across the country next year really seemed to catch the imagination of the Americans, who like to do things on a grand scale themselves.

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So down the Hudson they went, breaking out in a resounding "Alouetta" from one canoe to another; passing by Wall Street, the Empire State Building, and the towers of Manhattan. The huge harbour Fire Ship turned on the Sprays for the occasion, and streams of water arced hundreds of feet in the air, and turned the colors of a rainbow through the rays of the sun.

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The entire Canadian entourage was booked at the Governor Clinton Hotel in downtown New York, and the 32 storey building flew the Canadian flag for the day, along with the American.

One of the officials had said earlier "Manhattan Island isn't for re-sale but its yours for tonight. So enjoy yourselves." And so they did, after the long hard month's work and tension that started in B.C. and ended up in New York thousands of miles away. From Times Square to Greenwich Village the City of Bright Lights was explored.

The wind-up breakfast was held the following morning, where the prizes for the race were presented.

And with that, the great warm-up for 1967 came to an end. Next year the real work begins!

Montreal to New York by Canoe

By ADELINE RHEAUME
(wife of Manitoba's Commodore, Jim Rheaume)

The hands of time could well have been turned back into history as you watched the colorful Voyageurs lowering their canoes into the "Mother River of Canada" as John Fisher so aptly described it.

It was here in old Montreal that the Eastern section of the pre-Centennial trial runs get under way — or as they are often referred to, "The Big Dress Rehearsal for 1967".

The first lap began at Lachine, Quebec and a short but rough 1½ hour run down the Lachine Rapids brought the ten crews to St. Helens Island, site of Expo 67, where the official opening ceremonies and "Bon Voyage" took place.

Harbour patrol boats and helicopters followed the pageant, sending in reports on its progress, while at the Island, dignitaries and the crowd gathered to welcome the Voyageurs with rousing French Canadian fanfare.

The leading Manitoba team, which sprinted by the B.C. boys in the waning final seconds of the first leg of the lap, were heralded across the finish line by the Royal Scots Band. It was a thrilling spectacle to watch each of the crews appear over the rim of the steep river bank carrying the big canoes, each of the paddlers wearing the brightly colored Voyageur costume, complete with ceinture flêche, mouchoir de téte, and foulard. They passed through a formation line made up of a Scottish Pipe Band on one side, and opposite them, an Honor Guard in Old French Military Costumes. In the background was the skyline of Montreal, and the Jacques Cartier bridge. It was a most impressive send-off and an exciting glimpse into Centennial and what's in store for next year.

Prior to the beginning of the Pageant in Montreal, an inter-faith waterfront service was held on the banks of the St. Lawrence Sunday afternoon. The canoes were blessed in traditional ceremony in which every denomination participated. A representative of Mayor Drapeau and Mrs. Drapeau, draped a garland of flowers over the bow of each of the canoes of the provinces and territories, wishing them good luck on their voyage, which would cover just under 500 miles from Montreal to New York City.

From Montreal, the teams set out for Sorel and Chenail de Moine, Quebec, where a reception was held. They continued on to Beloeil, Quebec, where they were again officially received.

During each night's stop over, a tent camp was set up, which in itself made a most colorful scene, with each of the provinces and territories erecting a cluster of different colored tents — each proudly flying its large provincial or territorial flag. One of the teams attracting much attention because of their eye-catching attire while "off duty" was the Yukon. The boys had Indian beaded buckskin shirts and Mukluks, which they donned at every available opportunity. They also wore beards which made them resemble all the more the old wood-runners of the northern wilderness.

New York State:

And now, heading south across the border, the Pageant continued in American waters. From St. Armands Beach just across the

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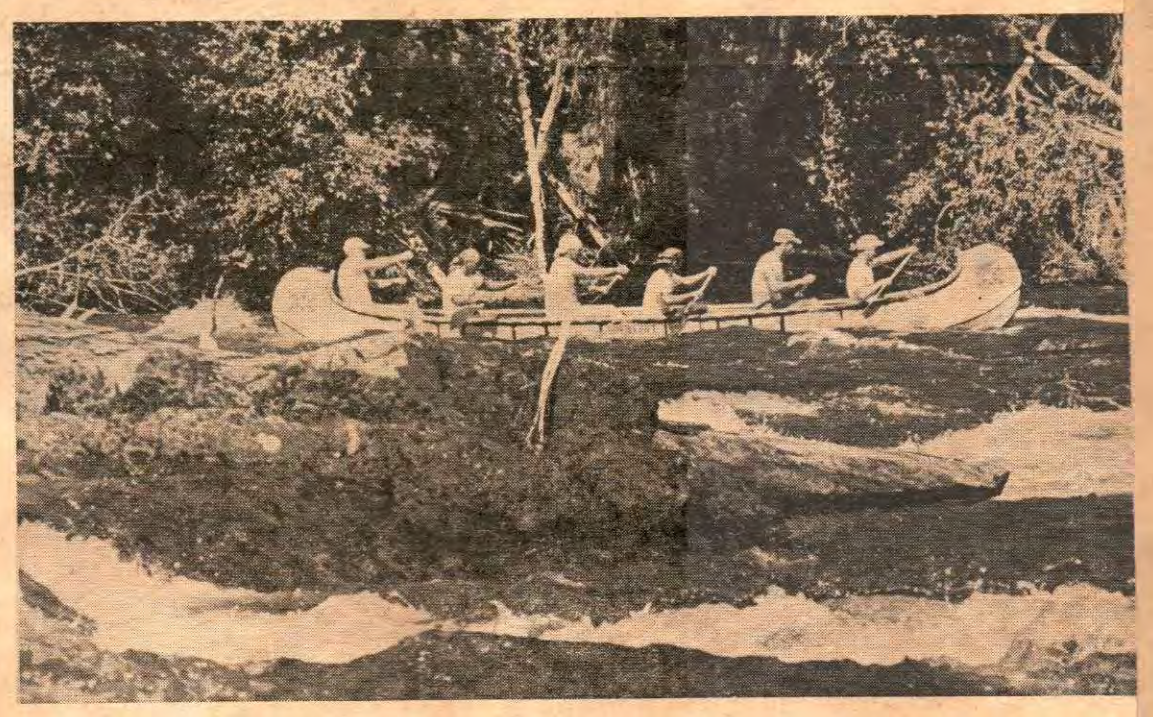

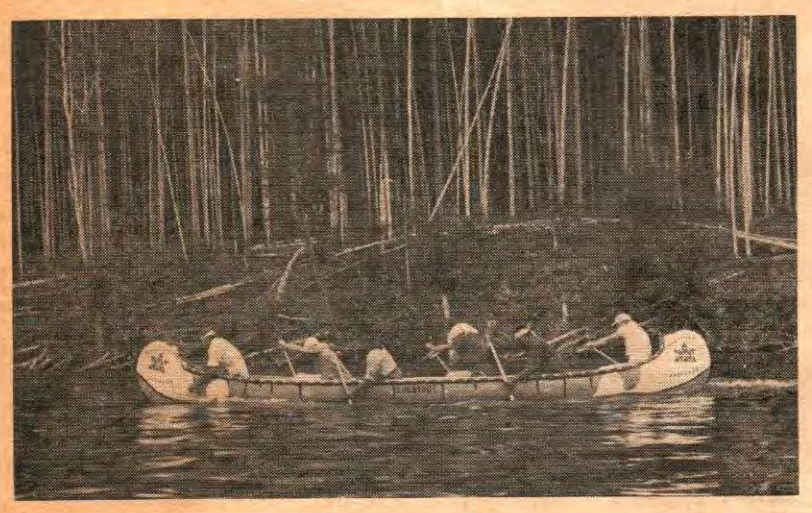

MONTREAL TO NEW YORK

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line, the fleet continued to make its way to historic old Plattsburgh, New York, where the big battle of Plattsburgh took place in 1814. From the Richelieu River the crews landed the ten birch-bark replicas, under the Champlain Statue, where they were warmly welcomed into the United States.

The next lap, which was to follow the route from Plattsburgh to Burlington, Vermont on Lake Champlain, was the only one that had to be cancelled during the Eastern trials, due to extremely rough, dangerous weather. And so, a welcome afternoon off for the wearying paddlers.

It was fortunate, however, that they did have a half day break, for the following day's lap from Burlington, Vermont, to Ticonderoga, New York was the toughest, most gruelling lap of the Eastern runs. High winds turned Lake Champlain into a sea of whitecaps which the canoeists had to fight for 30 miles. Although it was a rugged stretch of water to cross, it did hold a definite advantage for the Manitoba paddlers who show their best in rough turbulent waters.

Following the pageant close in from a harbour patrol boat, hour by hour, stroke by stroke, through blistering heat, rain and wind, it brought home to observers the almost unbelievable physical effort required for this, and what physical discomforts the boys take in their stride. No one but the fittest can survive this let alone clock the best time.

And now from Ticonderoga, and the lush scenic panorama of the Lake Champlain area, the route continued on to Kingston, and then the famous West Point Military Academy. Appearing in Voyageur costume, the boys attended Sunday morning services at West Point's Amphitheatre, overlooking the mighty Hudson and the Adirondacks. It was a beautiful sunny morning at West Point, and the hundreds of cadets in flawless white uniforms, marchnig to meet at an assembly point under the George Washington statue, made an awesome picture.

From there, the next point was Croton Point, just outside of New York City — and the following day, the grand finale — a full scale, American style reception that will be remembered for a long time. The final sprint into New York's 79th Street Basin was the big one.

A 30-man Army brass band was in attendance, and a large banner was strung up facing the pier which read "Welcome Canadians" in both French and English.

In the galleries above the Marina overlooking the Basin, the dignitaries assembled, including a representative for the Mayor of New York City, a representative of the United Nations, military and harbour officials, John Fisher and other representatives from the Canadian Centennial Commission.

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The entire Canadian entourage was booked at the Governor Clinton Hotel, in downtown New York, for this windup. There were so many Canadians present that the 32-storey hotel flew the Canadian flag along with the American.

The winning canoe, Manitoba's **Radisson** will remain in New York City for approximately two weeks where it will be on display in a Park Avenue window.

And so, the great warm-up for 1967 is over. Next year the real work begins!

FLIN FLON, CREIGHTON HONOR THEIR PADDLERS

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Overflow Crowd At Banquet

An overflow crowd turned out to the Legion Hall last night to honor the Manitoba and Saskatchewan Centennial Canoe Pageant teams for their sparkling efforts in the western trials held during the summer.

In cluded among the many guests who attended the reception, banquet and dance were National Commodore Colonel Bill Mathews, Major Dan Woodburry, Project Officer for the National Committee, Ken Oulette, Regional Liaison Officer for the Manitoba Centennial Corporation, Gene Rheaume, former MP for the NorthWest Territories, Minister of Health C. H. Buck Witney, and Churchill Member of Parliament Robert "Bud" Simpson.

