

INDIAN SHARE IN THE NATIONAL LIFE

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areas. The payment of provincial subsidies or straight sharing of project costs by the provincial departments concerned have resulted in more and better roads being developed and, in many instances, having these joined up with important provincial and municipal road systems. A continued high level of expenditure on these capital works is anticipated in the new year.

"In these introductory remarks I have endeavoured to make it clear that these estimates are designed to meet our needs if certain clearly-defined objectives are to be attained: First, a continued acceleration of our educational programme so that Indian youth will be assured the opportunity of a full academic life and the opportunity of learning those skills, which are necessary tools with which to work and progress in our national life; second, the development of projects designed to enable him to take full advantage of knowledge so gained; and, third, the improvement of home and community facilities so that he may walk securely among us as a fellow citizen blessed with a proud heritage."

NEW ENVOY TO BERNE

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Howard Green, has announced the appointment of Mr. H.F. Feaver as Canadian Ambassador to Switzerland, to succeed the late Mr. Edmond Turcotte, who died in Berne last November.

Mr. Feaver was born at Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, in June 1907, and was educated at King's College, Dalhousie University, and the Harvard Law School. He joined the Department of External Affairs in 1930 and has served in Washington, Tokyo, London, and The Hague. He has also attended sessions of the United

Nations General Assembly. He was Canadian Minister to Denmark from 1954 until 1956 and Canadian Ambassador there from 1956 until his return in August 1958 to Ottawa, where he has since been the Department's Chief of Protocol.

During the Second World War he was Head of the Department's Prisoner of War Section, in which capacity he was in close touch with representatives of the Government of Switzerland as protecting power for Canadian interests in Germany and German interests in Canada. He also had close relations with the International Committee of the Red Cross whose headquarters are in Geneva. He has visited Switzerland on many occasions and has always maintained an interest in Swiss affairs.

NATIONAL NURSES' CONFERENCE

A federal-provincial public-health nursing conference, the first of its kind, brought together in Ottawa on February 20, 21, and 22, 17 senior public-health nurses from all parts of Canada. Under the chairmanship of Miss Dorothy Percy, Chief Nursing Consultant with the Department of National Health and Welfare, ten representatives from as many provinces and the seven heads of federal groups making up the Departmental nursing committee held a three-day session in the Jackson Building.

The purpose of the gathering was to exchange views on programmes and problems in the public-health nursing field, and to explore ways in which the senior nursing personnel of the federal department might be of greater assistance to public-health nurses in the field.

The meetings opened at 9:30 on the morning of February 20, when the delegates were welcomed by Mr. J. Waldo Monteith, Minister of National Health and Welfare. They concluded on the evening of the 22. A luncheon was held on the 21, at which the nurses had an opportunity to meet leaders of the department other than those directly involved in the conference.

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