

Montreal, Mr. Mallory will act as Co-ordinator pending a permanent appointment to the position, in addition to carrying on his duties as Director of the Industrial Development Division, Department of Trade and Commerce.

Mr. Howe paid tribute to the services of Mr. Lea as Co-ordinator of the Public Projects Branch for the past three years. Under Mr. Lea's direction the Branch has been developed, and he is handing over to his successor an efficient and valuable organization, Mr. Howe continued.

Originally set up in 1944, the Public Projects Branch is primarily concerned with the development of engineering plans for a shelf of reserve projects which could be embarked upon if required for the maintenance of employment.

131 CONSTRUCTION WORKERS: One hundred and thirty-one construction workers from Malta are en route for Halifax aboard the S.S. "Marine Perch," it was announced at Ottawa May 12 by the Honourable James A. MacKinnon, Acting Minister of Mines and Resources.

This is the first group of a total of 500 immigrants from the island in the Mediterranean Sea who will arrive in Canada within the next few months.

Mr. MacKinnon explained that entry of the Maltese was authorized by a special Order in Council as a result of the Government's desire to recognize in a tangible way the magnificent war-time accomplishments of Malta, and to assist the island to remedy an unemployment problem caused by the postwar demobilization of large numbers of dockyard workers.

The men will be placed in employment by the Department of Labour upon arrival in this country. Those who are heads of families will be able to bring their dependants to Canada when they are established in jobs and in a position to care for them.

J.R.R. Robillard, of the Rome immigration office, had charge of the selection team which was sent to Malta.

AMBASSADOR IN BRAZIL: The Secretary of State for External Affairs announced on May 10 the appointment of James Scott Macdonald as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Canada in Brazil.

Mr. Macdonald was born in 1896 in Golden-ville, Nova Scotia. He attended Queen's University and served in the First World War, 1915-1919. He was with the Department of Trade and Commerce from 1926-1928, and was appointed to the Department of External Affairs in 1928.

Mr. Macdonald is one of the most senior Canadian career Foreign Service Officers. He has served in diplomatic posts in Paris, Geneva and Washington, and has been technical adviser on trade negotiations with France and Australia, and was Secretary of the Canadian Delegation at the Imperial Economic Conference, 1932.

During 1937 he was Acting Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs and has been

Canadian High Commissioner in Newfoundland since May, 1944.

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The Canadian Maritime Commission in its recommendations pointed out that vessels built during the war were largely composed of one type, the Minister said: "These had since been sold to private Canadian operators under agreement that they would not be transferred to foreign registry except by permission of the Crown. It is now recommended by the Commission that Canadian operators be permitted to sell such vessels on the open world market on the understanding that the proceeds of sales be used for the acquisition of modern tonnage and for building in Canadian shipyards."

"Authority to dispose of such ships will have to be obtained by ship operators from the Canadian Maritime Commission which will deal with each application on its individual merits. The proceeds of sales of such vessels will be deposited in escrow with the Government to be used for new vessels of a type and cost approved by the Commission."

Mr. Chevrier stated that "a great deal of interest has already been shown by ship operators and shipbuilders in the announced policy of the Government for modernizing this country's merchant fleet. A number of ship operators have already made representations to the Canadian Maritime Commission to take advantage of the policy announced."

Apart from coasting vessels, Canada's fleet of ocean-going ships of over 500 gross tons today consists of 229 vessels with a deadweight capacity of approximately two million one hundred thousand tons. Of this total 215 vessels with an estimated deadweight tonnage of 2,000,000 were built in Canadian shipyards during the war years.

ARMY APPOINTMENTS: Brigadier Howard D. Graham, CBE, DSO, ED, senior Canadian Army liaison officer in the United Kingdom, heads a list of 11 major army appointments announced May 13 by the Hon. Brooke Claxton, Minister of National Defence.

Brig. Graham, 49, a former resident of Trenton, Ont., will be granted the acting rank of major-general and will become Vice Chief of the General Staff, effective next October. He succeeds Major-General C.C. Mann, CBE, DSO, whose approaching retirement was announced earlier this year. Brig. Graham has been the Canadian Army's senior representative in the United Kingdom for the past two years.

Succeeding Brig. Graham in London will be Brig. E.C. Plow, CBE, DSO, now attending the National Defence College at Kingston, Ont., until January of this year. Brig. Plow was officer commanding Headquarters, British Columbia Area of Western Command, at Vancouver, B.C. He assumes his new duties in the United Kingdom in September. Brig. Plow is 43 and is formerly of Kingston.