Master of Ceremonies Jim Wardle introduced Manitoba Commodore Jim Rheaume who in turn introduced the paddlers from both teams. In attendance from the Saskatchewan squad were Franklin Carriere, Peter Klewchuk, Glen Dubinak, Terry Simpson and captain Dave Kennedy. Unable to attend were Napoleon Laliberte, Dave Donald, Leigh Noton and Mitch McCrimmon.

Manitoba paddlers introduced were Joe Michelle, Dave Wells, Roger Carriere, John Norman, Wayne Soltys and Captain Norm Crerar. Absent were Don Starkell, Blair Harvey and Gib McEachern.

Commenting briefly, Rheaume said that he was very proud to be associated with the Manitoba squad, He felt that in addition to being the best paddlers they were the best truck drivers, cooks, dishwashers, the best sports.

Several presentations were made following the banquet with each of the Manitoba paddlers receiving cheques from anonymous donors in Winnipeg. Minister of Health Buck Witney made the presentation. Mr. Witney expressed the best wishes from the Government and promised to be at the finish line in Montreal when the Manitoba team came in first.

Captain Norm Crerar made two presentations, one an autographed paddle to CFAR Manager Karl Edmands, in appreciation of their spearheading the drive for blazers and slacks, and another to Colonel Mathews. The latter presentation was a scale model of the Manitoba Canoe "Radisson".

In accepting the paddle Edmands pointed out that funds had come from many communities in the north. He congratulated the team for their performance this year and wished both teams the very best in the future.

Visiting and local officials were on hand last night to honor Manitoba and Saskatchewan Canoe Pageant teams. Above, left to right, is National Commodore Colonel Bill Mathews, Dave Kennedy, captain of the Saskatchewan team, Manitoba Commodore Jim Rheaume, Manitoba captain Norm Crerar and former M.P., and originator of the Pageant Gene Rheaume.

Telegrams were read from John Nikel, Stanley Korchinsky, MP for MacKenzie, Labatts Brewery, Saskatchewan Commodore Roy Kruse, Manitoba Centennial Chairman man Maitland Steinkopf and Minister of Welfare Jack Carrol.

Words of welcome and congratulations were expressed by Mayor Jack Freedman, Creighton Deputy Mayor Stan Curtis, and Bud Simpson. Simpson predicted that the Pageant would be one of the biggest events of the Centennial celebrations. Curtis said that it was terrific to see so many Creighton boys on both teams and said that if Saskatchewan didn't win next year, he hoped that Manitoba would. Mayor Freedman paid tribute to Commodore Jim Rheaume and pointed out that the race was the best advertising in the world for Flin Flon and the north.

National Commodore Colonel Bill Mathews said that the objectives of the race were twofold. First the pageant was meant to honor those who opened up the country, and secondly it was meant to encourage the youth of today to see Canada by water as well as by land.

Also he pointed out that the youth of today lacked much in personal initiative and physical fitness due to the great advances made during the past few years. The young men and women of today, he felt didn't live in the outdoors and physically fight the elements. Canoeing, he added was a sport that developed both of these qualities.

Continuing, the speaker pointed out that one could not overlook the example set by the Manitoba team, winner of the trials. He singled out Jim Rheaume for extra praise and said that he, his brother, Norm Tyson and John Nikel were instigators of the idea. They deserved, and would get, the full credit, he said.

Commenting on the paddlers, he said that Norm Crerar was the most agressive competitor he had ever seen. The Saskatchewan team was made up of keen young athletes, he added. Potentially, he felt, they were the best team in the trials and predicted that if they were not running first next year, then they would be a close second.

Colonel Mathews went on to briefly discuss this year's trials and said that he was amazed at the co-operation displayed by all the teams. Off the water they assisted each other continually, but on the water they fought each other tooth and nail. The spirit among the teams was something one had to see to believe, he added.

Concluding, he said that he would like to commend these young men, and told the gathering that their support was not being wasted.

Gene Rheaume, introduced as the originator of the pageant, said that the idea occured in the Royal beer parlor, after the usual stimulation. However, the credit for getting the idea accepted belonged to Jim, Norm Tyson and John Nikel and the Federal Provincial government who went committed themselves to accepting it.

Concluding, he said that off all the visions and ideas discussed this would probably be the first to ever materialize from the beer parlor of the Royal Hotel.

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Centennial Paddling Teams To Be Honored At Banquet

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Tickets On Sale Soon

Manitoba and Saskatchewan Centennial Voyageur Canoe Pageant teams will be honored at a banquet ain the Legion Hall Thursday October 6th, it was decided at a meeting held in the Council Chambers last night.

The affair will be sponsored by a number of local organizations including the Trout Festival Association, the Labor Council, Town of Flin Flon, Flin Flon community Club andthe Centennial Advisory Committee. Other organizations, some from Creighton, were not represented at last night's meeting, but are expected to participate.

The Manitoba team placed first in both the western and eastern pre -pageant trials, while the Saskatchewan entry, the youngest and lightest team in the race, finished a surprising fourth. Six of the nine man Manitoba team hail from Flin Flon or Creighton, while seven of the Saskatchewan paddlers come from Creighton and Flin Flon.

Two native paddlers are on each team with Roger Carriere and Joe Michelle paddling with Manitoba while Napoleon Laliberte and Franklin Carriere paddle for Saskatchewan. They hail from Cumberland House.

Manitoba Commodore Jim Rheaume said that he expected the entire Manitoba team to be at the banquet, while the majority of the Saskatchewan squad could be there. Some of the paddlers, he pointed out, were attending university.

The banquet, which gets underway at 7.00 p.m. will be preceded by a reception at 6.00.

A dance will follow the banquet to round out the evening.

Members of Parliament and MLA's from both northern Manitoba and Saskatchewan will be invited to the affair, and members from both Centennial Corporations will round out the official guest list. Representatives from local organizations will also be in attendance.

Tickets for the banquet and dance are expected to be on sale soon and will be available at the usual downtown and subdivision outlets.

On display will be trophies won by the paddling teams during the summer trials. They are presently on display in Winnipeg.

Commodore Jim Rheaume also pointed out that the banquet would give the Manitoba team an opportunity to express their thanks to the group which spearheaded the blazer fund. He also felt it would be an opportunity to pay tribute to the committee members who were responsible for getting a Manitoba team entered in the pageant.

Last night's meeting expressed the hope that local residents would turn out in full force to honor the accomplishments of the paddlers on both teams.

Bruce Keddie

A couple of tons, give or take a few pounds, of the best paddling flesh in Northern Manitoba and Saskatchewan (maybe even North America) will stand up at the Legion Hall October 6th, and take a few well earned bows. No doubt a few more tons of the best sports enthusiasts in the north will be on hand to hand out a heavy round of applause.

During it all, I would imagine that eighteen young paddlers will shuffle embarrassingly, probably because most of them are more at home in a canoe than at a banquet. Some of the younger fellows might even blush a little, because they're not used to the limelight. Roger Carriere, a very colorful fellow might let out with an exuberant bird call, which could result in the Legion Hall becoming the most popular roosting spot since the pigeons flocked to England's Hyde Park. Or the ducks to Hapnot Lake, for that matter.

Before the night's over trophies will be brought out and it will be interesting to note that this will mark the first time that the silverware has made an appearance in its rightful habitat. This year most of the trophies were earned by the more experienced Manitoba squad, but don't bet that next year the Saskatchewan lads don't pack up a cup or two of their own. They'll be a year older, larger, and wiser.

Undoubtedly we'll hear the customary words of praise and congrats, and no doubt a few well chosen remarks from Manitoba Commodore Jim Rheaume. Jim's an accountant by profession, which is probably fortunate because a less experienced man might have problems balancing the budget provided by the Centennial Corporation.

Those in attendance will not only have a change to say thanks for a job well done, but they'll also be treated to the customary fine food of the Legion Ladies, and a few hours of dancing as well. Also on hand will be the usual refreshments.

Yes Charlie, I'll be there, parked in my usual pew, and I expect I'll have plenty of company. Tickets of course will have to be limited so it might be a good idea to grab your ducat as soon as they're on sale.

This year the sponsoring organizations are staging the affair on a modest scale in full expectations of having to do it all over again next year. A year from now the Manitoba team will likely be crowned Kings of the waterways, and I'll bet their Saskatchewan brothers will be in the top four, maybe even the top three. It should be a proud moment for northerners on both sides of the border.

But a packed hall would be a big morale boost for our paddlers who will be on the water for 100 days next year in one of the most gruelling endurance contests ever staged. The two week trials were tough enough this year, but they're just a Sunday School picnic in comparision to next year's big race.

Last night's meeting was spearheaded by representatives from the Trout Festival, Labor Council, Town of Flin Flon, Community Club and Centennial Advisory Committee. However, other organizations are welcome to participate and need only contact Bud Jobin who is doing his usual fine job in an organizational role.

More details on the proposed "night" for the paddlers will be made public as the present plans progress. But in the meantime why not make plans to attend now?

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Meet the Canoeists:

Carriere and Michelle

Colorful **Rodger Carriere** is known far and wide as "King Trapper of the North." One of two Manitoba Indians chosen for the Canoe Pageant team, Rodger is just under six feet tall and weighs 200 pounds.

He lives at Cranberry Portage and works for CN Railways.

Rodger has taken part in races at Edmonton, in Quebec, and is a familiar figure at the Gold Rush Derbies. Although he doesn't always place first, he can always be counted on to show up in the front ranks.

The "King Trapper" is also well known for his "flour packing" feats. For those unfamiliar with this northern game, the explanation is that it is a very manly contest in which the winner gets to keep all the flour sacks he can carry. It takes a tough individual to tote 700 pounds of flour (of which Rodger is reputedly capable) and the experience comes in handy when it comes to portaging the big Centennial canoe.

Rodger also sometimes acts as a guide on goose hunting trips through the vast swamps and marshlands around The Pas. He is 36 years old, married (his wife's name is Olive), and has seven children.

Joe Michelle, another Centennial Canoe Pageant paddler of Indian descent, is a quiet, unassuming sort of person. But what he lacks in flamboyance he makes up for in effectiveness of paddling.

According to his fellow paddlers. Joe is at his best during rough weather conditions. High winds, choppy waters, cold, drenching rains — none of these seem to hinder him. And because of this, he is a most valuable member of the canoe team, for the Centennial paddlers are bound to experience at least some extremes of Canadian weather during their 110-day stint of steady paddling and camping.

Joe Michelle was born at Sturgeon Landing, in far-northern Saskatchewan, and is now living at Cranberry Portage.

Joe ventured out to an eastern race for the first time last year but he has been a regular hand at the Gold Rush Derbies for the past 10 years, usually teaming up with "King Trapper", Rodger Carriere.

Joe is 32 years old, is five feet eight inches tall, and weighs 174 pounds. He is married and has three children.

Meet the Canoeists:

Wells and Starkell

Dave Wells

Don Starkell

Dave Wells, the alternative member of the Manitoba Canoe Pageant team, is 19 years old, and this makes him the youngest of the nine paddlers.

