

Another two cents in the spring

# Postal rates up two cents in September

It is going to cost two cents more to mail a letter beginning in September, and another two cents come March.

The increase on first class mail is only a part of the planned new domestic postal rates. Next spring another increase will be tacked onto the ten cent rate bringing the cost of mailing a first class letter up to 12 cents.

According to post office spokesmen the reason for raising the cost in two steps is to make the increase easier on big businesses.

These big businesses would blow their budgets for 1976 if the rate was to increase so drastically in one step, they said.

But first class mail is not the only type to be effected. In March of next year, all second class rates will be increased by approximately 20 per cent. Those not affected by this increase are the statutory free, foreign publications and publications intended for delivery outside the country.

Beginning in September the rates for third class mail up to one pound

will be eight cents for the first two ounces and four cents for each additional two ounces. Then again in March the rate will increase to bring the cost up to 10 cents for the first two ounces and five cents for each additional two ounces.

Mailing boundaries will be established for parcels weighing over one pound and will be based on zones and not provinces. At the

moment parcels sent from one province to another are charged the same rate regardless of the distance between the two points.

With the new zoning the provinces will be divided into zones which are based on the first letter of the postal code.

For parcels which exceed six feet in total dimensions and are classified as "oversized",

the surcharge will increase from 75 cents to \$2. No oversized parcels will be accepted to or from any air stage offices.

As well as increasing the rates for sending mail, the post office has upped the rental fees for lock boxes. The cost of the box will increase according to size with a A type being increased from \$8 per year to \$10 per year or from \$4-\$5 as

the case may be. Beginning in September a service charge will be introduced for the notice of change of address that is filed with the postmaster. The charge will be \$1 and will be good only for a period of three months at which time the notice must be renewed with the postmaster. At the moment, there is no charge for this service and the change remains

on file with the postmaster for 18 months - not three.

A charge of \$1 will be levied on each customer wishing to have his mail held. This is to compensate for handling and storage costs.

The increases are the first in several years and post office spokesmen said they will still not meet the costs of the post office.



## Learning history the fun way

A children's workshop being held at the Historic Naval and Military Establishments is so popular all four sessions through August are booked solidly. Children do such things as make soup with fresh vegetables from the garden, learn to work rope and tie knots, weave and spin yarn, and drill with their wooden muskets under the direction of the Establishments Guard.

Photo by Battrick, Naval and Military Establishments, Penetanguishene.



## Pipe band leads the parade

The pipe band of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 80 from Midland led the parade on Christian Island Sunday afternoon when the Christian Island branch was granted its official charter. Members of a number of mainland branches took part in the ceremony which was followed by the annual Legion Picnic.

## Legion branch receives charter

The Royal Canadian Legion, Beauvois Branch 630, received its charter on Christian Island Sunday after nearly 10 months of waiting.

Branch President, Harold King said Sunday that the group had first applied for its charter in October of last year, but had been turned down because the island was too isolated for four or five months of the year to get assistance from the other branches on the mainland.

He said they re-applied personally at a district meeting in January at which, he said, "We got quite a bit of support from the other branches."

The branch, which now has 15 paid up members, all of whom are Indian veterans of the second world war and the Korean war, first received word that they had got their charter in June.

King said "We had planned to have our picnic about the middle of

July", but the group had trouble getting its colours and had to postpone the celebration until Sunday. As it was they only got the colours Friday evening.

This is the second year Christian Island has held a picnic for the Legion branches in the area and this year they decided to combine it with the ceremony to receive their charter. They are hoping to make the picnic an annual thing.

The charter and colours were presented to King in a ceremony in front of the Christian Island cenotaph, a relatively small one, designed by Gerald Monague and built of stone from the Christian Island lighthouse. The stone was originally imported from Scotland in the late 1800's when the lighthouse was built.

Along with the ceremony and the picnic, a fiddling contest was held, and there were races for the children. All the proceeds from

food and refreshment sales at the picnic will go into a fund to build a building for the branch.

King said the next thing on their list of things to do was to organize a ladies' auxiliary.

Leigh is charged with careless driving.

## Truck, train smash up

A spectacular crash between a Canadian National train and a tractor-trailer truck at the corner of William and Bayshore last Friday held up traffic in the area for most of the afternoon while police and towing companies worked on righting the overturned truck.

No injuries were reported.

The collision between the CN train and the truck, owned by Wiles Transportation of Orillia, resulted in the first trailer section overturning on the railroad tracks, with the cab landing on top of the trailer. A nearby Hydro transformer and wires were also pulled down.

Driver of the truck, Gordon Leigh of Atherley, told police he was accelerating up the hill in first gear after coming off the weigh scales and didn't hear the train approaching.

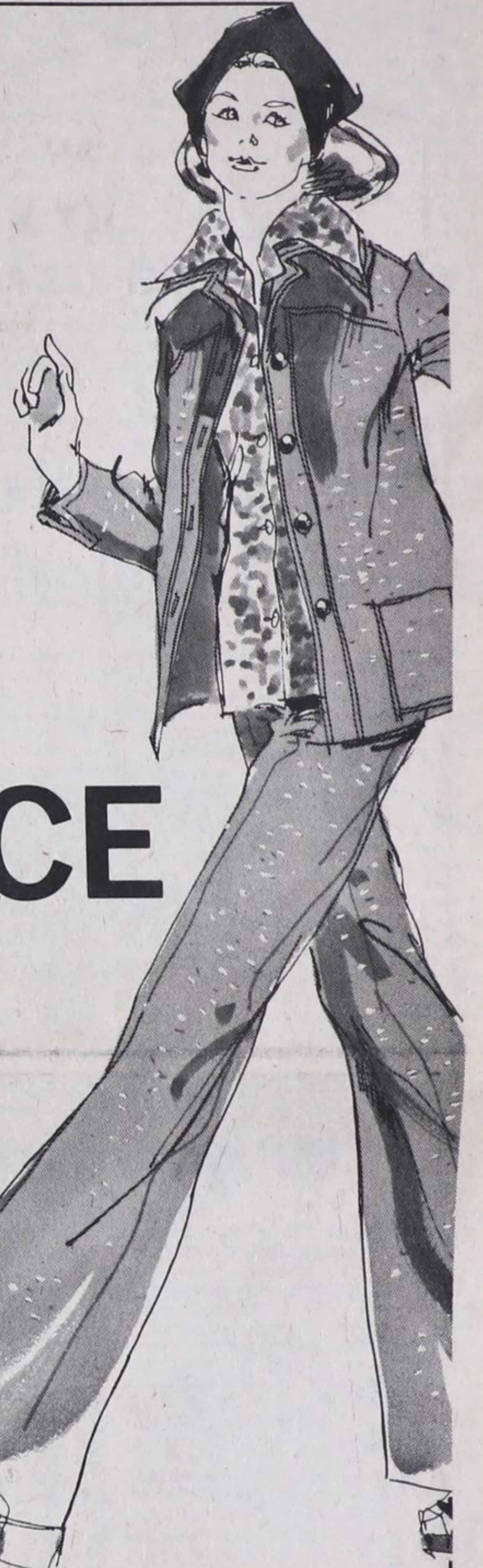
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