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the government this new post will provide exceptional opportunities for him to serve Canada at this very critical time." (1)

Maj.Gen. Victor Wentworth Odlum, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., was born in Cobourg on October 1, 1880, and received his advanced education at Columbian College, New Westminster, Victoria College, Cobourg, and the University of Toronto. He lived in Japan for three years, 1886-89, with his father who was engaged in educational work there. Returning and settling in British Columbia in 1889, he had an active newspaper career, besides identifying himself with a score of local organizations and civic activities in Vancouver. He was a bond and insurance broker for a period, was a Governor of the University of British Columbia and Union Theological College, and became Vice-Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. He was publisher and editor of the Vancouver Daily Star, 1924-32; from 1924 to 1928 he was a Liberal Member of the Provincial Legislature. He went as a private to South Africa, 1899-1900, with the Canadian Contingent, was a Lieutenant, Canadian Mounted Rifles there in 1902, and on his return to Canada had a long history of association and promotion in various Canadian militia regiments. During the First World War he went overseas as a Major and rose to be Brigadier-General, winning seven mentions in despatches, a D.S.O. and bar, a C.M.G. and C.B. During the Second World War he was

(1) H. of C. Debates, November 6, 1941.