Dave and his partner won the amateur division of the Gold Rush Canoe Derby this year. Although the amateurs paddled somewhat lighter and faster canoes, it was nevertheless quite a feat for this young pair to clock a better time than the professionals.

Dave is employed by the Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Company at Flin Flon. He is single, is 5 feet 9 inches tall and weighs 155 pounds. He has been a Red Cross swimming instructor and has been a member of the local skin-diving club. He is studying physical education (taking courses sponsored by the Manitoba government), and is a former member of the reserve army.

An experienced paddler, pleasant and likeable **Don Starkell** has logged well over 10,000 miles. In doing so he has travelled just about every stretch of water accessible from Winnipeg. His travels include trips like the 200-mile jaunt from Caddy Lake to Victoria Beach, and the 300 miles from Caddy Lake to Winnipeg. He has also paddled the 290 miles from Brandon to Winnipeg and from Pembina, N.D. to Winnipeg — some 135 miles.

A former Les Voyageurs champion, Don has taken part in a large number of canoe and kayak races. He has won the Gold Rush Canoe Derby for two consecutive years along with his partner Bill Brigden.

A physical culture and nutrition enthusiast, Don is an excellent physical specimen — a husky six-footer, weighing 190 pounds. In addition to paddling he is an excellent long-distance swimmer.

Born in Winnipeg, he lives at 520 Hazeldell Avenue, East Kildonan with his wife and three children. He is 33 years old and is employed by the Canadian Pacific Railway.

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Weather Cold But Paddlers Stay Warm

The Voyageur Canoe Pageant is shaping up to be one of the biggest projects of Centennial year, undoubtedly because it is one of the few celebrations that is being jointly staged by ten provinces and territories, and will therefore create interest all across the country.

The teams of modern day Voyageurs will bring to life the historic past when they dip their paddles into the waters at old Rocky Mountain House, and continue along the 3500 mile fur trading route to Montreal.

The Pageant will begin at this northern Alberta point on May 24th, ending at Montreal and Expo 67 some three and one half months later on the weekend of September 3rd.

During that time they will have weathered all the rugged elements the northern wilderness will no doubt unleash on them; from the chill damp winds of May to the blistering heat of summer.

They will camp in tents, and like the Voyageurs of old, it will be a constant race against time. In the days of the fur trade, competition was fierce, the routes were long and rugged, and time was always short. For the Voyageurs of Centennial year it will be much the same but competition will come from nine other provinces and territories, and an exacting stop watch will always be present.

As in the Trials last year, a timekeeper will be compiling time elapsed during each day's lap, with the best overall total time from Alberta to Montreal determining the winner. Extra sprints held for the benefit of spectators at various centres will not be included in the time. The teams will enter many of the points along the way in colorful "Brigade" formation, paddling in unison and in full Voyageur costume.

Retracing the old fur trade route the teams will launch the big freighter canoes on the North Saskatchewan River at Rocky Mountain House, continue on through Fort Saskatchewan, to Edmonton, and across the province into Lloydminster, Saskatchewan. From there they will proceed to North Battleford, Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Nipawin, Cumberland House and across the border to The Pas.

They will arrive at The Pas on June 13, and leave June 15, which will give locals plenty of time to catch a glimpse of the race. While at The Pas, the historic ceremony of raising the Kelsey Cross will be re-enacted on the banks of the Saskatchewan, which is believed to be "Deering Point", the landing site of Henry Kelsey.

From the Gateway to the North the crews will head through more wild, unsettled terrain, all the way to Winnipegosis, to Dauphin on June 24, Portage La Prairie June 26 and then the July 1st weekend at Winnipeg. Then on again to Grand Beach, Lac du Bonnet and across to more heavily populated Ontario where they will pass through countless communities, into Fort Francis and to Ottawa itself. They will pass into Quebec territory, to Hull and then the end of the long 110 day journey by canoe -- old Montreal.

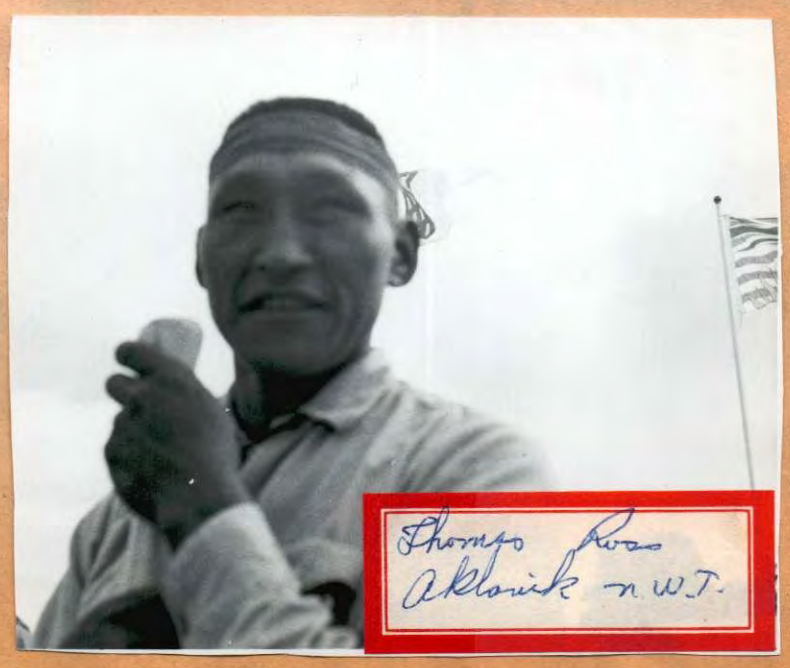
All types of plans are included in the itinerary; everything from formal banquets to Buffalo Barbecues, and a visit to Parliament Hill.

On the Manitoba scene, the same crew that won the 1966 Trials will again be assembled and all are seriously training in order to be in top condition when the big race begins. Captain Norm Crerar keeps fit as a ski instructor at Banff, and Gib McEachern is presently holding a job in B. C. Blair Harvey and Don Starkell use the gymnasiums in Winnipeg while Dave Wells, Johnny Norman and Wayne Soltys have the local Goxing Gym at their disposal. Roger Carriere is keeping in trim at Cranberry, and Joe Michelle reports in periodically from trapping and snow shoing.

Naturally a few problems still remain. The paddlers are to appear as absolutely colorful as possible, since this is both race and Pageant. Thanks to the people of the North, the Manitoba team can show up looking very sharp at banquets and other formal functions. But they will be on display constantly, both on the water and off. During the trials a number of teams wore identical costumes at all times, particularly Alberta and the Yukon. The latter team wore the most striking beaded, fringed outfits and as a result, newsmen and camera fans would constantly seek them out.

But flashy trimmings are always expensive, and it is with this in mind that several fund raising ideas are being looked into. It is hoped that some type of beadwork costumes can be purchased through the Indian-Metis Centre.

The Manitoba boys were the undisputed Champs last year as far as paddling was concerned. With a little imagination they could rate just as high in pageantry.



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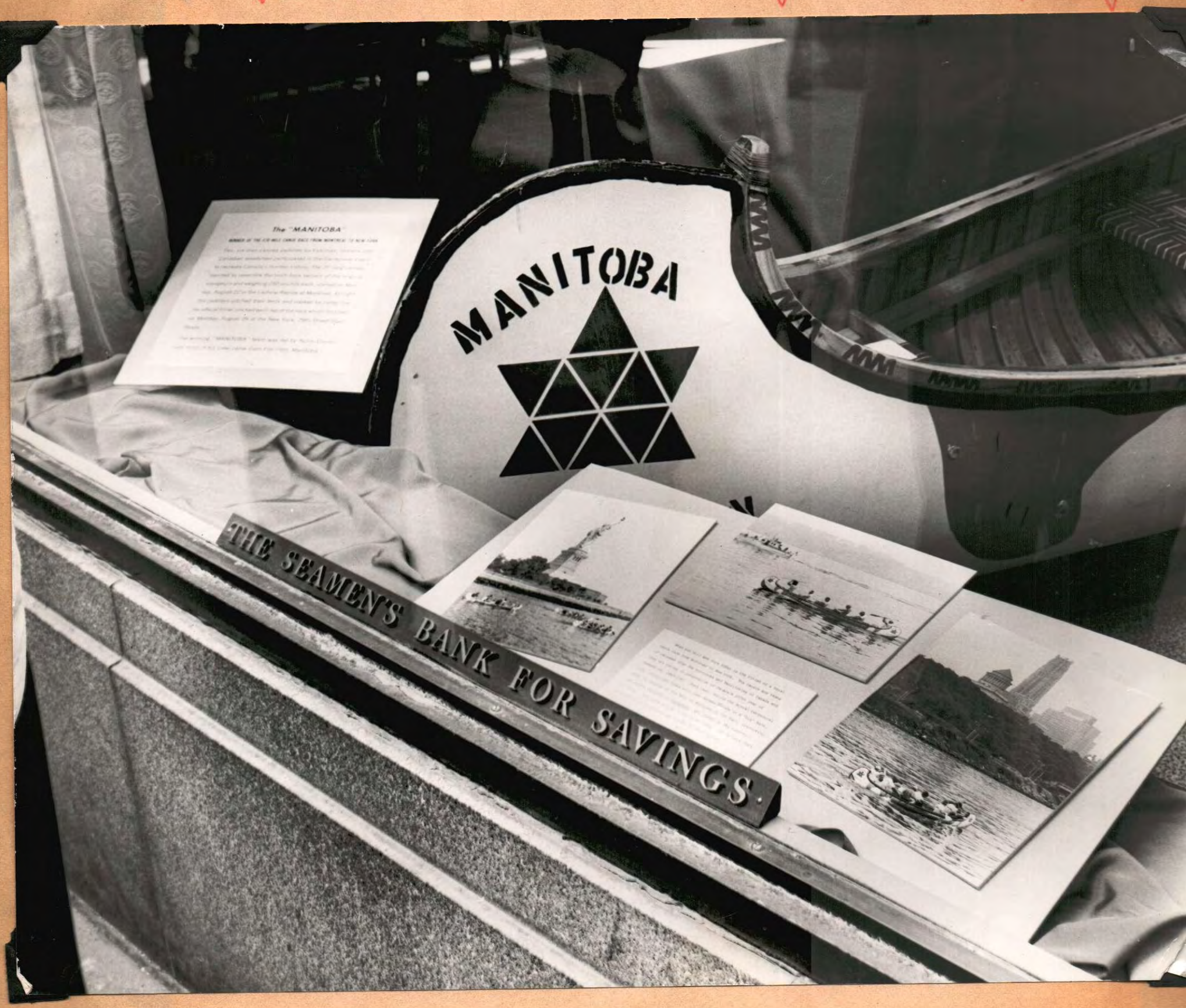

