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Excellency:

The Government of Canada welcomes the assurance of the Government of the United States, contained in your note No. 320 of May 7th, that it will consider and deal with the problems of the transition from war to peace in the spirit of the Hyde Park Declaration which gave rise to such successful co-operation for war purposes.

The Canadian Government agrees that post-war collaboration along bold and imaginative lines is essential in the interests of expanded world trade.

The Government of Canada on its part desires to assure the Government of the United States that the same spirit of co-operation which was manifested in the Hyde Park Declaration, will characterize the Canadian Government's consideration and treatment of the problems of the period of transition which are of mutual concern.

The principles which the Government of the United States would be willing to apply on condition of reciprocity in the initial problem of the reconversion of industry are acceptable to the Canadian Government. The Canadian Government believes indeed that the principles proposed will minimize for both Governments the difficulties of reconversion.

The Canadian Government assumes that "the condition of reciprocity" implies a continued adherence to the principle of reciprocity followed throughout the war when both Governments have made allowance for the difference in the conditions existing and in the methods of control adopted in the two countries.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

(Sgd) BROOKE CLAXTON,

Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs,

His Excellency

The Honourable Ray Atherton,
Ambassador of the United States of America,
United States Embassy,
Ottawa.

MISS SCOTT'S TRIPLE CROWN: At Davos Platz, Switzerland, February 15, Miss Barbara Ann Scott of Ottawa retained the world women's figure skating championship she won at Stockholm last year. In four weeks, Miss Scott secured three championships: the European, the Olympic and the World.

At Davos Platz, Miss Scott accumulated a total of 1,643.4 points for a 42.3 margin over Eva Pawlik, 22-year-old Viennese medical student and Austrian champion. Miss Pawlik's total was 1,601.1.

Third place went to 16-year-old Jirina

Nikolovo of Czechoslovakia with 1,580.4 points. The British champion, 17-year-old Jeannette Altwegg of Liverpool, scored 1,578.6. Fifth went to Alena Vrzanova, 16, Czechoslovakia, 1,568.7, and sixth to 17-year-old Yvonne Sherman of New York, 1,523.7 despite a fall.

Prime Minister Mackenzie King cabled: "All Canada is prouder of you than ever. Once more, warmest congratulations upon winning for the second time the world championship in figure skating contests.

Your triumph is shared by all your fellow Canadians who now await your return to accord you a truly national welcome. I extend these congratulations on behalf of the government as well as on behalf of the people of Canada. In the world arena of sports you have indeed brought high honor to our country and to yourself."

NEW BRUNSWICK JOINS FITNESS PLAN: An agreement under the National Physical Fitness Act has been signed between New Brunswick and the federal government, bringing to seven the number of provinces co-operating in carrying out this Act.

The agreement provides that the federal government will pay one-half of the amount spent by the province during each year in developing a fitness and recreational programme or \$8,943.75--whichever is less. (The ceiling amount is worked out on a per capita basis in relation to a total amount for all provinces of not more than \$225,000 provided annually by Parliament for the National Physical Fitness Fund.)

Under the agreement, signed on behalf of the province by C.H. Blakeny, New Brunswick's minister of Education, the province agrees to co-operate with the National Council on Physical Fitness by developing and promoting fitness and recreational programmes among the people of New Brunswick.

Prior to signing the agreement, which is effective for five years, New Brunswick established a division of physical education and recreation in its Department of Education, and it is expected that this division will be largely responsible for developing various aspects of the fitness programme.

RCAF SPORTS COACHES SCHOOL: Training of RCAF officers and airmen as sport coaches has begun with the posting of 15 physical and recreational training instructors to the newly organized Sports Coaches School at RCAF station Trenton, Ont.

The school, part of a new Air Force policy which substitutes participation in organized competitive sport for the pre-war and wartime "PT" is the first step in revamping the RCAF physical fitness programme.

Under the new scheme every member of the RCAF will participate in at least one competitive sport, and all must be able to swim.

