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**Increasing School Enrolment:** Enrolment in the elementary grades (one to eight) of Canadian schools will be an estimated 600,000 greater by 1953-54 than it was in 1946-47, due to the increased birth rates of the 1940's. The extra pupils will require the employment of an additional 18,000 teachers -- a number greater than the present elementary school staff of either of the two largest provinces.

This forecast is made in the biennial survey of "Elementary and Secondary Education in Canada, 1944-46" issued today by the Bureau of Statistics.

The secondary school grades -- those above eight -- will begin to feel the effect of the increase between 1953 and 1955, according to the report. Considering immigration, the increased use of transportation, the effect of larger units of administration, and other means being adopted to increase the holding power of the schools, a total increase of 800,000 pupils seems likely in the next 10 years.

This large increase, amounting to 35 per cent over the present enrolment, it is pointed out, will require a great expansion in the educational system, in the form of new schools, additional classrooms and more equipment, as well as increased staffs.

**Memorial To Canadians:** Highlight of Dominion Day celebrations in Britain this year will be a service at Westminster Abbey at which two chairs and faldstools will be presented to the Abbey by the Canada Club in the presence of the King and Queen, the Canadian Press reports from London this morning.

Intended as a memorial to Canadians who died in the Second World War, the chairs will be formally presented to the Dean of Westminster, Dr. Alan Don, by C.B. Cowley, Honorary Secretary of the Canada Club.

The chairs, made of Canadian birch stained and polished to a dark tone, are of Venetian pattern with oval bases in front carved with a maple leaf. Each prie-dieu (kneeling desk) displays the arms of Canada.

The King and Queen will be received at the great west door of the Abbey by the Dean and Chapter and L.D. Wilgress, Canadian High Commissioner in the United Kingdom. The procession then moves eastward through the church to the lantern where the King and Queen take their seats facing the high altar.

**Lady Byng Dies:** Viscountess Byng of Vimy, widow of the former Canadian Governor-General, died Monday at Thorpe Hall, her home, it is announced by the Canadian Press, from Thorpe-Le-Soken, Essex, England.

Viscount Byng served as Governor-General from 1921 to 1926. He commanded the Canadian troops in France for a time during the First Great War.

Lady Byng was 78. Her funeral will be held Friday.

On a visit to Canada in 1940 she donated a Spitfire fighter plane in memory of her husband, who died in 1935. She stipulated that it be flown by a Canadian.

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