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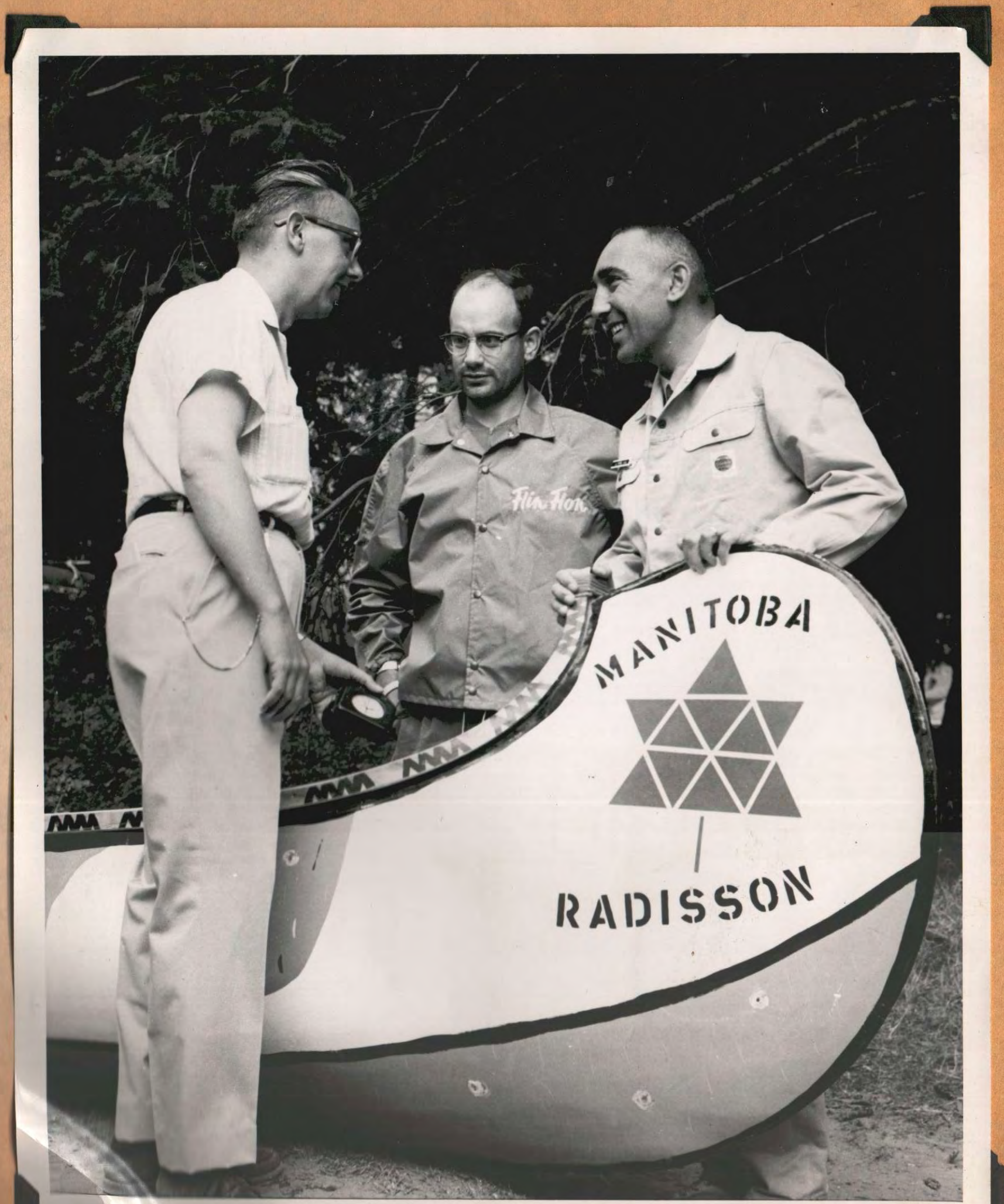
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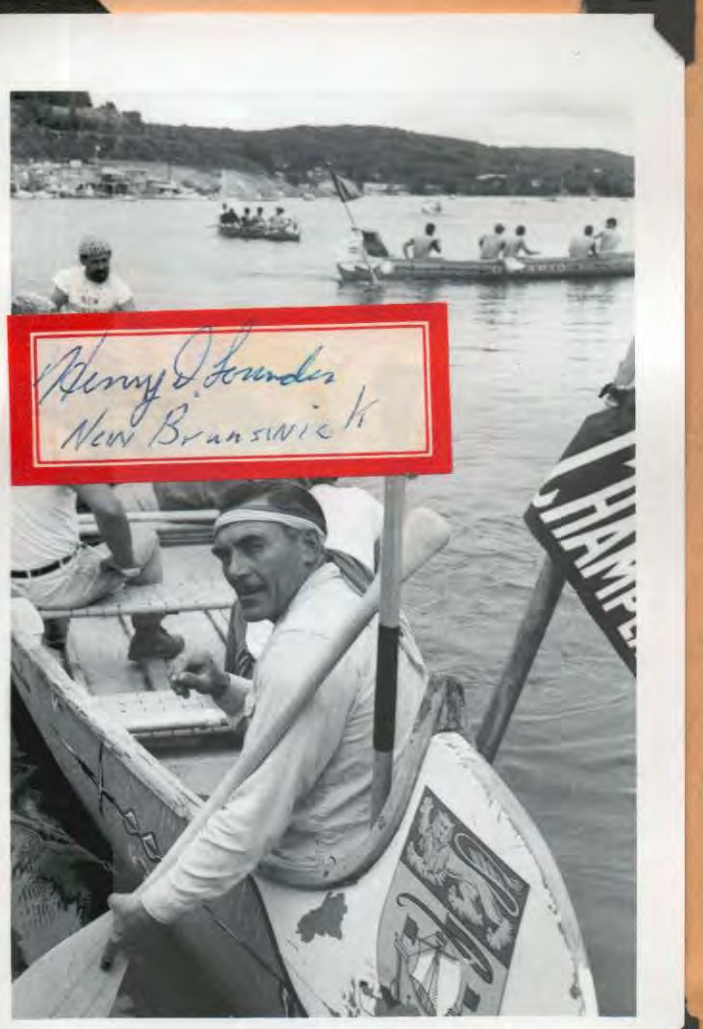

Who are the Voyageurs?

All of Canada and people all over the world have been amazed by the spirit of our Voyageurs. What kind of men are they? How did they find time to train for and execute this incredible expedition across 3,300 miles of Canadian waters?

The 90 Voyageurs come from many backgrounds. They are students, trappers, foresters, doctors, lawyers, farmers, educators, labourers, businessmen, loggers and servicemen. All of them chose to give 100 days to Canada so that we could have the Centennial Voyageur Canoe Pageant.

ALL CANADIANS JOIN THE CENTENNIAL COMMISSION IN PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE VOYAGEURS AS A GROUP, AS TEAMS, AND TO EACH INDIVIDUAL MAN:

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Centennial Voyageur Canoe Pageant.
V. G. Chapman, Manager, Edmonton, Alberta
Centennial Voyageur Canoe Pageant.

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TOM ROSS, Captain	Aklavik
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PHILIP LISKE	Yellowknife
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PHILIP BLAKE	Fort MacPherson
VELMORE DRAGON	Fort Smith
JOHN ROSS	Fort MacPherson
WALTER EDGI	Fort Good Hope
WILLIAM EADES, Chief Voyageur	Gjoa Haven

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NORMAN KATO	Whitehorse
DANIEL DOONAN	Dawson Creek
DARREL JOHNSON	Whitehorse
WILLIAM SINCLAIR, Chief Voyageur	Whitehorse

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MANITOBA

NORMAN DUNCAN CRERAR, Captain	Flin Flon
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JOHN NORMAN	Creighton, Sask.
DAVID NORMAN WELLS	Flin Flon
BLAIR HARVEY	Winnipeg
DONALD GEO. STARKELL	Winnipeg
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JOSEPH V. DEROCHIE	Onaping
GEOFF. PERUNIAK	Atikokan
DON MEANY	Atikokan
JOHN MITCHELL, Chief Voyageur	Toronto

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AIME DESPINS	Shawinigan
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PIERRE GILL	Shawinigan
ROBERT CORDNER	Ville LaSalle
LIONEL RICARD	La Tuque
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EDDIE CROUSE	Chelsey
RICHARD GERRIOR	Guysborough
JOHN C. BOTHWELL, Chief Voyageur	Baie Verte, Nfld.

OTTAWA (May 4, 1967) -- "The whole world will be there," Tom Ross, Eskimo hunter from Aklavik, Northwest Territories, told his excited family of 11 children. He packed his bag and headed by air 1,500 miles south for Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, 150-miles southeast of Edmonton.

Tom Ross is captain of the Northwest Territories team competing in the Centennial Voyageur Canoe Pageant. His team of eight other Eskimos and Indians will battle those from eight provinces and the Yukon for prizes and honors in the 104-day, 3,283-mile Pageant and race to Expo '67.

The "whole world" won't be at Rocky Mountain House for the start of this epic canoe race. But the 2,800 residents of Rocky will host ten thousand, spectators, May 24, when the race starts and for a few days before. And millions will watch and listen to the start over continent-wide television and radio shows with many more through the pickup in Europe, Asia and elsewhere. All of which adds substance to the Eskimo's claim.

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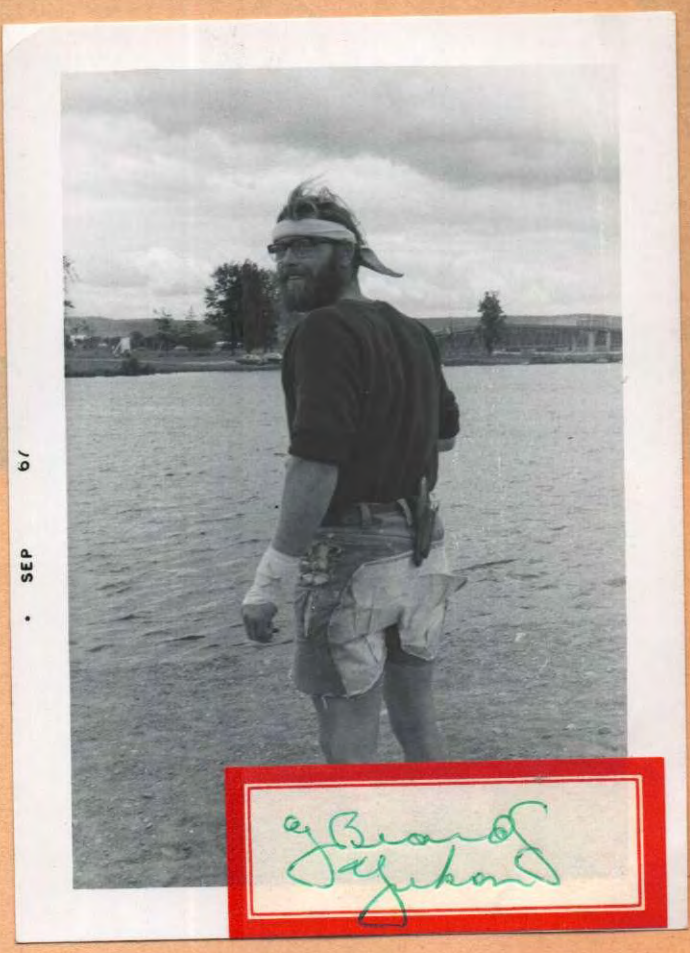

