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Prime Minister Announces New Appointments: The Rt. Hon. W.L. Mackenzie King, at a press conference last night made the following announcements:

Veterans Affairs Minister Ian Mackenzie, Vancouver, has retired because of ill health, and been named to the Senate.

Fisheries Minister Milton F. Gregg, VC, named Minister of Veterans Affairs.

Reconstruction and Supply Minister C.D. Howe named Minister of Trade and Commerce, George J. McIlraith (Ottawa West) to continue as his parliamentary assistant.

Trade and Commerce Minister James A. MacKinnon named, temporarily only, as Minister of Fisheries.

National Revenue Minister Dr. James J. McCann has resigned as Minister of National War Services and that Department has been wound up.

Chester Payne, associated Deputy Minister, went on retiring leave on January 1 last.

In referring to the last item, Mr. King said of Mr. Payne that he had been in the public service for nearly 40 years. His long experience and wide knowledge, the Prime Minister continued, had been of great value in qualifying him to cope with the variety of questions with which the War Services Department had been called upon to deal in the closing years of the war, and in the period of demobilization. Mr. Payne was retiring from the public services with a record of which he might well be proud, and upon which he was much to be congratulated. It was a fine record of long and faithful service to the Government of Canada.

RCN Engineers Officers Confer: Senior officers of the Royal Canadian Navy's engineering branch met in Ottawa this morning for a four-day conference to review conditions relative to the engine room branch, it was announced by Naval Service Headquarters today.

The meetings will bring together ranking engineer officers from Ottawa, Atlantic and Pacific naval establishments, as well as operational ships of the R.C.N., and will consider matters concerning personnel, training and equipment.

Farm Loan Board Appointments: The Honourable Douglas Abbott, Minister of Finance, announced today appointments to the Canadian Farm Loan Board arising out of the retirement on December 31, 1947, of Dr. J.D. MacLean, C.B.E., as Commissioner and Chairman of the Board.

Thomas F. Donnelly, M.D., C.M., who was appointed a Member of the Board on May 8, 1945, has been designated as Commissioner and Chairman.

To fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Aime Boucher, Mr. Adrien Beaulieu has been appointed a Member of the Board.

John C. Murray, Chief Inspector of the Board will, in addition to carrying on his present duties, be a Member of the Board. Joseph Ambroise Proulx, M.B.E., has been appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Farm Loan Board for the Province

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