

MR. BUTLER'S APPOINTMENT: Appointment of B.C. Butler, director of the Publicity Division of the Department of Trade and Commerce, as Associate Director of the Canadian Government Travel Bureau, was announced May 14 by Rt. Hon. C.D. Howe.

Mr. Butler will retain his directorship of the Publicity Division, and in his new duties will work in association with D. Leo Dolan, long time director of the Canadian Government Travel Bureau. The new appointment recognizes the increasing importance and responsibilities of Canadian tourist promotion, and is intended to lighten the heavy burden of administrative duties hitherto borne by Mr. Dolan, the Minister pointed out.

Under the new division of responsibilities Mr. Dolan will continue to direct the Bureau but will devote more time to the promotional activities with which he has been so successful, and which require him to travel many thousands of miles each year. Mr. Butler will devote his activities to administration and planning, with the end in view of an even closer liaison and integration than now exists between the federal, provincial, municipal and private organizations in the promotion of tourist travel. It should also accelerate long range planning and more intensive development of the tourist business, Mr. Howe explained.

Mr. Butler was born in Hamilton, Ontario, where he attended public schools and the collegiate institute. He graduated in Arts in 1927 from Queen's University, where he also received the degree of Bachelor of Commerce in 1928. He was with the Bell Telephone Company prior to joining the Foreign Trade Service of the Department of Trade and Commerce in March, 1929. Following service as Trade Commissioner at various posts in the Far East he was transferred to Los Angeles in 1939, and returned to Ottawa as Director, Export Section, Shipping Priorities Committee, in 1942. He was assigned as Consul and Trade Commissioner to New York City in 1944, and returned to Ottawa as Director of Trade Publicity in 1945.

NORTHWEST HIGHWAY POLICE: A special detachment of the Canadian Provost Corps now is being trained at the Army's Provost Corps School at Camp Borden for military police work on the Northwest Highway System, it was learned in Ottawa this week.

The six man detachment has been selected from a class of 20 service policemen who will complete their course in military police work May 29.

Those slated for duty in the north are Cpl. T.O. Foster, Winnipeg, Man., Pte. C.V. Auburn, Montreal, Pte. M.G.I. Decker, Langham, Sask., Pte. J.P. McConnery, Lytton, Que., Pte. R.N.C. Oliver, Bracebridge, Ont., and Pte. W.J. Van Horn, Jericho Beach, Vancouver. Cpl. Foster, who will be in charge of the detachment, receives an immediate promotion to the rank of sergeant.

Although it is not decided just where on the highway the men will be stationed, it is thought likely that two will be located at each of three points -- Fort St. John and Fort Nelson, B.C. and Whitehorse, Y.T.

STEEL PRODUCTION: Steel production reached a high point in March, totalling 286,000 tons as compared with 240,000 in the preceding month and 270,000 in the corresponding month last year, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Output for the first three months of this year aggregated 782,400 tons as against 748,800 in the similar period of 1947.

The month's output of pig iron also moved higher, amounting to 172,700 tons compared with 151,100 in February and 164,400 in March last year. First-quarter total was 483,800 tons compared with 492,300 in the like period of 1947.

Production of ferre-alloys in March amounted to 14,300 tons as against 11,800 in February and 14,200 in March last year, while the total for the first quarter of this year was 43,200 tons compared with 33,200 in the similar period of 1947.

HONORARY AIDE-DE-CAMP: Commander Louis de la Chesnaye Audette, R.C.N. (R) (Ret'd) who, until the first of the year commanded the Ottawa Naval Division, H.M.C.S. "Carleton", has been appointed Honorary Aide-de-Camp to the Governor General of Canada, it was announced May 17 at Naval Service Headquarters. He succeeds Captain Barry Geman, R.C.N. (Ret'd).

Commander Audette was born in Ottawa, April 7, 1907, the son of the late Hon. Justice L.A. Audette of the Exchequer Court of Canada and Mary Grace Stuart, daughter of Sir Andrew Stuart and Elmiere Aubert de Gaspé. A graduate of the University of Ottawa and the University of Montreal, he was called to the Bar of the Province of Quebec in 1931 and practised law in Montreal until enlisting with the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve in September 1939.

During service in the R.C.N.V.R. he commanded the corvette H.M.C.S. "Amherst" and the frigate H.M.C.S. "Coaticook", and was mentioned in despatches. He retired from the Navy in November 1945, and in May the following year he entered the Royal Canadian Navy (Reserve) as Commanding Officer of H.M.C.S. "Carleton".

Upon discharge after the war, he took up the post of First Secretary in the Department of External Affairs, attached to the Legal Division. In addition to his work with the Department he held the post of Director of the Export Credits Insurance Corporation and a member of the Council to aid the Commissioner of the North-West Territories in the administration of the Territories. He was appointed a member of the Maritime Commission in October last year.