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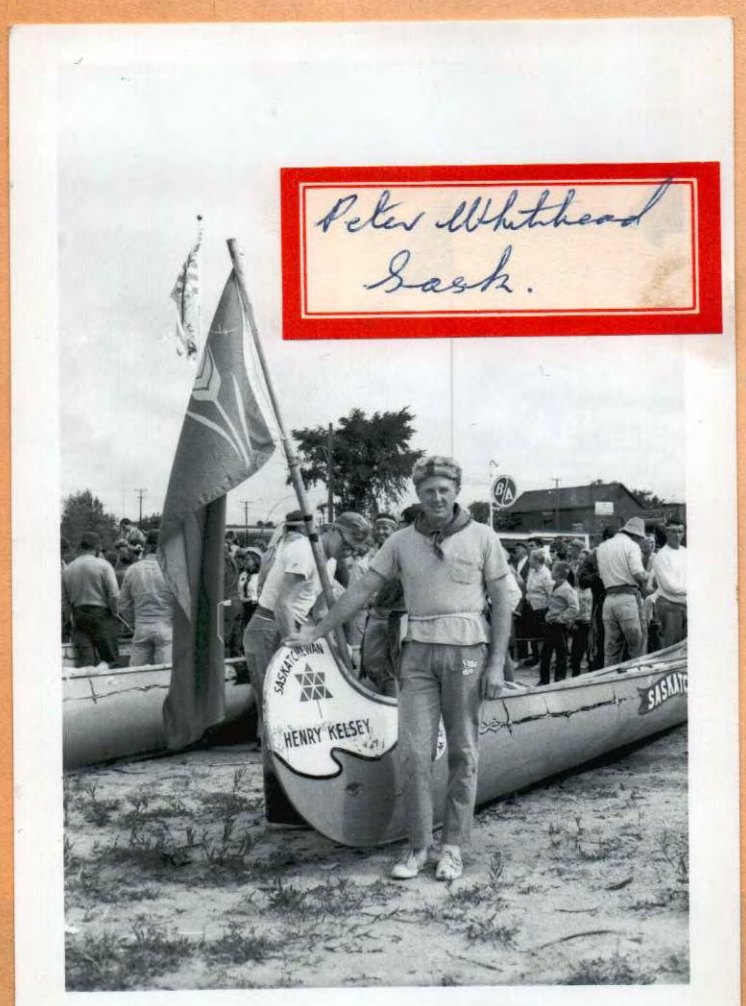

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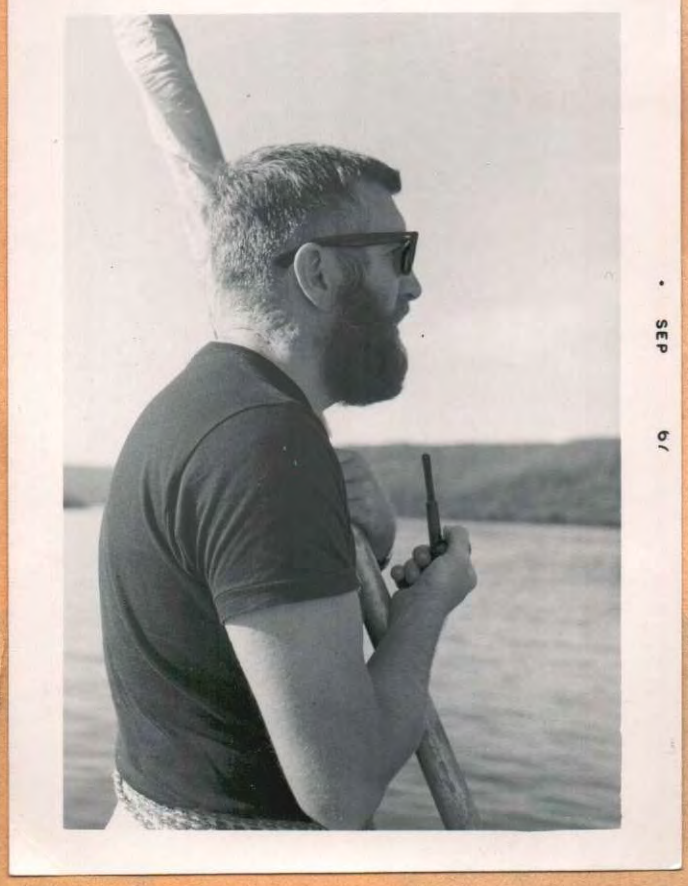

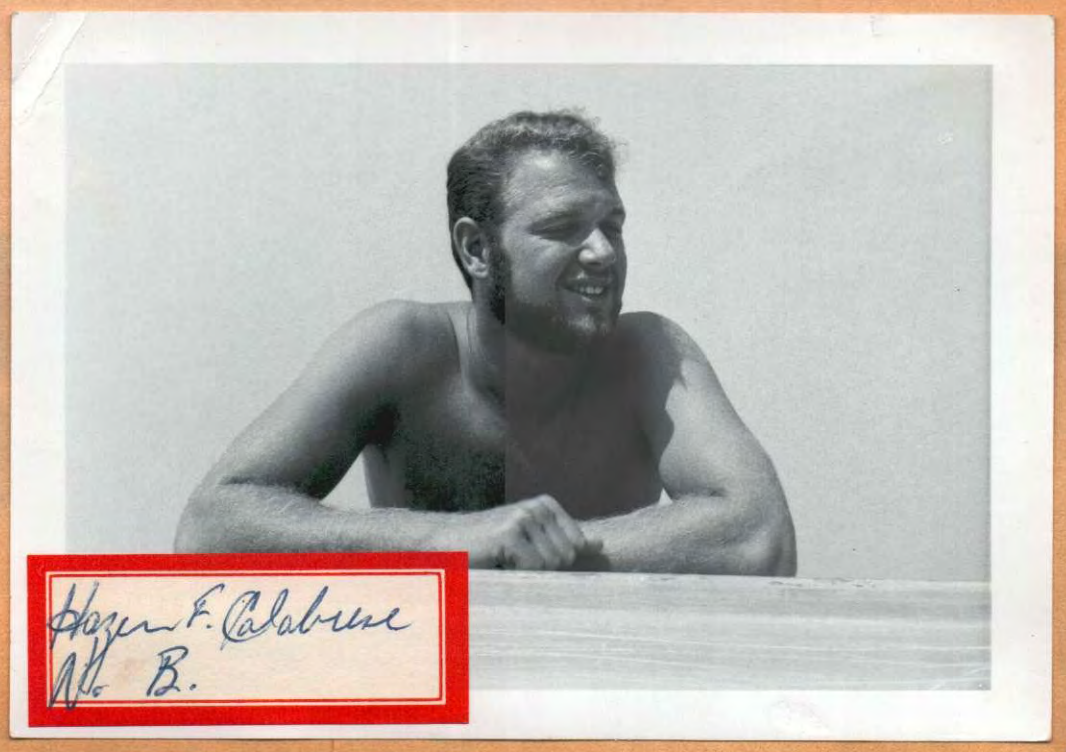

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CANOES REVIVE HISTORY

Twentieth century voyageurs will revive Canada's history during the Centennial year, as they retrace the country's earliest waterways in canoes.

Leaving from historic Rocky Mountain House, canoes representing each of the provinces, will paddle the lakes and rivers, run the rapids and portage as it was done in the heyday of the fur trade. The canoe teams will spend 103 days on the 3,500 mile course, terminating in Montreal.

The paddlers, dressed in voyageur costume, embark from Rocky Mountain House, an Alberta community tucked away between the prairies and the Rockies. The site was visited by Anthony Henday, an 18th century explorer, one of the first white men to trek the Rocky Mountains. James Bird, another famous explorer, built a fort in the area in 1779. David Thompson used Rocky Mountain House as his centre of operations in 1801-02 and 1806-07.

The route proceeds to Edmonton and Lloydminster, along the North Saskatchewan River to The Pas, through Lake Winnipegosis and the Assiniboine to Winnipeg, arriving at the forks of the Red and Assiniboine rivers July 1, 1967. The voyageurs will be in Manitoba territories 20 days. They will leave Winnipeg to paddle across Lake Winnipeg, to Lake of the Woods, roughly following the international boundaries to Port Arthur, then on, via the Mattawa, Ottawa and St. Lawrence rivers, to Montreal.

Teams representing each province will consist of six paddlers, two alternate paddlers and a commodore, who will be responsible for food, safety and camping sites along the route.

History will be recreated in the pageant of the canoes. Above, a Manitoba Archives picture of a canoe carrying Sir George Simpson, governor of Hudson Bay, on an inspection trip. Below, a sketch of a recreated voyageur's canoe carrying costumed Centennial paddlers along their commemorative route.

Voyageur's Rendezous '92

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE, ALBERTA
COMMUNITY CENTRE

Jim Rheaume

Voyageur

Celebrating 25 Years Since Canada's Centennial in 1967, and the World's Longest Canoe Race, 3,283 Miles from Rocky Mountain House, Alberta to Montreal, Quebec, and Expo '67. The 400 pound canoes were paddled or portaged by crews of six, completing the race in 531 hours, averaging better than 6 miles per hour from start to finish.

CENTENNIAL SILVER ANNIVERSARY - During Canada's Centennial Celebrations in 1967, a cross-Canada canoe race was launched in Rocky Mountain House and ended at the EXPO '67 site in Montreal. This year, paddlers from the ten provincial teams which competed 25 years ago are returning to Rocky Mountain House for a 25-year reunion. Celebrations will take place June 30 and on Canada Day when an exhibit commemorating the 1967 race will be dedicated at the National Historic Park.

PROGRAM — JUNE 30

Master of Ceremonies: *Bud Salloum, 1967 Centennial Officer for Alberta, Honorary Voyageur*

Reception *- 5:30 P.M.*
Cocktails & Refreshments

Dinner *- 7:00 P.M.*
O Canada - Led by Ben Krabben
Blessing - a ***voyageur's*** *prayer - Geoff Peruniak, Ontario Canoe Team*

Menu *- Barbecued* ***Alberta*** *4H Prime Rib of Beef, Homegrown Horseradish*
Baked ***Alberta*** *Potato*
Baked ***Alberta*** *Beans*
Fresh ***Alberta*** *Peas*
Garden Salad with ***Alberta*** *Ranch Dressing*
Homebaked Bread

Toast To The Queen *- Jimmy Rheaume, Chief Voyageur, Manitoba Canoe Team*

Dessert *- Alberta Saskatoon Pie with Whipped Farm Cream*
or
Alberta Rhubarb Pie with Whipped Farm Cream

Dinner Prepared by Sandra Wolf and Al Cadrain

PROGRAM - 8:00 P.M.

