

by government inspectors; and the high percentage and unique quality of the gluten which gives Canadian hard wheats unsurpassed strengthening influence on flours obtained from their admixture with weaker soft wheats.

Tracing the evolution of Canada's reputation as a producer of the world's finest wheat, the booklet points out that "as the Battle of Waterloo was being fought and all Europe was aflame with the climactic struggle against Napoleon, the first successful crop of spring wheat was swaying, rich and promising, in the sunny breeze of the Canadian Prairies. Little did the world then realize that these few bushels soon to be harvested near Fort Garry (now Winnipeg) would turn into an ocean of top-quality wheat, which ranges from three hundred to seven hundred million bushels annually, gathered from an area of more than eight million hectares."

CHIEF JUSTICE RETIRES

Prime Minister Diefenbaker recently announced that the retirement of the Honourable Esten Kenneth Williams as Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench for Manitoba and District Judge in Admiralty for the province of Manitoba had been accepted by the Governor General in Council.

The retirement, which will take effect on January 1, 1962, will conclude more than 15 years on the Bench for the 72-year-old Chief Justice.

The Prime Minister said Chief Justice Williams had rendered notable service to his profession and to his country, and had carried out his duties with distinction and ability.

Chief Justice William's successor would be appointed and announced later, the Prime Minister added.

ALBERTA TO AUTHORIZE INCOME TAX

A special three-day session of the Alberta Legislature will be called November 28 to allow the Government of Alberta to enact legislation permitting provincial entry into the personal and corporate income tax field.

A new federal-provincial tax agreement allows Canadian provinces to establish their own taxation rates. These may provide provincial revenue above, below or at the same level as revenues formerly collected by the Federal Government and turned over to provinces under the previous tax-sharing agreement.

PROGRESSIVE WITHDRAWAL

During the next five years the Federal Government will withdraw progressively, to a maximum of 20 per cent of current rates, from the personal income-tax field in Alberta, and from nine of the 45 "points" it now levies against corporation taxable

income. In 1962 the amount of personal income tax from which the Federal Government will withdraw is 16 per cent.

No change in the rate of taxation is contemplated in Alberta in 1962, although the province is free to set a rate of tax to bring in revenues in excess of the amount normally turned over by the Federal Government. Alberta is reported to be one of the few provinces in which personal and corporation income taxes will be maintained at their current levels.

The Federal Department of National Revenue will continue to collect all taxes for both governments.

GUATEMALAN ENVOY INSTALLED

On November 7, His Excellency Carlos Alejos presented his Letter of Credence as the first Ambassador of Guatemala to Canada. The ceremony took place at Government House, where the Chief of Protocol of the Department of External Affairs, Mr. Henry F. Davis, presented the Ambassador to the Governor General.

Mr. Alejos has been Ambassador to the United States since 1960. He will continue to hold his appointment and to reside in Washington.

ACTING UN SECRETARY-GENERAL

On November 3, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Howard Green, sent a message of congratulations to U. Thant, the Permanent Representative of Burma to the United Nations, on his appointment as Acting Secretary-General. Ambassador Thant's appointment until April 1963 to complete the term of office of the late Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold, was recommended by the Security Council and approved unanimously by the United Nations General Assembly.

The following is the text of Mr. Green's message to Ambassador Thant:

"On behalf of the Government of Canada, I congratulate you on your appointment as Acting Secretary-General of the United Nations. Your acceptance of this position at this critical period in world affairs and in the history of the United Nations is yet another indication of the devotion to the United Nations which you have always displayed. It is particularly gratifying that your appointment to this high office has been accomplished without sacrifice of the integrity of the office of Secretary-General or the fundamental principles of the Charter.

"I am conscious of the heavy burden which you will be required to bear in seeing the United Nations through the difficult days ahead, but I am fully confident that you will meet the responsibilities of your new office in the best interests of the United Nations as a whole. I assure you of Canada's full co-operation in assisting you to discharge your duties."