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LISMER APPOINTED  
PROVINCIAL JUDGE

Attorney General Howard Pawley has announced the appointment of Theodore J. Lismer, Q.C., as a judge in Provincial Judges' Court (Criminal Division) effective immediately. He succeeds Wallace Michael Darichuk, Q.C., who has been appointed a county court judge for the Dauphin Judicial District.

Judge Lismer was born in Melrose, Manitoba, where he received part of his education before entering St. Paul's High School in Winnipeg. He received his B.A. (Honors) degree from St. Paul's College in 1953 and served as a principal of Mountain-side School District before entering the Manitoba Law School in 1954. He graduated with his law degree in 1958 and that same year was called to the Manitoba Bar.

Since that time, until his present appointment, he maintained a private law practice. In June, 1972, he was appointed chairman of the Manitoba Police Commission where he served until his resignation in January, 1974. He was later appointed a part-time provincial judge.

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FESTIVAL DU VOYAGEUR  
GETS GOVERNMENT GRANT

Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Minister Ben Hanuschak has announced a \$15,000 provincial grant to the Festival du Voyageur in support of the annual event in St. Boniface which is being held this year February 13 to 20.

As the major urban winter festival in the Winnipeg area, Mr. Hanuschak said, the Festival du Voyageur has become instrumental in the promotion of Manitoba's cultural and recreational life.

"It is an event that provides opportunity for everyone to share in traditional French-Canadian fun and frolics," the minister said, "which mark the colorful festivities in western Canada's largest Francophone community."

The Festival aids in the preservation, development and diffusion of Franco-Manitobain culture, and as well fosters better understanding and appreciation among the French-speaking and other ethnic communities of the province, Mr. Hanuschak said.