BOBBY GIMBY, *Officer of The Order of Canada*
and the "Bobby Gimby" Singers with Lana Stirling

Welcome to Rocky Mountain House by ***Mayor Lou Soppitt***

Welcome to Alberta by ***M.L.A. Ty Lund***

Helen Hunley, *Officer of The Order of Canada*
Honorary Chairman, Voyageur's Rendezvous '92
Honorary Voyageur

Dr. Robert Thompson, *Officer of The Order of Canada*
Honorary Voyageur

John Nikel, *Chief Voyageur, Alberta*

René Bellemare, *Chief Voyageur, Quebec*

Norm Crerar, *Voyageur*
Captain, Manitoba Canoe Team

Initiation of Honorary Voyageurs

Initiation Ceremony By: *Henry Lounder, Voyageur, New Brunswick*
Roger Carrierre, Voyageur, Manitoba
Vic Maxwell, Voyageur, Alberta
Archie Griffith, Voyageur, Alberta
Dave Ellery, Voyageur, Alberta
Bill Peruniac, Voyageur, Ontario
Roy Jackson, Voyageur, British Columbia
Barney Mazazumi, Voyageur, North West Territories
Darrel Johnson, Voyageur, Yukon
Franklin Carrierre, Voyageur, Saskatchewan

Dance - 9:30 P.M.
Music by "RIO"

First Intermission: Stories by Bill Blackburn, Chief Voyageur, B.C.
John Mitchell, Chief Voyageur, Ont.

Second Intermission: Songs and Stories of the Fur Trade by Lynn E. Noel

Third Intermission: 2 Sets Square Dancing by "The Whirlaways"

The Mountaineer

FOURTH SECTION — WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 1992

ENVIRONMENT WEEK WINNERS - Mrs. Thatcher's Grade 4 Class at Lochearn Elementary were the best environmentalists in the Environment Week Contest held earlier this month. They collected more garbage than any other school group, helping to make this a cleaner community. They received caps from the School Division and Trade Dollars presented by Chamber of Commerce president Art Rodway and Environment Week Committee member Wendy Smith, both at the left. Mrs. Thatcher's class is continuing its interest in the proper care of waste. There is a bin in the classroom for collecting lunch wastes which are taken by Mrs. Thatcher to her home composting pile.

Rendezvous '92 banquet to be a memorable event

Tickets are still available, but are going quickly, for the June 30 banquet of the Voyageurs' Rendezvous '92 reunion. Much interest has been attracted, in part because of the terrific line-up of guest speakers and entertainers.

Dr. Robert Thompson heads the list of distinguished speakers. He was Member of Parliament for Red Deer at the time of the Centennial Canoe Pageant and was one of the event's early promoters, playing a role in making it a central feature of celebrations in 1967.

Thompson worked in Ethiopia for 15 years following World War II, serving both with the Ethiopian Government and with Sudan Interior Mission. After his return to Canada, he was leader of the national Social Credit Party from 1960-67, and from 1968 until his retirement in 1972 was a Progressive Conservative M.P.

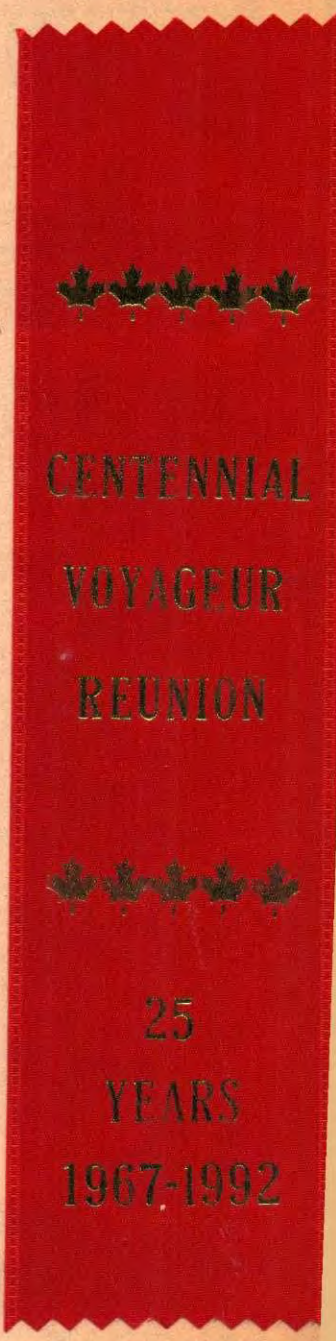
After his political retirement, Thompson moved to teach at Trinity Western University in Langley, B.C., serving as the institution's vice president from 1972 to 1977. He was named Langley's Citizen of the Year in 1980 and was named an officer of the Order of Canada in October 1990.

Also speaking during the banquet are Helen Hunley, then mayor of Rocky Mountain House; Alberta Team Chief Voyageur John Nikel, one of the pageant's originators; and Norm Crerar, Captain of the winning Manitoba Team, who is now co-owner of the Silver Star Ski Lodge in Vernon, B.C., and a co-organizer of a recent World Cup downhill ski race.

Entertainers during the evening will include Lisette Duval, of Ottawa, who will tell tales of the fur trade and the voyageurs and will sing a number of their songs. As well, Roger Carriere, who won the title "King of the North" by winning ten consecutive Fur Trade Festival titles in Flin Flon, Manitoba, will demonstrate his talents at bird and animal calls. Carriere was a member of the Manitoba Canoe Team, and his talents earned him three appearances on Johnny Carson's Tonight Show.

Canada's Pied Piper Bobby Gimby and his 30-voice local student choir will also be on the program.

Tickets for the June 30 banquet, set for Rocky Mountain House Centre, are $12 each and are available at the Eagle's Nest Gift Shop at the Walking Eagle Motor Inn.



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Voyageurs steal show

CAPPING YEARS OF EFFORT - Members of the Alberta Team from the 1967 Centennial Canoe Pageant lift the 400 pound canoe into place in the Canoe Pavilion unveiled during ceremonies at the National Historic Site on Canada Day.

Canada Day celebrations at Rocky Mountain House National Historic Site last Wednesday drew participants from across Canada to take part in some very special events.

Dozens of participants from the 1967 Centennial Canoe Pageant had gathered earlier in the week to begin celebrating a 25 year reunion and much of the celebrations on Wednesday revolved around their activities. The event drew people from all across the country and even the United States. Each of the original ten teams was represented.

The crowd on hand — which amounted to 6,753 people through the whole day, according to Site Superintendent Dan Gaudet — was treated to the launch of an exciting and exhausting canoe sprint race upstream to Acton House, involving three teams of the centennial voyageurs. One team even had its canoe capsize.

Bobby Gimby and Dr. Robert Thompson, in a Red River Cart, led a long parade of people from the interpretive centre area to the south end of the Park where the official ceremonies took place.

The sprint race ended as each of the teams portaged their canoes to the ceremony site, with the Ontario team in first place and Manitoba second. First place winners were each presented with a leather bag containing 125 fifty-cent pieces, and the runners-up each received a pouch containing 125 1992 quarters. There were many businesses, groups and financial institutions who helped sponsor these special prizes, and the coins were secured with the co-operation of the Royal Canadian Mint in Ottawa.

Helen Hunley, Mayor of Rocky in 1967 when the Pageant was launched, former Lt. Governor of Alberta, and soon to be a recipient of the Order of Canada, was Mistress of Ceremonies for the event.

Greetings were brought to the crowd of nearly a thousand by Red Deer Member of Parliament Doug Fee, MLA Ty Lund, Rocky Mayor Lou Soppit, and M.D. of Clearwater Reeve David McDonald. Greetings were also brought by Sandra Davis of the Canadian Parks Service, who later helped to unveil the canoe pavilion.

Among the speakers was Rene Bellemare, Chief Voyageur for the Quebec Team in 1967. M. Bellemare expressed his wish to see Canada remain as one country. He referred to the spirit of adventure and co-operation held by the voyageurs in the fur trade days and those in 1967. "I hope everyone will do his best to have some of the spirit of the voyageurs, to help each other, so that in two or three years Canada will still be one of the best countries to live in."

The ceremonies concluded with the serving of special birthday cakes prepared by Bootsma's Bakery and the bakeries at Rocky Co-op and Rocky Mtn. IGA.

Other Canada Day events at the Park were well received. The Friends of the Park enjoyed a great dinner crowd as they served up beef and buffalo on a bun. The buffalo chip flip attracted 144 registrants, and there was a steady crowd around the children's activity tables organized by the Crimson Lake Park staff.

Evening entertainment was provided by three local country and western bands, local dance groups and entertainers. The day concluded with an expanded fireworks show.

The leader of the Ontario sprint team paid tribute to the canoe and what it symbolizes for Canadians, as he accepted the presentation of the winners' purse. He said the North Canoe is "part of our geography, part of our history. It is the ultimate team machine." He urged people not to let the symbol of the canoe fade from history and that it belongs to Canada and no other country can claim it as a symbol.

Entertainment was provided by Canada's Pied Piper Bobby Gimby and a local choir composed of 32 young voices under the direction of Lana Stirling. They led the singing of O Canada and later performed Gimby's famous Centennial tune Ca-na-da, and then a number of other songs, some of which were familiar to people who listened to CBC's The Happy Gang in the 1950s and early 1960s.

John Nikel, Alberta's Chief Voyageur, briefly explained the significance of the voyageurs to the opening of the west and then took part in the unveiling of the Canoe Pavilion.

Once the curtains were drawn back, members of the Alberta and Northwest Territories teams hoisted the 400 pound Alberta canoe into place in the pavilion, where it will be permanently attached and on display with several interpretive plaques. Two time capsules, containing items from 1967 and souvenirs of the day will be interred in the base of the pavilion at a later date.

THE ROCKY NATIVE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE WAS one of the few participants in the Parade of Nations for Canada Day. From the left Tamlyn Sunchild; Eric Nystrom, RNFC vice-president; Irene Medin, RNFC Elder; and Everett Sunchild.

Recapture the Spirit of '67

You don't have to be thirty years or older to know that Canada had a remarkably lively spirit attached to Centennial celebrations in 1967. People still talk about that incredible year and all the activities which added to the flavor of the event. In our current constitutional fix, anything we can do to recapture the positive vision and vitality of that era would be a great help.

Here in Rocky Mountain House, we have that opportunity over the next week as we count down to Canada Day.

Canada Day celebrations at the National Historic Site will feature two memorable icons from 1967. Paddlers from the Centennial Canoe Pageant which ran from Rocky to Montreal during the summer of '67 will be returning for a 25-year reunion. The event is apparently very important to the participants because more than a third of them, from all across the country, and representing every one of the ten teams involved, will be in attendance.

