

BY-ELECTIONS ANNOUNCED

Prime Minister Diefenbaker has announced that writs for the election of new members to the House of Commons for the electoral districts of Esquimalt-Saanich, British Columbia, Leeds, Ontario, Restigouche-Madawaska, New Brunswick, and Kings, Prince Edward Island, were issued on April 13 and that the date of polling would be May 29.

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SIERRA LEONE INDEPENDENCE

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Howard Green, has announced that the High Commissioner for Canada in Nigeria, Mr. T. LeM. Carter, who is also to be High Commissioner for Canada in Sierra Leone, will lead the Canadian delegation to the Sierra Leone independence celebrations on April 27.

It was announced recently from Naval Headquarters that the destroyer HMCS "Algonquin", commanded by Captain A.F. Pickard, RCN, would make an official visit to Sierra Leone at the time of the independence ceremonies. It is expected that members of the ship's company will participate in the official celebrations.

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VISIT OF GREEK PM

Prime Minister Constantin Caramanlis of Greece and Mrs. Caramanlis recently concluded a three-day official visit to Ottawa as the guests of the Government of Canada, at the invitation of Prime Minister John G. Diefenbaker. Mr. Caramanlis was accompanied by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Greece, Mr. Evangelos Averoff-Tossitsa, and by senior officials of the Greek Government.

The two Prime Ministers expressed their satisfaction that Greek-Canadian relations were guided by sincere friendship and close co-operation based upon a community of ideals, of civilization and of political interests. Their conversations, in which the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Greece and the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Howard Green, participated, covered a wide range of international subjects and examined various means of furthering Greek-Canadian co-operation both in the United Nations and in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The Prime Ministers agreed that they should continue their efforts to achieve controlled general disarmament together with the peaceful settlement of international disputes.

EMPHASIS ON NATO

Mr. Caramanlis and Mr. Diefenbaker also agreed that, pending the conclusion of a disarmament agreement, the best guarantee of Western security lay in the North Atlantic alliance. The fullest co-operation of the members of NATO and the strengthening of its defence capacity were urgent requirements. In

this connection they maintained their previously-expressed views on the desirability of convening, after due preparation, the North Atlantic Council at heads-of-government level.

In the fields of bilateral relations, they agreed that every effort should be made to broaden economic co-operation and increase trade. They also exchanged views and information on Greek immigration to Canada.

On his arrival in Ottawa, Mr. Caramanlis laid a wreath at the National War Memorial and inspected a guard of honour. During his visit, he was shown the establishments and laboratories of the National Research Council.

At the end of the discussions, Prime Minister Carmanlis invited Prime Minister and Mrs. Diefenbaker to pay an official visit to Greece. Mr. Diefenbaker expressed his warm appreciation of this invitation and his desire to accept. It was agreed that the timing of the visit would be arranged at a later date.

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NEW JOB FOR JOHN FISHER

Prime Minister Diefenbaker has announced that the well-known broadcaster and authority on *Canadiana*, John W. Fisher, will join his staff as Special Assistant at the end of May. Mr. Fisher, 48, has resigned his position as Executive Director with the Canadian Tourist Association.

Mr. Diefenbaker paid tribute to his contributions to Canada, particularly in the United States, where he has spoken in almost every State and before some of the largest conventions.

A graduate lawyer from Dalhousie University and member of the Bar of Nova Scotia, Mr. Fisher has had a varied career in newspapers, radio, television, lecturing and in tourist work. He is the author of two books, the most recent, in collaboration with Yousuf Karsh, published November last.

The Prime Minister said that, as Special Assistant, Mr. Fisher would devote special attention to Canada's Centennial preparations.

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HARBOUR BOARD INCOME

Accompanied by a 7 per cent increase in waterborne cargo tonnage, operations at Canada's national harbours earned \$27,139,000 in 1960, \$2,933,000 higher than gross operating income in 1959. The twenty-fifth annual report of the National Harbours Board, presented to Parliament by Mr. Léon Balcer, the Minister of Transport, showed a net operating income for the year of \$9,705,000, compared to \$8,608,000 in 1959. Net income deficit was increased by \$81,000 over the previous year.

Capital expenditures amounted to \$17,243,000 and were financed by \$11,880,000 from government loans, \$1,156,000 from the Board's replacement fund and \$4,207,000 from Board revenue. The 1960 capital programme included