

2. APPOINTMENT OF MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE FOR AIR

On the 21st of May the Prime Minister introduced legislation to create the office of Minister of National Defence for Air. Following the enactment of the legislation, the Honourable C. G. Power was sworn in on the 23rd of May as Minister of National Defence for Air.

3. DEATH OF THE HONOURABLE NORMAN ROGERS, MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

(a) Announcement by the Prime Minister

The Honourable Norman Rogers was killed in an airplane accident on the 10th of June. He was flying to Toronto to keep a speaking engagement. The Prime Minister informed the House of Commons when it met on the 10th of June and said:

"This house and the country will appreciate to the full, I believe, how great is the loss Canada has sustained in the death of the Minister of National Defence. I have known many noble characters in my life, but I believe I speak not only my own feelings but the feelings of my colleagues and of many others of those around me when I say that I have never known a more faithful public servant. I do not know that I have ever known a better administrator of public affairs. I have never known a more disinterested servant of the state, nor have I ever known a more beautiful nature or a nobler soul than that of Norman Rogers."

(b) Message from His Majesty the King.

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PRIME MINISTER,
Ottawa.

I am grieved to hear of the untimely death of Mr. Norman Rogers and sincerely sympathize with you and the members of the government of Canada in the loss of a colleague whose services were so valuable at the present juncture both to the administration and to Canada.

GEORGE R.I.