

TRIBUTE TO A SOLDIER

On June 20, Prime Minister Diefenbaker issued the following statement on the death of Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Ernest William Turner, V.C., K.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D.:

"In the passing of Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Turner, Canada mourns the death of one of her most distinguished soldiers and citizens.

"Sir Richard began his military career in 1892 by joining the militia as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Queen's Own Canadian Hussars. While serving as a Lieutenant with the Royal Canadian Dragoons during the South African campaign, he was severely wounded on two occasions and was awarded the Victoria Cross and the D.S.O.

"In the First World War he rose from the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel to that of Lieutenant-General, attaining the appointment of Chief of the General Staff, Overseas Military Forces of Canada.

"Following his retirement from the active force, he maintained a strong interest in the affairs of veterans throughout Canada and the Commonwealth. Sir Richard played an important role in the formation of the Royal Canadian Legion and was one of its chief architects.

"May I, on behalf of the Government, extend my sincerest sympathy to Sir Richard Turner's family and friends at the loss of one of this country's great, eminent and distinguished sons."

U.S.-CANADA POSTAL CONVENTION

A new convention governing the postal service between Canada and the United States came into effect on July 1. Under this convention, there are changes in parcel-post and newspaper rates from Canada to the United States, and an increase in registration indemnity for articles posted in Canada and destined for the United States.

Postmaster General Hamilton, in a recent reminder to mailers, pointed out that, under the new agreement, the weight limit on parcels mailed in Canada to the United States had been increased from 15 pounds to 25 pounds and that the maximum indemnity for the loss of a registered article mailed in Canada to the United States had been raised from \$25.00 to \$100.00.

Under the new rate, Canadian parcels mailed to the United States require postage ranging from 40 cents for a one-pound parcel to \$4.00 for a 25-pound package. Registration fees on mail for the United States are now identical with domestic rates, ranging from 20 cents for a maximum indemnity of \$25.00 to 40 cents for a maximum indemnity of \$100.00.

Mr. Hamilton noted that the United States administration had recently announced increases in rates governing printed matter, samples, registration fees and parcel post on items mailed in the United States for Canada.

NEW B.C. AIRPORT OPENED

Sporting a 10-gallon hat, Justice Minister E. Davie Fulton officially opened a new \$2,184,000 Department of Transport airport at Williams Lake, British Columbia, on July 5. Mr. Fulton used a short-handled, double-bladed axe rather than a paid to scissors to cut the ribbon held by Williams Lake Stampede Queens Paddy Twan and Vivian Chelsea.

The new airport, like the one it replaces, is operated by the federal Department of Transport as a mainline airport and is served daily by Canadian Pacific Airlines. It is also the site of a new Department of Transport radio range station replacing the one at Dog Creek, B.C.

The hard-surface runway measures 7,000 feet by 200 feet and is provided with standard medium-intensity lighting. The \$176,000 terminal building is a one storey structure measuring 120 feet x 50 feet. There are also a maintenance garage 122 x 80 feet, a one storey transmitter building 40 x 20 feet and five double two-storey staff houses.

The land round the airport has been reserved and surveyed for possible future expansion. A paved road leads to the airport.

SCIENTIFIC ATTACHÉ IN WASHINGTON

Dr. E.O. Hughes of the National Research Council of Canada will leave Ottawa on July 8 for duties in Washington as Scientific Attaché in the Canadian Embassy. In this position he will be responsible, under the Ambassador, for scientific questions at the Embassy.

While in Washington, Dr. Hughes will also serve as Canadian Liaison Officer at the British Commonwealth Scientific Office. In this capacity his services will be available to any scientific organization in Canada.

Mr. Harry Williamson, the present Scientific Attaché in Washington, will return to the National Research Council in Ottawa at the end of July.

VISIT OF REFUGEE COMMISSIONER

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Mr. Felix Schnyder, visited Ottawa on June 30. Mr. Schnyder was formerly Observer of Switzerland at the United Nations in New York, and was appointed to succeed Dr. Lindt as High Commissioner for Refugees in the spring of 1961.

Mr. Schnyder met the Prime Minister at nine o'clock, June 30, and presented him with a plaque honouring Canada as the first country to accept refugees from Europe with active tuberculosis. It will be recalled that, as part of Canada's contribution to World Refugee Year, three groups of tubercular refugees were brought to this country in 1960-61. The Federal Government, with the co-