

of 1948. After all available domestic labour has been used, the shortage would have to be made up by immigration. The Deputy Minister explained that the first Displaced Persons brought to Canada had been single men -- the ones most easily placed in jobs. However, there were many married men who would make desirable immigrants but who were reluctant to leave their families.

Mr. MacNamara outlined a plan to settle such people in Canada. He advocated sending a questionnaire to the farmers of Canada to determine their needs for immigrant farm labour, whether single men, single girls as domestics, or families. An effort would be made to persuade farmers to accept complete family units for employment on their farms.

The Deputy Minister paid tribute to the Displaced Persons presently in Canada. A very high proportion of these were fulfilling their contracts and had caused the very minimum of trouble to federal and provincial Governments.

The Conference was addressed briefly by Commissioner C.A.L. Murchison of the Unemployment Insurance Commission. Mr. Murchison urged the delegates to make it their business to investigate and spike the malicious rumours about Displaced Persons which were still being circulated.

W.W. Dawson, Supervisor, Immigration and Farm Placement Division of the Department of Labour, is acting as Chairman of the Conference.

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**DEATH OF MR. ROY:** The Prime Minister, Mr. St. Laurent, on December 10, issued the following statement on being informed of the death of the Hon. Philippe Roy:

My Colleagues and I have learned with the deepest regret of the death of Mr. Roy, and we

extend to his widow and to the other members of his family our sincere sympathy.

Mr. Roy had a long and distinguished career in the service of Canada, both at home and abroad. He was a member of the Senate of Canada until 1911 and represented Canada in Paris for twenty-seven years, first as Commissioner General and later as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary. As a mark of the esteem in which he was held in France, he was named an Honorary Citizen of Paris.

Mr. Roy also represented Canada on numerous occasions at the meetings of the Assembly and of the Council of the League of Nations.

In recognition of Mr. Roy's distinguished service, he was appointed in 1926 to the King's Privy Council for Canada.

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**FARM LABOUR CONFERENCE:** The Minister of Labour, Mr. Mitchell, announced December 8 that agriculturalists from all parts of Canada are to meet at a two-day session of the Sixth Federal-Provincial Farm Labour Conference which opens in Ottawa December 9.

The Agenda includes discussions of seasonal and international farm labour movements, immigration and Displaced Persons, and 1945-50 federal-provincial farm labour agreements.

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**NAVY CHIEF VISITS WASHINGTON:** At the invitation of Admiral Louis E. Denfeld, U.S.N., Chief of Naval Operations, United States Navy, Vice-Admiral H.T.W. Grant, C.B.E., D.S.O., R.C.N., Chief of the Naval Staff, will visit Washington, December 8 to 11, it was announced December 7 at Naval Headquarters.

In addition to calls on Naval authorities in Washington Vice-Admiral Grant will visit the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.