NAVAL FLYING TRAINING: Naval flying training which less than a year ago was obtainable only in Great Britain or the United States is now being provided for Royal Canadian Navy pilots and observers at the R.C.N. Air Section, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

Started in June of 1947, No. 1 Training Air Group, the naval flying school, is conducting an advanced course for pilots, has established an aerial observers' school and is carrying out a number of other functions connected with the training of air personnel.

The group is divided into three sections -- the Operational Flying School, the Observers' School and 743 Squadron, known also as the Fleet Requirement Unit.

CAR LOADINGS: Car loadings on Canadian railways during the week ended May 8, at 75,332 cars, registered an improvement of 978 cars over the preceding week's total of 74,354 cars, but were off 1,422 from the same week of 1947. Loadings in the eastern division increased to 51,783 cars as against 50,009 a year ago, while the western division showed a decline from 26,745 to 23,549 cars. Total loadings in the first 19 weeks of this year were 1,380,228 cars against 1,323,698 in the same period of 1947, the eastern division recording 929,468 cars as against 871,977, and the western division 450,760 cars compared with 451,721 cars.

REMITTANCES OF U.S. DOLLARS: Canadians in future will have to obtain permits to make remittances of U.S. dollars to the United States dollar area in any amounts over \$10, under the provisions of recent amendments to the Foreign Exchange Control Regulations, which were published in an extra edition of the Canada Gazette May 14. This represents a reduction from the prevailing limit of \$25, established last October.

Instructions have been given reducing the authority of banks, express companies, postmasters and other agents of the F.E.C.B. to approve payments to the U.S. dollar area for benevolent remittances of more than \$10 per applicant per month. Formerly these agents could approve on their own authority such remittances up to \$25. Anyone wishing to make benevolent remittances totalling more than \$10 per month must now apply to the Foreign Exchange Control Board through the bank or agent which will be handling the transaction. The Board will continue to authorize benevolent remittances in larger amounts where it is satisfied that they are genuine. Principal reason for the change is to give the Board a greater measure of control over such payments and thus to ensure that benevolent remittances are not being used by Canadian residents as a means of "beating" the travel ration.

The amount of United States funds which merchants, hotel keepers and others ordinarily

servicing tourists may keep on hand without special authorization from the Foreign Exchange Control Board is reduced from \$500 to \$250.

The Canada Gazette publication consolidates all amendments to the Foreign Exchange Control Regulations which have been made since January 1, 1947. Among other revisions is an amendment which provides that, in future, doctors, lawyers and other professional people must ordinarily obtain payment in U.S. dollars for services rendered by them to residents of the U.S. dollar area. Professional services were previously exempt from this provision and the change brings them into line with other services. The amendment does not affect professional services to tourists, which may be paid for in Canadian funds.

NAVAL APPOINTMENT: Appointment of Lieutenant Commander (P) T.C. Brock as Commander (Air) and Training Group Commander of the Naval Air Section Dartmouth, N.S., was announced May 17 by Naval Service Headquarters. For the past year Lt.-Cdr. Brock has held an Ottawa appointment on the staff of the Director of Naval Air Division. He will take up his new appointment next month.

A native of Red Deer, Alberta, Lt.-Cdr. Brock joined the Royal Air Force in April, 1936 and transferred to the air branch of the Royal Navy in June, 1938. He subsequently served in the following aircraft carriers, H.M.S. "Furious" H.M.S. "Argus" and H.M.S. "Ark Royal".

He was taken a prisoner-of-war May 10, 1942 by a German merchant raider in the mid-Indian Ocean while enroute on board an Australian troop carrier to a new appointment. He was interned in Japan until September 4, 1945 when he was released by the Americans.

In May, 1946 following his return to England Lt.-Cdr. Brock transferred from the R.N. to the Royal Canadian Navy (Reserve) and in June of the same year took up the appointment of Air Gunnery Officer in H.M.C.S. "Warrior". He was transferred to the Royal Canadian Navy in January 1947 and a month later was appointed to the staff of the Director of Naval Air Division at Naval Service Headquarters.

HILLTOP RADAR SURPLUS: Because Canada's war effort was comprehensive and extensive, material now surplus to that effort occasionally develops in unusual places distant and devoid of normal approaches by road, rail or water.

One such out-of-the-way surplus is radar antenna installation perched on a hilltop on the west coast of Vancouver Island for which the Vancouver branch of War Assets Corporation is inviting offers. The installation is four miles from the Royal Canadian Air Force station at Tofino, less than 60 miles by the crow route from Port Alberni, the nearest city and port.