

Additional Bonus For Wheat Farmers: Trade Minister MacKinnon has announced that the Canadian wheat Board and elevator companies operating in the Prairie Provinces have completed arrangements to make an upward adjustment of 10 cents a bushel on wheat delivered between August 1, 1945, and July 31, 1946. The adjustment means that \$23,000,000 will be distributed among western wheat growers. Mr. MacKinnon said that in 1945-46 the Board's fixed initial price was \$1.25 a bushel, but the new wheat policy announced in July by the Dominion government provided that the present initial price of \$1.35 a bushel would apply on 1945-46 deliveries. Wheat Board operations in respect to the 1945-46 crop resulted in a surplus from which the adjustment is being paid. He added that during the last 30 months the Board had made payments to producers totalling \$125,000,000 in connection with crops since 1940.

Progressive Conservatives Win P.E.I. By-election: Francis J. McNeill, Progressive Conservative, won the provincial by-election in the 5th district of Prince, P.E.I., with a slim majority of 44 votes over his Liberal opponent, Carol Delaney. The seat was left vacant by the death of Mr. McNeill's father, D.F. McNeill. Mr. McNeill polled 1,735 against 1,691 for Mr. Delaney. The Progressive Conservative majority in the last election was 292. (CP)

War Gratuity Payments Reach Huge Total: Nearly 1,000,000 Canadian war veterans have drawn approximately \$500,000,000 in war service gratuities and re-establishment credits, according to a Canadian Press survey. The grand total, which includes applications already approved but not yet paid, is roughly \$576,700,000. In addition, further large sums have been paid to put veterans through university or technical training and in grants under the Veterans' Land Act. (CP)

Automobile Sales Climbing: Canadian retail dealers sold 78,344 motor vehicles during the first nine months of 1946, with passenger cars accounting for slightly more than 60 per cent of the total. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports that commercial vehicle sales reached 30,215 units, compared with 30,166 in the peak pre-war year of 1937. However, 144,441 passenger cars were sold in the first nine months of 1937, while these sales reached only 48,129 this year.

Building Boom Boosts Mineral Production: The high level of activity in the building trades continues to be reflected in the production of certain leading Canadian mineral products, the Dominion-Bureau of Statistics reports. Cement production during the first nine months of this year rose to 8,913,097 barrels from 6,384,732 in the same period of last year, clay products to \$8,603,524 from \$5,765,805, asbestos to 400,730 tons from 357,863, gypsum to 1,193,053 tons from 528,382, while lime recorded a minor decline to 609,962 tons from 625,802.

Cleanings: Canada's first post-war fleet was formed when the aircraft carrier Warrior, the cruiser Uganda and the destroyer Crescent came together off Acapulco, Mexico, where they will take part in Mexican presidential inauguration ceremonies December 1st. The espionage conspiracy trial of Agatha Chapman, Bank of Canada economist, opened in Ottawa yesterday. The CBC has announced it will grant the request of the Ontario Property Owners' Association for free time to reply to Prices Board Chairman Donald Gordon at the first opportunity.