

## DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS POSTINGS

**ANNOUNCED JULY 22:** The Department of External Affairs announced on July 22 the following transfers and postings:

Mr. John B.C. Watkins, First Secretary and until recently Head of the European Division of the Department, is leaving shortly for Moscow to replace Mr. John Holmes as Chargé d'Affaires a.i. at the Canadian Embassy. After Mr. Watkins' arrival, Mr. Holmes will proceed to Paris as a Member of the Canadian Delegation to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Mr. Fulgence Charpentier of the Information Division of the Department will leave Ottawa in a few weeks for Paris where he will be Information Officer at the Canadian Embassy.

Mr. Paul Malone will replace Mr. T.F.M. Newton at the Canadian Embassy in Washington as Information Officer. Mr. Newton's appointment as Canadian Consul at the Consulate in Boston has been announced.

Mr. M.A. Crowe, of the Economic Division of the Department, has been appointed Third Secretary at the Canadian Embassy at Moscow.

Mr. Murray Cook who has been attached to the American and Far Eastern Division of the Department, is posted to the Canadian Embassy at Lima, Peru, as Third Secretary. He replaces Mr. F.M. Tovell, Second Secretary, who has returned to Ottawa to the Latin American section of the American and Far Eastern Division.

Mr. John B.C. Watkins

Mr. Watkins was born in Norval Station, Ontario, on December 3, 1902. He attended the University of Toronto (B.A. 1926, M.A. 1927) and Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. (Ph. D. 1944). Before joining the Department of External Affairs on September 3, 1946, Mr. Watkins had been an instructor in English at Queens University, 1927-28, and was associated with the American-Scandinavian Foundation in New York as Translator in 1930, Librarian, 1934, Director of Students, 1938, Assistant Secretary, 1940, and Secretary, 1945. In 1945-46 Mr. Watkins was Associate Professor of English at the University of Manitoba. Mr. Watkins has published a number of translations from Norwegian, Danish and German, and numerous articles and short stories from Danish, Norwegian, Spanish and Icelandic.

Mr. Fulgence Charpentier

Before joining the Information Division of the Department, Mr. Charpentier was a member of the staff of the House of Commons as Chief of Votes and Proceedings (French). During the Second World War he was Chief Censor of Publications and later was Director of Censorship. He was formerly parliamentary correspondent for *Le Droit*, *La Presse*, *Le Canada* and *Le Soleil* successively. He was honoured for his services during the Second World War and was appointed a Member of the British Empire.

Mr. Charpentier was born at Ste. Anne de Prescott, Ontario, on June 29, 1897. He attended Joliette College (B.A., Laval University) and Osgoode Hall. He served with the Canadian Expeditionary Force in Canada from January to December, 1918. Mr. Charpentier was a member of the Ottawa City Council as Alderman for St. George's Ward from 1928-30. He was a Controller from 1931-35. Mr. Charpentier speaks English, French, Italian and Spanish. He is married and has four sons and one daughter.

Mr. Paul Malone

Mr. Malone, who has been in Ottawa since January of this year, was born in Edmonton, Alberta, on February 8, 1915. He attended Edmonton schools and the University of Alberta, graduating in 1936 with a B.A. degree. From 1936-38, Mr. Malone was employed on the editorial staff of the Edmonton Journal. In 1938 he was awarded the Empire Press Union Exchange Fellowship which enabled him to work on newspapers in England and Australia from 1938 to 1940. In 1942, Mr. Malone was appointed Press Attache, Office of the High Commissioner for Canada in Australia. In January, 1946, he was appointed Secretary in the same Office and carried out duties of the Senior Secretary as well as Information Officer until January, 1948 when he was transferred to Ottawa for duty in the Department of External Affairs. Mr. Malone was Secretary to the Canadian Delegation to the British Commonwealth discussions on Japan in Canberra in 1947. Mr. Malone married the former Deirdre Ingram of Sydney, Australia, a former journalist. They have two sons.

Mr. M.A. Crowe

Mr. Crowe was born at Rosburn, Manitoba, April 14, 1921. He studied at the University of Manitoba (B.A.) and before joining the Department was a lecturer in economics at the Khaki University of Canada in the United Kingdom, September, 1945 to May, 1946. Mr. Crowe enlisted in December, 1942, as a cadet and was demobilized as Captain on June 12, 1946. Mr. Crowe is married and has one son.

Mr. James Murray Cook

Mr. Cook was born in Toronto on December 27, 1921. He received his education at Upper Canada College, Toronto, and the University of Toronto where he graduated in 1946 with the degree of B.A. in Political Science. In 1940 he enlisted in the R.C.A.F. and served overseas as a wireless operator and navigator. He was discharged in September, 1945, with the rank of Flight Lieutenant. Mr. Cook joined the Department of External Affairs in June, 1947, as a Foreign Service Officer and was attached to the American and Far Eastern Division. Mr. Cook married Miss Kathlyn Bottomley of Halifax, Yorks, England in July, 1945. They have one son.

