

...just keep changing for the better. We must not stop in our tracks. We do not subscribe to the old concept of individualism. We must acknowledge that our government has a vital role in co-ordinating the efforts of the citizens and groups."

He said that the national council of the party which will meet in Ottawa in May will be asked by the Quebec group to make a special study of its structures. This was a direct allusion to the relationships which now exist between the provincial and the federal groups.

He announced that the QLF executive committee which met yesterday had decided to absorb the party's weekly paper *La Réforme*. It had been owned until now by a private group.

He also revealed that the next QLF convention which will meet in Montreal next Sept. 18-19-20 will have as its theme "The Youth of Quebec." Details would be announced later.

Jury Finds Man's Death Justified

A coroner's jury ruled today a 14-year-old boy committed "justifiable homicide" in killing his father to end the latter's attack on his family early Saturday.

Coroner Marcel Trahan concurred with the verdict. He said it was appropriate in view of "the fear that permeated the house as a result of the victim's sadistic, moronic tendencies." Victim was Clément Dubreuil, 37.

Evidence at the hearing today showed Dubreuil was inflicting severe punishment on his family when his son decided to stop him. The boy took a .12-gauge shotgun from a closet and knocked his father down with a shot that creased his head.

Dubreuil got up again and went after the boy, who ran back to the closet and got a .303 calibre rifle. He shot his father four times in the chest.

Best Daughter

Dubreuil ended a 40-day sentence at Montreal Jail seven months ago for what was described as "a vicious beating" of his 15-year-old daughter.

His wife testified at the inquest today that she'd had him arrested a number of times for assault and for non-support. "My life with him was 17 years of hell," she said.

The boy said his earliest recollections were of being thrown up in the air and bounced off the ceiling by his father.

"Several times," he swore, "my father punched my nine-month-old sister in her crib to make her stop crying."

The jury rendered its verdict without leaving their seats to deliberate.

The theft was carried out by boys of 14 or 15 are false. The thieves, they assert, were two youths of 17 and another of 18.

QPP sources state the method of investigation to date "is unsatisfactory to the QPP."

The RCMP, the Army Provost Corps and the Montreal Police Department's special anti-terrorist squad are also interested in the investigation.

Noranda police had said they were of the opinion the theft was "a prank."

The robbery was at the armory of the 9th Field Squadron, Royal Canadian Engineers. Nine automatic rifles, carbines and machine guns were taken.

They were recovered soon afterwards by a Noranda policeman, who found them hidden in a snowbank.

QPP spokesman said this afternoon the arms had been placed in dunnage bags before being hidden in the snow — "which means it was possible the thieves hid them there until they could come back for them later."

The youths were arrested less than an hour after the arms were found. Police also recovered a number of binoculars and compasses stolen from the armory.

Pinball Game Non-gambling

A pinball game should not be labelled as a gambling device, simply because it is difficult to win, the Quebec Court of Appeal ruled today.

Justices Paul Casey and Pierre Badeaux maintained the appeal of Rita Toupin against a conviction of operating a gaming house at 503 St. Clément street, in September, 1963. The alleged offence took place in December, 1962. Mr. Justice Antoine Rivard, in a dissenting opinion, ruled that the appeal should be rejected.

The game in question, the judges said, was operated by a mechanical device.

Mr. Justice Casey said: "What the prosecution had to establish not merely as a probability but beyond a reasonable doubt was that in the operation of this particular machine the skill and experience of the player was, for all practical purposes, of little or no importance."

"It was not sufficient to show that the machine was a difficult one on which to score, nor could the prosecution draw the desired conclusion from the fact that some experts had played the machine a relatively small number of times and had failed to win."

Police Lieutenant Steve Olynyk said at Miss Toupin's trial in Municipal Court the machine was a game of chance. He said that the electric trips and bumpers which sent the ball in