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8 By-elections October 24: The Prime Minister, Mr. St. Laurent, on September 7, announced that by-elections to fill the eight vacancies which have occurred in the House of Commons since the June 27 General Election will be held on October 24. Five of the by-elections are in Quebec Province, one is in New Brunswick, one in Ontario, and one in British Columbia.

The Prime Minister also announced three appointments to the Senate, as follows:- Tom Reid, Liberal member of the House of Commons for New Westminster, and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of National Health and Welfare; J. Wesley Stambaugh, of Bruce, Alberta, President of the Alberta Liberal Association; and Robert William Gladstone, Guelph, Ont., former Liberal Member for Wellington South.

Washington Conference: The Canadian Press reported, in part, as follows this morning from the Washington three-power economic conference:

Washington, September 7 -- (CP) -- Finance Minister Abbott of Canada said today Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom must "go up or down together."

He told the British-Canadian-American financial conference that economic co-operation between the three countries was as important as political co-operation.

"If we really believe that," he said, "we have some real chance of finding a solution for the problem before us--and possibly of going on to something bigger."

"If we don't, we might as well go home, and learn the hard way that it is true."

Abbott said "aggressive Communism" had received a set back by the signing of the Atlantic Pact. But Communists "hope to regain that lost ground by exploiting the economic instability and difficulties which they claim are inherent in our system."

"It is up to us here--and in what follows these talks--to prove that these hopes and calculations are false."

The Canadian Finance Minister said Canadian prosperity depended on flourishing international trade. It was the principal supplier of the U.K. and the biggest customer of the U.S.

"We are therefore inevitably found in the middle of any squeeze which the United Kingdom finds in her dollar position, and we are one of the instruments through which the shock of such a squeeze is transmitted to the United States...."

5 New Naval Ships: Contracts have been awarded to five Canadian shipyards for the construction of four coastal minesweepers and a trawler-type gate vessel for the Royal Canadian Navy, it was announced on September 7 by the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Claxton.

This brings to nine the number of ships now on order for the R.C.N. and completes the Navy's current new construction programme. As has already been announced, three anti-submarine ships especially designed to combat the modern fast submarine are to be built in yards at Vancouver, Montreal and Halifax, while the keel of a naval ice-breaker is shortly to be laid at Sorel, P.Q.

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