Bobby Gimby, who truly lead every school child in 1967 with his Centennial song, will also return to the community. He was here for the launch of the pageant leading a 150 voice choir. He will be arriving later this week to work with a 30-voice volunteer student choir under the direction of Lana Stirling. They will perform for the voyageurs at their reunion banquet next Tuesday and then again on Canada Day at the park.

There is an excellent line-up of activities for the whole family at Canada Day and only your presence at the park will make it better. Plan to attend and help us recapture a bit of that 1967 spirit.

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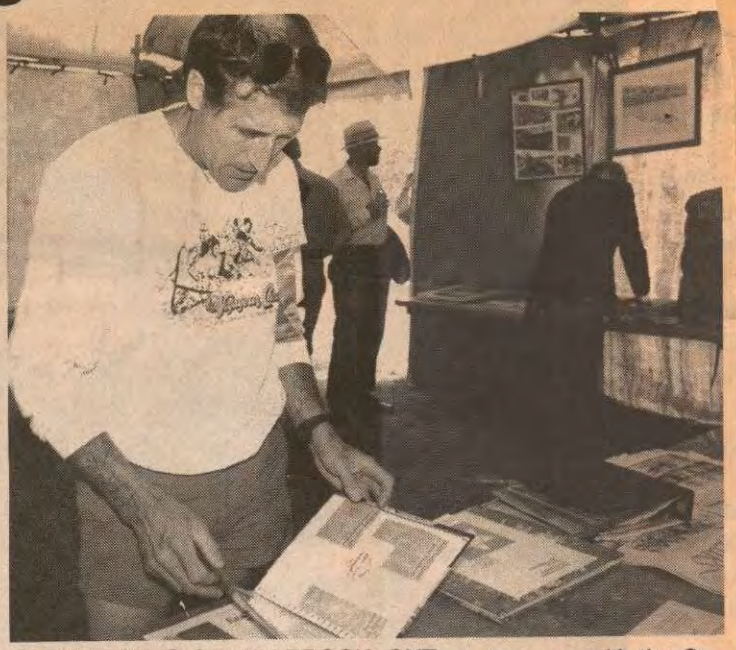
Centennial Voyageurs reminisce

PADDLERS' REWARD - The winning team of the canoe sprint accepts its award from former Red Deer M.P. Dr. Robert Thompson. Each member of the winning team received a leather bag with 125 fifty-cent pieces. The runners up received bags with 125 quarters from the 1992 series.

THE SIMULATED FUR BALE, above, was used during the Canoe Pageant paddle to store a Buffalo Cape lined with the Alberta Tartan which the Alberta team had made to give to then Secretary of State the Hon. Judy LaMarsh. Above, Bud Salloum, a Centennial Officer with the Alberta Government in 1967 poses with the bale.

ONE OF THE TWO PADDLES On display during Canada Day which was autographed by the paddlers.



GLENN FALLIS OF MILLBROOK, ONT., a sternman with the Ontario team in the Centennial Canoe Pageant looks through a scrapbook in the exhibits' tent during Canada Day. He said he was "still trying to describe" the reunion in his own mind and said the celebration was "as terrific as it was in 1967, if not better. The Town of Rocky Mountain House has done a superb job."

by Monica Ahlstrom

Good friends, good food and good memories all came together at the Voyageurs' Rendezvous '92 banquet on the evening of June 30.

Many of the original 1967 Voyageurs were on hand for the evening, telling tales of their journey and sharing memories with their families, friends and guests.

Among the special guests of the evening was Bobby Gimby, Officer of the Order of Canada and Canada's "Pied Piper." Mr. Gimby along with help from Lana Stirling and the "Bobby Gimby singers," entertained the crowd with some of his famous songs including the well known centennial song "Canada."

After the performance Gimby told the crowd "its nice to be back." This is Gimby's first return visit in 25 years.

Other special guests for the evening included, Helen Hunley the Honorary Chairman of Voyageurs' Rendevzous '92, who was recently announced as an Officer of the Order of Canada, Dr. Robert Thompson, the M.P. for this area at the time of the 1967 canoe pageant, who is also an Officer for the Order of Canada, John Nikel, the Chief Voyageur for Alberta, Rene Bellemare, Chief Voyageur for Quebec, Norm Crerar, Voyageur Captain of the Manitoba Team, M.L.A. Ty Lund and Mayor Lou Soppit.

One of the more entertaining presentations of the evening was by Norm Crerar who was the Captain of the winning Manitoba team and who was representing the paddlers at the banquet.

Crerar called the 1967 centennial canoe race the "mother of all races," and he recalled the trials, tribulations, fellowship and good times the Voyageurs shared. At the close of his presentation he thanked Rocky for "giving Canada the greatest spectacle its ever seen."

To close the formal part of the evening a special ceremony was held to initiate a number of Honorary Voyageurs. Voyageur Vic Maxwell explained before someone became a true Voyageur they had to show they had what it took both in body and spirit. Those paddlers who were not yet Voyageurs were called "pork eaters." When it was decided by the other Voyageurs that a man had shown his worth, he would be initiated as a Voyageur in a special ceremony. To start with the man would be tapped on the head with a cedar bough, then he was required to take a swig out of the ceremonial rum jug, then finally he would receive his Voyageur sash.

The same format was used to initiate the honorary Voyageurs at the evenings ceremony. Knut and Alma Sunde and Rene Killick were initiated as honorary voyageurs for delivering a huge rock monument and commemorative plaque to Montreal to mark the conclusion of the pageant in 1967.

A dance, and a ticket auction for prizes, including a ski trip to B.C., a helicopter ride with Shunda Helicopters and a Voyageur Adventure's canoe trip, finished the evening event.

Initiation of Honorary Voyageur's Ceremony

This ceremony conducted by the Voyageurs as listed, Henry Lounder, Voyageur, New Brunswick; Roger Carrierre, Voyageur, Manitoba; Vic Maxwell, Voyageur, Alberta; Archie Griffith, Voyageur, Alberta; Dave Ellery, Voyageur, Alberta; Bill Peruniac, Voyageur, Ontario; Roy Jackson, Voyageur, British Columbia; Barney Mazazumi, Voyageur, North West Territories; Darrel Johnson, Voyageur, Yukon; Franklin Carrierre, Voyageur, Saskatchewan, is taken from past tradition, to honor certain individuals or achievements, or to express appreciation for assistance or acts of kindness.

The Voyageurs wish to say a sincere thank you to the following individuals, corporations, or organizations which assisted us so greatly in the construction of the Canoe Pavilion at Rocky Mountain House Historic Park. We know the Pavilion will become a major point of interest and attraction in this area, for the next 100 years.

The following people were made Honorary Voyageurs for their generous and active support in the construction of the Canoe Pavilion.

HONORARY VOYAGEURS

Ross and Sylvia Walker of Canadian National Railways; Mervin and Erline Pidherney of Pidherney Concrete Ltd.; Wade and Elaine Challand of Challand Excavating Ltd.; Bill and Pat Luoma of Rocky Wood Preservers; Freeda Fleming and Angie Edgerton of the I.O.D.E.; Dan Gaudet, Superintendent of the Rocky Mountain House National Historic Park; Helen Hunley and Ray Gilbert of Rocky Mountain House; Rolph Huband of Hudson's Bay Co. Ltd.; Jim Muhlbeier of Alberta Opportunity Corps, Rocky; Dick Gust of West Coast Petroleums; Barbara Wilberg, of Alberta Museum and Archives, Edmonton.

Russell and Gladys Cole and Vic and Betty Perkins of Rocky Mountain House were initiated as Honorary Voyageurs in appreciation for their generosity in supplying the beef for the Canada Day Celebration.

The following people were made Honorary Voyageurs for the generous and enthusiastic support and assistance in helping to locate and host the Voyageurs of 1967 at Voyageur's Rendezvous '92: Bud and Laverna Salloum, of Edmonton; Ty Lund and Lou Soppit of Rocky Mountain House; Bobby Gimby of Toronto; Robert Thompson of Langley, B.C.; Clifford Brierley, Lana Stirling, Edith and Jack Janiszewski, Laurie and Tom Woodward, Kent and Laurie Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. Knut Sunde, Rene Killick, Merle Pederson, Voyageur Adventure Tours; Evelyn Griffith, Mary Maxwell, and Dewey and Neva Browning, all of Rocky Mountain House; Ivan Radostits and George Nikel of Edmonton.

Thanks to the following Voyageurs and their families who donated their time and labors to complete the Canoe Pavilion at the Park on time:

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Thanks to the Walking Eagle Motor Inn for the reception area, and a tip of the hat to all of the motels and hotels and residents of Rocky Mountain House for the warm welcome accorded our guests from ev ery province and territory in Canada.

And a special thank you to Jim Martin for supplying his safety boat and expertise at the Canoe Sprint.

And lastly, but not least, the warm hospitality of the National Parks staff to our visitors from across Canada.

Rocky Mountain House — We Salute You.

Vic Maxwell, Chairman
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Ede Janiszewski, Accommodations Chairperson
Voyageur's Reunion Committee

PAVILION WILL BE READY - The newest exhibit at Rocky Mountain House National Historic Site, a pavilion honoring the paddlers in the 1967 Centennial Canoe Pageant, will be ready for its dedication on Canada Day in a special ceremony. Trainees with the Alberta Opportunity Corps continue their work on the project. Remaining to be done is the installation of two stabilizing cross beams and shingling of the canopy.

Many activities set for Canada Day

Centennial spirit will live again during Canada Day Celebrations next Wednesday at Rocky Mountain House National Historic Site.

This year, many members of the 1967 Centennial Voyageur Canoe Pageant will be gathering for a 25-year reunion and ceremonies to commemorate the event. They will be joined by Canada's Pied Piper Bobby Gimby, who will be lending his unique musical talents to the reunion and Canada Day celebrations.

The Centennial Voyageur Canoe Pageant consisted of ten teams of paddlers representing eight provinces and two territories and their object was to retrace one of the major Canadian fur trade routes. They launched the pageant, which was a race timed over each day's distance, at Rocky Mountain House on May 24, 1967. They paddled 3,283 miles (5,253 km), portaged 60 miles (96 km) and arrived 104 days later at Ile Notre Dame in Montreal, P.Q., site of EXPO '67. The race received national and international attention.

To date, a third of the original participants have registered for the reunion, titled Voyageurs' Rendezvous '92, which will take place June 29, 30 and July 1. There is at least one person from each of the original teams planning to be here.

Canada Day celebrations will begin when the gates to Rocky Mountain House National Historic Site open to the public at 10:00 a.m. and will conclude late that evening with a fireworks display.

The highlight of the day will be the dedication of a permanent exhibit commemorating the 1967 canoe pageant. During the 3:00 p.m. ceremonies, the Alberta's Team Canoe will be mounted in the field-stone and timber exhibit.

Former Governor of Alberta Helen Hunley, who was Mayor of Rocky Mountain House in 1967, will be the mistress of ceremonies. Bobby Gimby will lead a 30-voice choir of local students, as he led a choir 25 years before during the start of the pageant. Invitations to take part in the ceremonies have been extended to many of the prominent people who took part in the pageant launch, and to those who were mayors of the many communities who feted the pageant along its way.

