

honour, to be known as the Queen Elizabeth II Scholarship Fund.

The special characteristic of the fund, which will be administered by a committee of Ontario university presidents, will be flexibility, with the object of encouraging certain phases of education as the needs of the province change from time to time.

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SEAWAY CHARTS AVAILABLE

New charts covering the 200 miles of Canada's St. Lawrence Seaway from Montreal to Lake Ontario now are available, according to an announcement made by the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys.

To cover this long inland seaway, 14 overlapping charts are needed to enable mariners from all over the world to pass safely along its length. These charts, and one other which deals separately with the Welland Canal, have been produced in Ottawa by the Canadian Hydrographic Service of the Department's Surveys and Mapping Branch. Without a set of up-to-date charts, the Seaway would be virtually impossible for safe navigation by the 80 per cent of world shipping that is of size to use this waterway.

Between 13,000 and 14,000 copies of the new charts have been sent out already all over the world, going to places from Hong Kong to Sweden.

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JOINT BOARD ON DEFENCE

The Prime Minister, Mr. John G. Diefenbaker, has announced that General A.G.L. McNaughton, P.C., C.H., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., will this summer relinquish his appointment as Chairman of the Canadian Section of the Permanent Joint Board on Defence.

The Government has agreed that General McNaughton should be permitted to relinquish this position in view of the increasingly heavy burden of the duties which fall on him as Chairman of the Canadian Section of the International Joint Commission.

General McNaughton was appointed to the Chairmanship of the Canadian Section of the Permanent Joint Board on Defence in August, 1945.

The Prime Minister indicated that General McNaughton would be succeeded as Chairman of the Canadian Section of the Permanent Joint Board on Defence by Mr. L. Dana Wilgress who, prior to his recent retirement from Government service, was Canada's Permanent Representative to the North Atlantic Treaty Council and to

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the Organization for European Economic Co-operation.

In making this announcement, the Prime Minister said:

"I want to express the appreciation of the Government and of the people of Canada to General McNaughton for the important work which he has done in his fourteen years of service as Chairman of the Canadian Section of the Permanent Joint Board on Defence. I am happy to say that General McNaughton will continue to serve as Chairman of the Canadian section of the International Joint Commission.

"His successor, Mr. Dana Wilgress has, also served his country with distinction over many years, both at home and abroad. I feel sure that he will bring to this new appointment a wealth of experience which will assist the Board in its important work."

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WHEAT AGREEMENT SIGNED

Mr. Gordon Churchill, Minister of Trade and Commerce, has announced that the Canadian Ambassador to the United States, Mr. A.D.P. Heeney, has signed the 1959 International Wheat Agreement on behalf of Canada, subject to ratification by Parliament.

The Minister stated that both Houses of Parliament will be asked at the present session to approve by resolution Canada's ratification of the agreement, which was concluded at the recent United Nations Wheat Conference.

The new International Wheat Agreement will come into effect on August 1, immediately following the expiry of the current agreement.

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CIVIL DEFENCE EXERCISE

Canada's third national Civil Defence test exercise, Co-operation III, was held on Friday and Saturday, April 24 and 25. Civil Defence Headquarters in all provinces and approximately 3,000 volunteers from coast to coast took part in the exercise.

Prime objectives of Co-operation III were to train control centre staffs at all levels in Civil Defence functions including the technical procedures involved in co-operation with the Armed Services, and to test communications.

An important feature of the exercise was a test of the national attack warning system, a direct landline communication network between Air Defence Command Headquarters at St. Hubert, the Federal Control Centre, and provincial and target city headquarters across Canada.