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Poles Asked to Register: The Polish Legation in Ottawa has requested all Polish nationals in Canada to register voluntarily. The Polish Minister, Dr. Alfred Fiderkiewicz, says the step is being taken to facilitate their return home "if and when it might be desired." It was a "routine" matter to establish a record of the estimated 5,000 to 6,000 Poles in the Dominion, not including the 4,000 army veterans being settled on farms.

He said he expected some of the army veterans would be "coming around in a couple of months to register" because "as it happens among every group of people, a good percentage will find that they do not like it in Canada." An External Affairs Department official said there was nothing "unusual" about such registrations and a similar step had been taken by the Soviet Embassy last year. (CP)

Nova Scotia Negotiating for Naval Base: A spokesman for War Assets Corporation at Montreal says the Nova Scotia government is negotiating for the purchase of the huge wartime naval training base at Deep Brook, N.S. Previously the provincial government purchased the hospital at the base, located on Annapolis Basin, and now was negotiating for the entire property, he said. (CP)

Door and Window Prices Boosted: The Prices Board has authorized a 20 per cent increase in the ceiling prices of doors, screen doors and door and window frames and a 25 per cent increase in the price of sash "to stimulate production" which is "falling short of the needs of the enlarged housing program." The Board said maximum prices previously had been kept at basic levels despite rising costs of labour, lumber, glass and other materials and examination of data submitted by various trade organizations and concerns showed manufacturing costs had increased by 20 to 30 per cent.

Wheat Stocks Accumulate: Visible supplies of Canadian wheat in store or in transit in North America at midnight November 14 were recorded at 160,649,744 bushels, showing an increase of 5,784,070 bushels over the total for November 7, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports. Current stocks, however, were not so heavy as those held a year ago, the total then amounting to 217,088,621 bushels.

Manitoba Population Lower: Population of the Province of Manitoba has shown a net decrease of approximately 11,000 during the last five years, according to preliminary counts of quinquennial census returns made public by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The advance total for 1946 stands at 718,699 as compared with 729,744 in 1941. There was, however, an increase of about 7,500 over the 1936 total of 711,216.

A general upward trend was noted in the population of larger urban centres in 1946. Population of Winnipeg rose from 221,960 in 1941 to 224,091 in 1946, St. Boniface from 18,157 to 21,320, and of Portage la Prairie from 7,187 to 7,545. Brandon's population, meanwhile, fell from 17,383 to 17,147, Dauphin's 4,662 to 4,596, and that of The Pas from 3,181 to 3,056.

Hospital Dispersal Urged as Defence Measure: After viewing pictures of the Hiroshima area in Japan, doctors attending an East Toronto Medical Association meeting passed a resolution warning provincial and municipal authorities to take a lesson from Hiroshima and decentralize hospitals as a precaution against atomic bombing. (CP)

Cleanings: A strike at the Noranda Mine at Noranda, Que., began today when pickets blocked the mine entrance.... The Defence Department announces that 70 Canadian army officers and men have been awarded decorations by the government of France.... Below zero temperatures still prevail in southern Alberta and shortages of coal and natural gas are developing in some areas.... September production of footwear in Canada increased to 3,489,258 pairs compared with 3,126,099 pairs in September, 1945.... War Assets Corporation is offering for sale the marine railway at the wartime Canadian army navy repair base at Bay Bulls, 20 miles south of St. John's.