

Grant is appointed to Order of Canada

by Ron Wassink

WALKERTON—The Honorable Campbell Grant of Walkerton has the distinction of being appointed to the Order of Canada, the country's highest distinction. Among the 70 appointed, he joins such notables as Pierre Berton and Jean Marchand.

Obviously proud of the appointment, Campbell says it's the highest honor he has ever received. "It's the best one I've ever had. But the only thing that bothers me is I don't have the slightest idea who nominated me."

Jean Sauve, Governor General of Canada, will present the insignia of the Order to Campbell at a ceremony to be held in Ottawa on November 12. There are three Companions (C.C.), 23 Officers (O.C.) and 44 Members (C.M.). Campbell has the distinction of being named an Officer and as a result can carry the letters after his name.

Now the Honorable Campbell Grant, O.C., LL.D., Q.C., he says he received word last Friday that his appointment would be published in the Canada Gazette.

A statement from the Chancellery of Canadian Order and Decorations reads, "His fairness and compassion when dealing with civil and criminal cases and his devoted service as Head of Royal Commissions have earned him the highest award of the Law Society of Upper Canada in 1985."

The order has been awarded to Canadians for outstanding achievement and service to the country or to humanity since

1967. It has three rankings: companions, officers and members.

Campbell says the appointment is the culmination of a distinguished legal career, a career that started in Walkerton when he opened his practice in 1925. "I received my gown on a Friday and took my first murder case the following Monday."

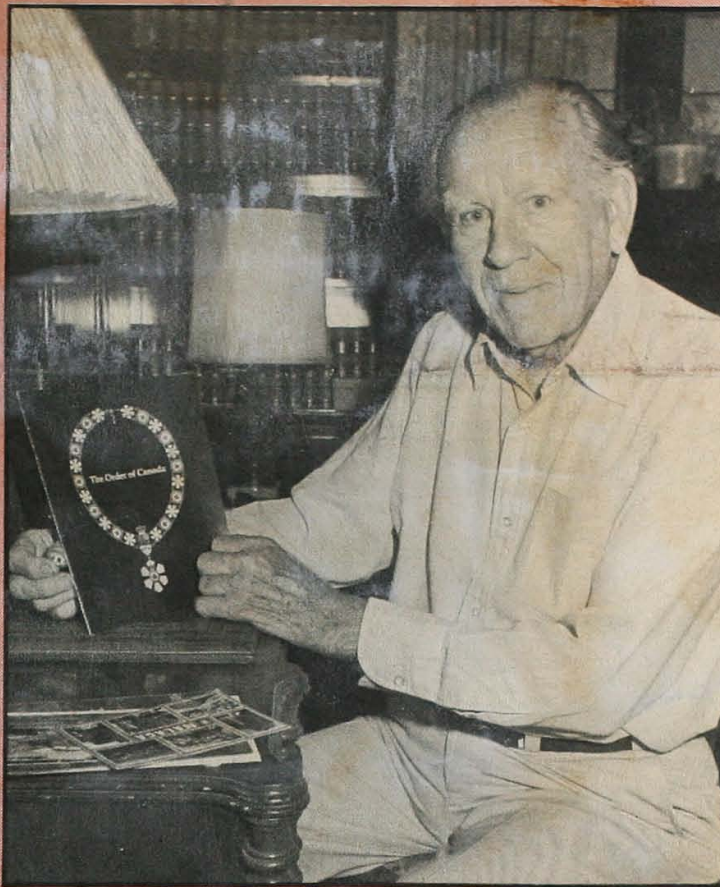
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He has served as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Ontario for 15 years and continues to take cases in the Federal Court of Canada at the request of the Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Canada. The most recent case he heard and gave judgement on was last September.

After being appointed Justice, Campbell's law practice ended. "People still come to see me but I send them to a lawyer. Sometimes I'll chat with them. Once you're appointed a judge, you are obliged not to do anymore legal work."

One of his last major trials as a judge was the Peter Demeter murder trial. A



THE HONORABLE CAMPBELL GRANT

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