

re-organization thus affected, I hope Mr. St. Laurent may find it possible yet for some time to come to continue to give to our country in its parliament, and to the world in the arena of international affairs, the benefit of his exceptional talents and his very great wisdom and experience."

\$47 Million for Ontario Roads: J.D. Miller, Deputy Minister of Highways for Ontario announced in Niagara Falls yesterday that the Ontario Government has appropriated \$47,000,000 for a maintenance and construction program to restore its highway systems to their prewar standard.

Criminal Convictions Increase: Returns of criminal court proceedings reveal an increase of five per cent in the number of convictions for breaches of Canadian laws in 1945, according to figures made public by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The overall increase, from 473,238 in 1944 to 497,883 in 1945, was due to the greater number of convictions obtained in the non-indictable class which rose from 430,727 in 1944 to 455,918. Convictions for indictable offences showed a slight decline, falling from 42,511 to 41,965.

Of the persons convicted of indictable offences last year, 540 were tried by jury, 2,323 by judge without jury, and 39,102 by magistrates. The Supreme Court of Canada and the provincial Supreme Courts dealt with 557 appeals of criminal cases, an increase of 38 over the preceding year. The original convictions were "quashed" in 80 cases, 351 appeals were dismissed, sentences were varied in 100 cases, 26 new trials were ordered, and 31 cases were held over for consideration during 1946. County courts disposed of 525 appeals against convictions for non-indictable offences compared with 544 in 1944.

\$15 Million Hydro Plan For Quebec: Premier Duplessis of Quebec yesterday announced plans for a \$15,000,000 hydro-electric development in the province and said that in future it will be no longer necessary for electricity users in Montreal to pay a \$5 deposit. Customers' deposits on hand will be repaid.

The premier told his weekly press conference at Quebec that the Shawinigan Water and Power Company planned to spend \$12,500,000 for the development of an additional 195,000 horsepower at Shawinigan Falls.

In addition the company would pay \$10,000 for the plans of the development, \$50,000 as annual rental fees to the province, and \$200,000 annually to the province as soon as the new development is in operation. A deadline for operations was set for January 1, 1949.

The Government-owned Quebec Hydro will spend \$3,000,000 to \$3,500,000 to develop the existing Government power plant in the Northern Quebec mining.

Cabinet Committee Meets Dairy Delegation: The Canadian Federation of Agriculture and the Dairy Farmers of Canada have presented a brief to a seven-man Cabinet committee urging higher prices for milk used in the production of butter, cheese and concentrated products. The brief claimed that some financial incentive was needed if the progressive decline in the output of dairy products was to be halted. (CP)

Tsuda Sentenced to Life Imprisonment: Advice has reached Ottawa from Tokyo that Kojie Tsuda, known as "The Frog" to Canadians captured at Hong Kong, has been sentenced to life imprisonment for beating and maltreating Canadian and other Allied prisoners of war. He was found guilty of beating prisoners at the Honshu Camp and exposing them to cold weather while they were poorly clad. (CP)