

(c) Message from Major-General McNaughton

The following message was sent to the Prime Minister on the 11th of June by Major-General McNaughton, the officer commanding the first division of the Canadian Active Service Force:

"We have just heard of the fatal accident to the Honourable Norman McL. Rogers, Minister of National Defence, and all ranks of Canada's forces overseas join in expressing our deepest sympathy to you and to your colleagues in the government of Canada in the great loss you have sustained, and we ask that our heartfelt sympathy be conveyed to Mrs. Rogers and her family in their great loss. By a single-minded purpose, his tact and his understanding Mr. Rogers had endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact. For myself, I shall always be very grateful for his patience and for the consideration which he showed to me in the difficulties inseparable from mobilization and for the support which he continued to give."

**4. APPOINTMENT OF THE HONOURABLE J. L. RALSTON AS
MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE**

On the 13th of June the Prime Minister announced that the Honourable J. L. Ralston, Minister of Finance, would become Minister of National Defence, but that he would not assume the duties of that office until after the delivery of the budget.

The Prime Minister stated that the Honourable C. G. Power, Minister of National Defence for Air, would perform the duties of Minister of National Defence until Mr. Ralston took over the post.

**(D) ROYAL COMMISSION ON DOMINION-PROVINCIAL
RELATIONS**

The Rowell-Sirois Report on Dominion-Provincial Relations was made public and tabled in the House of Commons on the 16th of May.