

MINISTERS, ASSISTANTS APPOINTED

Appointments of two new Cabinet Ministers were announced by Prime Minister John G. Diefenbaker on Monday, August 19. Mr. J. Waldo Monteith, Member of Parliament for Perth, Ontario, was named Minister of the Department of National Health and Welfare and Mr. Alvin Hamilton, M.P. for Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan was given the portfolio of the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources.

Four new Parliamentary Assistants were also named by the Prime Minister. Mr. Wallace Nesbitt, M.P. for Oxford, Ontario, will be the Prime Minister's Parliamentary Assistant; Mr. Walter Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris, Manitoba) will assist the Minister of Veterans' Affairs; Mr. Richard A. Bell (Carleton, Ontario) will assist the Minister of Finance; Mr. David Walker (Toronto-Rosedale, Ontario) will assist the Minister of Justice.

Cabinet Ministers and Parliamentary Assistants follow:

- Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, John G. Diefenbaker, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.
- Minister of Public Works (Acting Minister of Defence Production), Howard Charles Green, Vancouver, B.C.
- Minister of Finance and Receiver General, Donald Methuen Fleming, Toronto, Ontario.
- Minister of Veterans' Affairs, Alfred Johnson Brooks, Sussex, N.B.
- Minister of Transport, George Hees, Toronto, Ontario.
- Solicitor General, Leon Balcer, Trois-Rivières, Quebec.
- Minister of National Defence, George Randolph Pearkes, Victoria, B.C.
- Minister of Trade and Commerce, Gordon Churchill, D.S.O., Winnipeg, Manitoba.
- Minister of Justice and Attorney General, (Acting Minister of Citizenship and Immigration), Edmund Davie Fulton, Kamloops, B.C.
- Minister of National Revenue, George Clyde Nowlan, Wolfville, N.S.

FLU VACCINE IN PRODUCTION: The Federal Government has undertaken to share equally with the provinces the cost of producing a vaccine for use in the event of an outbreak of "Far East" influenza in Canada it was announced on August 16 by the Department of National Health and Welfare.

Vaccine is now being produced at Connaught Medical Research Laboratories in Toronto and the Institute of Microbiology and Hygiene in Montreal. A meeting in Ottawa on July 11 of a special Advisory Committee comprising representatives of the two laboratories and officials of the federal and provincial health departments laid the ground-work for the anti-flu immunization programme.

- Minister of Agriculture, Douglas Scott Harkness, G.M., Calgary, Alberta.
- Secretary of State, Ellen Louk Fairclough, Hamilton, Ontario.
- Minister of Fisheries, J. Angus MacLean, D.S.C., Beaton's Mills, P.E.I.
- Minister of Labour, Michael Starr, Oshawa, Ont.
- Postmaster General, William McLean Hamilton, Montreal Quebec.
- Minister without Portfolio, James MacKerras MacDonnell, M.C., Toronto, Ontario.
- Minister without Portfolio, William J. Brown, St. John's, Newfoundland.
- Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys, Paul Comtois, Pierreville, Quebec.
- Minister of Health and Welfare, J. Waldo Monteith, Stratford, Ontario.
- Minister of Northern Affairs, Alvin Hamilton, Saskatoon, Sask.

Parliamentary Assistants

- To the Minister of Agriculture, John A. Charlton, Brantford Ontario.
- To the Minister of Labour, Arthur Maloney, Toronto, Ontario.
- To the Minister of Health and Welfare, G. Ernest Halpenny, London, Ontario.
- To the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys, Raymond O'Hurley, Lotbinière, Quebec.
- To the Minister of National Defence, Marcel Lambert, Edmonton, Alberta.
- To the Minister of Trade and Commerce, Thomas M. Bell, Saint John, N.B.
- To the Minister of Transport, Angus R. Macdonald, Antigonish, N.S.
- To the Minister of Public Works, Clayton W. Hodgson, Lindsay, Ontario.
- To the Prime Minister, Wallace Nesbitt, Woodstock, Ontario.
- To the Minister of Veterans' Affairs, Walter Dinsdale, Brandon, Manitoba.
- To the Minister of Justice, David Walker, Toronto, Ontario.
- To the Minister of Finance, Richard A. Bell, Ottawa, Ontario.

The current world-wide epidemic of influenza which made its appearance last May in the Far East is similar to previous epidemics in the sense that it spreads rapidly and involves a large proportion of a population at one time thus causing disruption of normal services. Its impact on the individual, however, is comparatively mild.

Serious complications and deaths in connection with Far East influenza have been very rare, and as yet, it has shown no tendency towards the more serious form experienced in 1918-19.

While the Asian strain of influenza virus has not thus far been identified in Canada--there have been a few small outbreaks of influenza in this country.