HIGHER PENSIONS FOR WAR VETERANS

EDUCATION ALLOWANCES INCREASED: The Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, announced in the House of Commons, February 16, that legislation is to be introduced providing (1) higher rates of pension for disabled veterans and pensioned widows and (2) higher training and education allowances for married veterans.

Main features of the Bill amending the Pension Act will be:

- The basic scale of pensions for total disability and death will be increased and, for all ranks up to and including that of Captain, the compensation will be at a rate in excess of that at present being paid on behalf of Captains.
- The additional pension which is being paid on behalf of the wives and children of disability pensioners, and the children of pensioned widows, will be substantially increased, as will the awards to orphan children.
- The maximum award to the eligible parent or parents of a member of the

Forces who has died will be correspondingly increased.

It is estimated that the upward adjustments over present rates will involve a total increase in cost of approximately \$12,000,000. The increased rates will, to a greater or lesser degree, affect over 400,000 persons and will be effective from October 1, 1947.

The effect of increases in training allowances for veterans -- both vocational and university -- will be: A married veteran while taking training will receive \$90 per month instead of \$80. In addition, there will be payable on behalf of the first child \$18 instead of \$12, and for the second child \$14, with proportionate increases for succeeding children, so that a married veteran with three children will receive \$134 per month instead of \$114. In addition to these rates, tuition fees will continue to be paid.

The increased rates are effective as from January 1st, 1948.

New and old rates compared in tabular form will be found on pages 8 & 9.

RCAF APPOINTMENTS: Wing Commander R.C. Davis, OBE, of Medicine Hat, Alta., has been appointed commanding officer of RCAF Station Rockcliffe, replacing Group Captain R.F. Gibb, AFC, Hamilton, Ont., who has become Senior Air Staff Officer, 9 Transport Group Headquarters, Rockcliffe.

W/C Davis joined the RCAF in 1935 after graduating from the University of Alberta. Prior to the war he received pilot training and in 1940 was graduated from the Air Navigation School at Rivers, Man., as a specialist in air navigation. Subsequently he was appointed commanding officer of No. 3 Air Observers School, Regina. In 1943 he took over as officer in charge of flying at Sydney, N.S., later moving to Dartmouth, N.S.

He later attended the RCAF War Staff College in Toronto, and assumed command of RCAF Station, Yarmouth, N.S., one of the East Coast anti-submarine operational centres, and later a formation centre for the intended Pacific bomber force. In December, 1945, W/C Davis proceeded overseas where he served on air transport operations and as Senior Air Staff Officer at Overseas Headquarters, London. Since returning to Canada he has commanded RCAF Station, Greenwood, N.S., until his present appointment. He was awarded the OBE in January, 1946.

G/C Gibb a long-time veteran of the RCAF, and a former star rugby football player, enlisted in 1925 after graduating from the Hamilton Technical Institute (now the F.R. Close School). In 1927 he obtained his Wings

as an airman-pilot and was commissioned in 1939 from the rank of flight sergeant. He served at various training centres across Canada, including Jarvis, Ont., where he was employed as Chief Instructor, and subsequently commanded RCAF units at Paulson, Man., Macdonald, Man., and Mountainview, Ont. He was awarded the Air Force Cross in January, 1943 for his outstanding contribution to the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan in connection with armament training. In August, 1945, he became Director of Armament at Air Force Headquarters, Ottawa. G/C Gibb took over as commanding officer of RCAF Station, Rockcliffe in November, 1945, and has served in that position until his present appointment.

NAVY'S SPRING EXERCISES: On board H.M.C.S. "Ontario" (Delayed) -- New entry seamen of the Royal Canadian Navy and 22 reservists are taking part in the spring fleet exercises on board the Pacific coast unit of the R.C.N. which arrived in the Magdalena Bay area on Monday. The three ships, the cruiser "Ontario", the destroyer "Crescent", the frigate "Antigonish", are spending one week here before heading out to sea for further manoeuvres. Next stop will be San Pedro where they are due on February 19th to re-fuel and re-provision. While at anchor here the ships are taking advantage of conditions to school their crews in naval training best accomplished in sheltered waters.