

Praise for Canadian Navy: Rear Admiral Leo H. Thebaud, deputy inspector-general of the United States Navy says the U.S. Navy learned "a whale of a lot" from the Royal Canadian Navy experience in north Atlantic anti-submarine warfare before Pearl Harbor. Speaking at a U.S. Navy Day luncheon in Ottawa, he told high-ranking Canadian Navy, Army and R.C.A.F. officers that R.C.N. experience gained "the hard way" was of great value to American sailors.

"And, the striking thing about it was that in so many cases we learned from R.C.N.R.'s and R.C.N.V.R.'s," he said. "Yours was truly a navy of civilians in uniform, even more than ours...."

Admiral Thebaud also paid tribute to the work of the H.M.C.S. Crescent, the Canadian destroyer which "so gallantly rescued recently the crew of an American floating drydock in distress southeast of Kodiak, Alaska."

Noting that Canadian and American naval traditions and methods "have come down to us from that mother of all English-speaking services--the Royal Navy," he said extension of the co-operation shown by all three during the war would do much to maintain the hard-won peace. (CP)

More Montreal Squatters: The families of three war veterans, 12 persons in all, have taken possession of a house in Montreal which recently was raided and closed by police because of alleged gambling activities. It was the second squatter operation within a week in the city. The Homeless Veterans League announced it would attempt to take over for homeless veterans all gaming houses or unoccupied former gambling premises. (CP)

Bumper Apple Crop: The Dominion Bureau of Statistics now estimates the Canadian apple crop at 16,739,000 bushels, more than twice last's years harvest and 20 per cent higher than the 10 year average of 1935-45. The crops in Nova Scotia, Quebec and Ontario are heavier than anticipated in September, while no change was made in earlier figures for British Columbia and New Brunswick. Increases in estimates also were given for the pear and peach crops, the totals being 867,000 and 2,111,000 bushels, respectively. Grape production now is estimated at 66,216,000 pounds, 6,000,000 less than earlier forecasts due to reduced yields in Ontario.

New Rates for Airmail Going Abroad: Postmaster General Bertrand has announced adoption of a new weight unit of a quarter ounce to replace the former half-ounce unit for airmail going abroad from Canada. Effective November 1, a quarter-ounce letter from Canada to the United Kingdom or Europe will require 15 cents postage compared with the former rate of 30 cents for a half-ounce.

Rates to points in Canada and Newfoundland remain at seven cents for the first ounce and five cents for each additional ounce, while those to United States points will be seven cents for the first ounce and five cents, instead of six, for each additional ounce.

New quarter-ounce rates include 10 cents to Bermuda, West Indies, British Guiana, Mexico, Cuba and Central and South America; 15 cents to Hawaii; 25 cents to Guam, Phillipines, Asia, Africa, Oceania, Australia and New Zealand. The "Canada air letter," a form combining letter and envelope, is not affected.

Winter Arrives on Prairies: Snow in depths up to two feet blanketed the prairie provinces during the weekend and weather forecasters predict more to come. Lethbridge, Alta., was heaviest hit with a fall of 24.4 inches and where a \$1,000,000 sugar beet crop was feared a total loss. The temperature at Lethbridge was three degrees below zero Sunday night. (CP)

Gleanings: The United Kingdom Board of Trade has announced a list of 36 additional products now eligible for export from Canada to the U.K. under the token shipment policy inaugurated earlier in the year...Discussions are under way between Canada and the United States on the use of the Alaska Highway for "in bond" truck shipments from the U.S. to Alaska...Defence Headquarters has announced that gratuities for Gen. H.D.G. Crerar, retired commander of the 1st Canadian Army, will total \$3,754, probably the highest paid a discharged Canadian serviceman...A direct motor vehicle service from Toronto's Malton airport to western Ontario cities will speed air mail deliveries by as much as a full day.