**SUMMARY OF STRIKES:** During June, 1948, time loss due to work stoppages arising out of industrial disputes in Canada showed a further decrease as compared with the previous month and with June, 1947, according to the monthly summary of strikes and lockouts issued July 21 by Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, Minister of Labour.

Preliminary figures for June, 1948, show 27 strikes and lockouts in existence during the month, involving 3,765 workers, with a time loss of 35,055 man-working days, as compared with 22 strikes in May, with 3,214 workers involved and a time loss of 40,164 days. In June, 1947, there were 33 work stoppages involving 19,101 workers, with a time loss of 168,737 days.

Of the 27 strikes and lockouts recorded during the month, 13 were in effect before the beginning of June. Of these 13 strikes, nine were terminated before the end of the month. Of the 14 strikes which commenced during June, eight were terminated before the end of the month. Thus, at the beginning of July, 10 strikes were still in effect.

For the first six months of 1948, preliminary figures show 73 strikes and lockouts, involving 20,959 workers with a time loss of 458,148 days. For the same period in 1947, there were 116 strikes, with 59,294 workers involved and a time loss of 1,505,792 days.

Based on the number of non-agricultural wage and salary workers in Canada, the time lost in June, 1948, was .04 per cent of the estimated working time, as compared with .05 per cent in May, 1948; .22 per cent in June, 1947; .09 per cent for the first six months of 1948; and .32 per cent for the first six months of 1947.

**ATLANTIC TRAINING FLIGHTS:** Initiation of the first regular peacetime schedule of trans-Atlantic training flights by the RCAF's Air Transport Command was announced on July 22 by the Hon. Brooke Claxton, Minister of National Defence. Fast four-engine North Stars of 426 Transport Squadron, Dorval, near Montreal, are being used and present plans call for 2 or 3 trips each month.

English terminal is Lyneham, Wilts., west of London, wartime jumping-off base for crews headed for the Middle and Far East.

Two main routes are used, and these are alternated on eastern and western flights. One route is via Goose Bay, Labrador-Keflavik (Meek's Field), Iceland-Lyneham, Eng. The other via Gander, Newfoundland-Lagos, Agores-Lyneham, Eng.

Eight days are allowed for each round trip. Four days in England are spent preparing for the return flight, and practising procedure and instrument landings at key transport bases in England. Two complete crews are used on each trip.

RCAF scheduled trans-Atlantic flights stopped in 1946 when the well known 168 "Mail"

squadron completed its wartime service to overseas troops. Since that time the RCAF has made many trans-oceanic flights but no regular schedule has been maintained.

W/C W.G. Chapman, DSO, Fredericton, N.B., Commanding Officer of the squadron, is a well known RCAF pilot. During the war he commanded the famous 162 Squadron of which F/L D.E. Hornell, V.C. was a member.

**GRANT FOR TORONTO:** The City of Toronto on July 21 was given a federal Government "go ahead" signal to proceed with its planned redevelopment of the six-block Regent Park area in the east-central section of the city when Rt. Hon. C.D. Howe, Minister of Reconstruction, announced a maximum grant of \$1,150,000 to the Toronto Housing Authority. The Authority is a municipal body established to construct and manage the proposed 1056-unit project which will replace the present sub-standard buildings in the area.

The grant, approved under the slum clearance section of the National Housing Act, represents half of the difference between the actual cost of the land and clearance and the amount at which this property is turned over to the Toronto Housing Authority. Under the terms of the Act, a corresponding amount would be provided by the municipality itself or with financial assistance from the Provincial Government.

**DENTAL HEALTH APPOINTMENTS:** Promotion of Dr. H.K. Brown of Ottawa, formerly of Edmonton, to head the Dental Health Division of the Department of National Health and Welfare, and the appointment of Dr. H.R. McLaren of Windsor, Ont., to the dental health staff were announced on July 22 by Hon. Paul Martin, Minister of National Health and Welfare.

Dr. Brown has been acting chief of the Division since the resignation of Dr. L.V. James last year; Dr. McLaren was formerly dental health officer for the City of Windsor Local Board of Health.

**ESTIMATED CROP ACREAGES:** Area seeded to wheat in Canada this year is estimated at 24,073,900 acres, a reduction of one per cent from the estimated 24,260,400 acres sown last year, according to figures released by the Bureau of Statistics. Area under oats is practically unchanged. Rye acreage is substantially increased, while that of barley showed a marked reduction. Hay and clover acreage is down two per cent, but alfalfa up four per cent. Acreage seeded to potatoes is one per cent higher.

Oat acreage is estimated at 11,100,900 acres compared with 11,048,500 acres in 1947, increased seedings in Manitoba and Ontario more than balancing decreases in all other provinces. A marked reduction of 12 per cent