

Memory Still Lives

VANCOUVER (CP) — She was paid only \$3 for her best-known poem.

She was hailed as excelling all other Canadian poets as a lyricist of love.

SHE WAS the first Canadian woman, the first Canadian Indian and the first Canadian writer to be honored by a commemorative Canadian stamp.

At her death in Vancouver flags were at half - staff throughout the city.

This was Emily Pauline Johnson, daughter of a Mohawk Indian chief and his English wife. All her life she preferred to be known by her Indian name, Tekahionwake, meaning smoky haze of an Indian summer.

PAULINE Johnson died 54 years ago, in 1913, but her memory remains alive in this Centennial Year and copies of her poetry and other writings are displayed in bookstores across the country.

Dr. J. D. Logan, author of *Highways in Canadian Literature*, wrote of her: "She has not yet been equalled as a lyricist of love and her metaphors are absolutely unique in imagery and in descriptive and emotional power."

The home in which she was born on the Six Nations Indian reserve near Brantford, has been restored as a memorial. In the city of Brantford a plaque of her memory was unveiled in 1958.

IN 1961, the 100th anniversary of her birth, the Canadian government issued a five-cent stamp commemorating the strides made by Cana-

dian Indians and their contributions to the development of Canada.

The brown-and-green stamp depicted Miss Johnson in the foreground as a Victorian woman and in the middle background in tribal dress.