



Poles Need Not Register: The Department of External Affairs has issued a statement saying that it should be "clearly understood that under Canadian law no one in this country need present himself for registration at the Polish Legation unless he wishes to do so."

"There is no law in Canada which compels anyone to comply with an order on the part of a foreign government to register at its diplomatic or consular offices," the statement said. "This applies equally to the former members of the Polish armed forces who have recently come to Canada and to any other persons of Polish origin who are residents of Canada."

The statement added that, while the Department was not consulted by the Polish Legation concerning the registration, "the arrangements which the Polish Legation has made are not ones which normally would require the consent of the Canadian government. Any foreign diplomatic mission is at liberty to call on citizens of the state which it represents to present themselves for registration at any time."

Toronto to Vote Cocktail Bars: Toronto's city council has decided to submit to the voters at the next municipal elections, January 2, the question whether they favor introduction of cocktail lounges in the city. Under the revised Ontario liquor act cocktail lounges are to be established for the sale of liquor by the glass in cities of more than 50,000 population, while smaller centres first must express approval by a majority vote.

It was explained that the Toronto municipal vote would have no legal effect on provincial legislation, but the majority of councillors felt citizens were entitled to express an opinion. Recently the Ottawa board of control decided to ask the provincial government to amend the act so that all cities could hold votes on the question.

Saunders Memorial Unveiled: A bust of the late Sir Charles Edward Saunders, Canada's first Dominion Cerealist who gained world fame for the development of Marquis wheat, was unveiled at ceremonies at the Dominion Experimental Farm at Ottawa yesterday. The work of Lionel Fosberry, an Ottawa sculptor, the bust stands by the main staircase of the William Saunders building, named after the scientist's father, who was the first director of the experimental farms.

Improvement in Coal Production: Production of coal in Canada in September rose 20 per cent, the total being 1,426,929 tons, compared with 1,187,429 in the corresponding month last year, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports. During the nine months ended September, 9,12,976,825 tons were produced compared with 11,944,110 in the similar period of 1945, an increase of nine per cent. September coke production was 195,000 tons compared with 199,000 in August and 318,000 tons in September last year. September imports totalled 3,509,474 tons, an increase of 25 per cent over September 1945, and the total for the nine-month period rose to 17,810,460 tons from 17,693,256 a year ago.

Cleanings: Four railway employees were killed and five passengers were injured slightly in the head-on collision of a Canadian National Railway passenger train and a freight near Young, Sask., 60 miles east of Saskatoon. A Dominion-Provincial conference on the administration of old-age pensions regulations has opened in Ottawa. War veterans attending 29 Canadian universities now total 35,000--more than the entire university enrollment in pre-war years. The Ontario Property Owners' Association has requested free radio time from the CBC to reply to the recent series of talks by a Prices Board Chairman Donald Gordon.

The Department attributed most of the increase in the number of 30-hour strikes to the number of 30-hour strikes in 1945. Preliminary figures for the first 10 months of 1946 show 183 strikes involving 122,517 workers with a loss of 4,468,730 man-work days. For the same period last year there were 122 strikes involving 73,460 workers with a loss of 4,773,138 days.

Former Leader Dies: A. A. Gordon, 77, former leader of the United Farmers of Canada, died in a hospital in Toronto.

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