Canada 125

Voyageurs in attendance will take part in a canoe sprint race, at 2:00 p.m., prior to the start of the official ceremonies.

Activities during the day will include displays in the parade of nations, highlighting Canada's ethnic mosaic; the always popular Buffalo Chip Flip, which asks participants to hurl organic Frisbees for prizes; children's activities; visitors can try gold panning; and an evening dance featuring a number of local bands with a Country and Western. Dance groups will entertain between band sets.

Late in the evening, a short production will lead into the fireworks display.

Food services will be provided on site by the Rocky Lions Club and the Friends of the National Historic Park. The Friends of the Park will be serving up a beef and buffalo supper at $4.00 per plate, and $3.50 for those who bring their own non-disposable dishes.

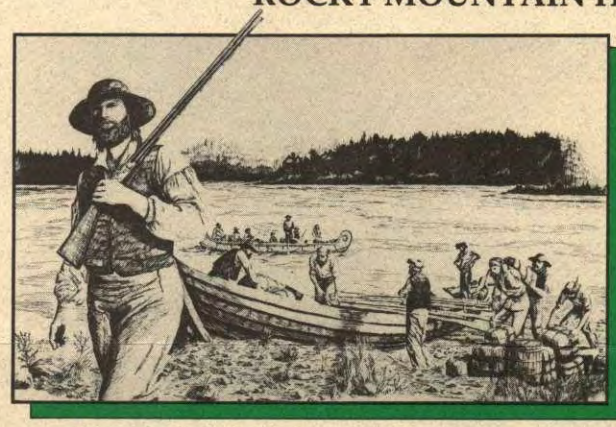
The hosting Canada Day Committee expects up to 10,000 people to come to the Site for any or all of the activities on Canada Day 1992.

This is a sanctioned Canada 125 event.

UNDER THE PIPER'S SPELL - Thirty-two local youngsters began working in April to be ready for Canada Day performances under the direction of Lana Stirling and Canada's Pied Piper Bobby Gimby, O.C.

Yesterday and Today

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE PAST



Above the roar of the nearby rapids, the sound of laughter, snatches of song, and cheerful men's voices carry along the fast flowing river. Shouts of command – some in French some in Scots dialect – ring out in the clear of the early autumn morning. The great fur trade canoes are run up against the shore. Jumping out into the current – freezing water splashing against their legs – voyageurs and laborers strain to unload their heavy cargo. The sound of an axe is heard, a fire is lit, and a pungent haze of wood-smoke drifts lazily through the air. Accompanied by the babble of conversation in numerous different tongues, the winter's supplies are moved into the fort. Soon a breakfast of fried pemmican and tea will be ready and pipes lit as the men enjoy a brief rest.

You might have witnessed such a scene if you had arrived at Rocky Mountain House with the fall brigade on a fine September day a century and a half ago. Between 1799 and 1875, four different trading posts existed along the banks of the North Saskatchewan River. Their walls were filled with the sounds of fur traders, voyageurs, explorers, and Indians.

Rocky Mountain House, the most westerly fur trading post east of the Rockies at the time of its construction, was initially the site of two separate forts. The North West Company (Nor' Westers') erected their Rocky Mountain House in the early fall of 1799. A few weeks later the Hudson's Bay Company opened a competing fort called Acton House. Fierce competition for the Indian trade, first with the Kootenay and then with the Blackfoot, was the rule of the day until 1821 when the two companies merged. The Nor' Westers' post was closed, but the name they chose was retained.

The original Hudson's Bay post was replaced only to be burned to the ground during the winter of 1861 and replaced in turn by the final Rocky Mountain House, which was completed in 1868. The fur trade era at Rocky Mountain House ended when this last fort was closed in 1875.

Rocky Mountain House National Historic Park commemorates an important phase in the history of Canada. The exploration that was carried out from Rocky Mountain House by David Thompson and others played a key role in determining the future shape of Canada. Perhaps even more significant, it was at Rocky Mountain House and other trading posts like it that aspects of native, French, English, and other cultures were integrated to create a new society that, in many ways, foreshadowed what Canada was to become.

At Rocky Mountain House, aspects of many cultures were integrated to create a new society that in many ways foreshadowed what Canada was to become.

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Voyageurs feted at Carillon nearing destination at Expo

On Hydro Quebec dam at Carillon

This trio was photographed on the Hydro Quebec dam at Carillon — Gib McEachern, of Flin Flon, Man., pointing towards Lachute, with which he is associated through his mother, the former Greta Fulton of this town. McEachern, on the winning Voyageur team, is seen with Sylvio Ferraro of Hydro Quebec, who as director of south zone was host at the company's reception held for the Voyageur teams last Saturday. At the right is Harry Schwartz of Prince George, a member of the British Columbia team, runners-up in the big contest. Harry's beard was three weeks old when the Voyageurs started out May 24 from Rocky Mountain House.

McEachern was cheered on by several cousins from this community, all of whom met him for the first time following the arrival at Carillon, along with his mother, who arrived the day previously. Closest relatives in this community are Watson and Jim Berry, Mrs. Albert Silverson, and their families, also Mrs. Leola Secord, of Beaconsfield, and Mrs. Shirley Bradford. His grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fulton, of Lachute. A professional paddler, McEachern is one of the top competitors in North America.

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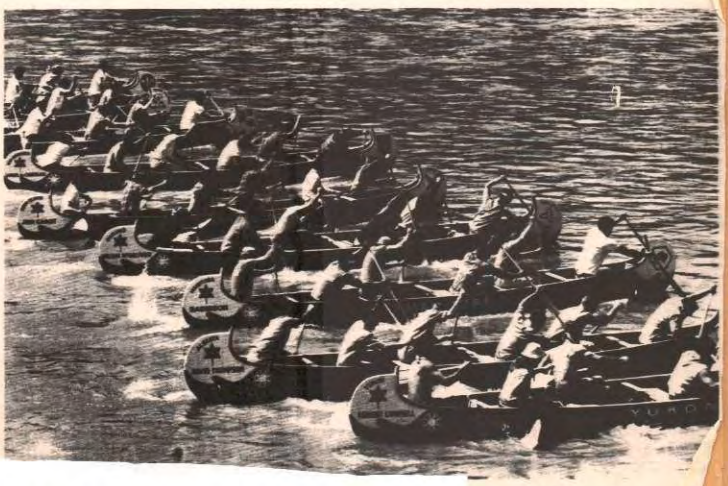
The winning Manitoba crew consisted of: Jim Rheaume 37, chartered accountant, Flin Flon (Chief Voyageur); Norman Crerar, ski instructor, Flin Flon (Captain); Joe Michelle, 32, trapper, Sturgeon Landing; Joseph Carrière, 37, railwayman, Cranberry Portage; John Norman, 31, miner, Creighton; David Wells, 19, miner, Flin Flon; Blair Harvey, 24, social worker, Winnipeg; Donald Starkell, 34, railwayman, Winnipeg; Wayne Soltys, 25, miner, Flin Flon; Gib McEachern, 27, ski instructor, Flin Flon.

Excerpts from the reader

2. And that's what led to the great Canadian canoe race.

3 Eight provinces, the Yukon, and the Northwest Territories entered their canoes in this race. They named their canoes after explorers who were linked with their own early history: Nova Scotia, *John Cabot*; New Brunswick, *Samuel de Champlain*; Quebec, *La Verendrye*; Ontario, *William McGillivray*; Manitoba, *Radisson*; Saskatchewan, *Henry Kelsey*; Alberta, *David Thompson*; British Columbia, *Simon Fraser*; Yukon, *Robert Campbell*; Northwest Territories, *Sir Alexander MacKenzie*.



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The Great Canadian Canoe Race

By Nathan Dreskin

By the early afternoon of May 24, 1967, some 5000 spectators had gathered in the town of Rocky Mountain House in western Alberta. They were there to watch the start of the Centennial Voyageur Canoe Race. This was to be the longest, wettest, riproaringest race in Canadian history: ninety men would paddle ten canoes over 3200 miles to Montreal. It would take them 104 days.

A jet plane could have taken them that distance in four and a half hours. But Canada was celebrating its one-hundredth birthday. What better way to celebrate than to bring back, for a short time, the famous voyageurs of Canada's past.

The Chief Voyageur of the winning Radisson, Jim Rheaume, called the course "An unbelievable endurance test for any athlete. NO athlete in any sport," he continued, " is ever required to give all he's got for so long a time. And brother, did all of them come through beautifully!"

John Fisher, Centennial Commissioner, said of the early voyageurs that if it had not been for the birch bark canoe and the rhythm of the paddles, the West would have developed much more slowly. To the 1967 voyageurs he said, "You have stirred the hearts of all Canadians. You are the heroes of our Centennial year."

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Historical canoe race re-enacted

A hisory making event that occurred during the Centennial year is being recreated this summer.

The canoeists who paddled from Rocky Mountain House, British Columbia, to Montreal, Quebec, in 1967, are re-creating their trek across Canada.

And the exciting news is that they will include Flin Flon on their itinerary.

"We thought it would be something extra special for Flin Flon to have the canoeists come here during the Trout Festival and Homecoming 2000," says David Kennedy, a member of the committee working on this event. "After all, most of the Manitoba and the Saskatchewan teams that year consisted of people from the Flin Flon area."

The Centennial Canoe Race (as it was known in 1967) consisted of teams from all the provinces and Territories. (except Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island).

The teams consisted of nine people each. Out of the 18 members on the Manitoba and Saskatchewan teams, 17 of them were from Flin Flon and area and Cumberland House and area.

The teams left Rocky Mountain House on May 24 and arrived in Montreal on September 1 in time for Expo 67. (It took them 100 days to paddle 3,400 miles). Their placement time for the race was based on their accumulated daily time (from one overnight stop to the next overnight stop). Manitoba was the overall winner of the race.

During the trip, the canoeists took part in Centennial Celebrations in each town where they spent the night.

"Out of the original 17 members of the Manitoba and Saskatchewan teams, approximately half of them are returning," noted Kennedy. "This is really exciting news for the area."

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Dave Kennedy came back from Dauphin yesterday at 6:00 p.m. with the canoe that was used in the 1967 Centennial Canoe Race. Kennedy, along with other canoeists will re-create the event and will be at Phantom Lake on June 29.

Voyageur Rendezvous 2000, as it is being called this year, is being done along the same route as the Centennial Race, with teams from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Nova Scotia taking part.

Some of the former team members in the Centennial Canoe Race from this area, who are taking part this year, include Norm Crerar, Gib McEachern, and Dan Lyons.

Other members of the Manitoba and Saskatchewan teams, for the Centennial Race, included Dave Kennedy (captain) and Glen Dubinak of the Saskatchewan team, and Johnny Norman who was on the Manitoba team.

(According to a report, Lyons was due to retire from the RCMP sometime this year but had not handed in his registration.

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