

MR. STONE'S APPOINTMENT: The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Pearson, announced on February 24 the appointment of Mr. Thomas Archibald Stone as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Canada in Sweden. Since 1946 Mr. Stone has been Minister at the Canadian Embassy in Washington.

Mr. Stone was born in Chatham, Ontario, in 1900. He obtained his B.A. from the University of Toronto, and graduated from l'Ecole Libre des Sciences Politiques of Paris.

Mr. Stone joined the Department of External Affairs in 1927 and was posted to Washington in the same year. He remained there until 1932 when he was transferred to Paris. While in Paris, he attended the Disarmament Conference, Geneva, and the Reparations Conference, Lausanne. Mr. Stone left the Canadian Diplomatic Service temporarily in 1935 and returned to the Department of External Affairs at Ottawa in 1939.

In May, 1944, he went to London as Counsellor on the staff of the Canadian High Commissioner in the United Kingdom. In September of that year he became Chargé d'Affaires of the Canadian Legation to the Allied Governments in London. In 1945, he was transferred to the Canadian Embassy in Washington as Counsellor, becoming Minister in 1946.

OFFICER EXCHANGE AGREEMENT: Before the end of 1949 some 19 Canadian Army officers will be serving in the United Kingdom under a new exchange agreement which will bring a similar number of British Army Officers to Canada, the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Claxton, announced on February 25.

They will exchange duties principally at schools of instruction, research and development establishments, and in staff appointments in either country.

The total of 19 expected to be exchanged this year is over and above the small group of instructors and students normally exchanged between the defence colleges in Canada and the United Kingdom each year. Some British officers are already in Canada and several Canadian

officers are now in the U.K. under the new arrangement.

"Canada and the United Kingdom have exchanged officers for many years," Mr. Claxton said. "Both countries also exchange officers with the United States. The practice permits of a free exchange of information and is of particular value to schools of instruction where new ideas and fresh viewpoints are always welcomed."

Exchanges to be arranged this year will be on a two-year basis, and officers involved will be mainly in the ranks of captain and major.

CAMP BORDEN APPOINTMENT: One of the most colorful figures of the Second World War, Wing Commander J.H.L. Lecomte DFC, of Acton Vale, P.Q., has been appointed commanding officer of RCAF station Camp Borden Ont., Air Force Headquarters announced on February 24. W/C Lecomte replaces W/C G.A. Hiltz AFC, Milltown, N.B., who moves to RCAF station Greenwood, N.S., as commanding officer.

WHEAT PRICE \$1.75: In the House of Commons, on February 24, the Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. Howe, announced that the initial price for wheat in the five-year period ending August 1, 1950, had been increased from \$1.55 to \$1.75 a bushel. The increased initial price will become effective on April 1, 1949, and will apply on all wheat delivered to the Canadian Wheat Board since August 1, 1945, and all wheat which will be delivered to the Board up to and including July 31, 1950.

WAR DAMAGE CLAIMS: The Department of External Affairs reminds all persons who have lost property, or suffered damage in Finland on account of the Second World War, that the latest date by which claims can be filed with the Government of Finland is February 28, 1949.

Notice of such claims may be sent to the Finnish Legation, Ottawa, Ontario.