
Chapter Three

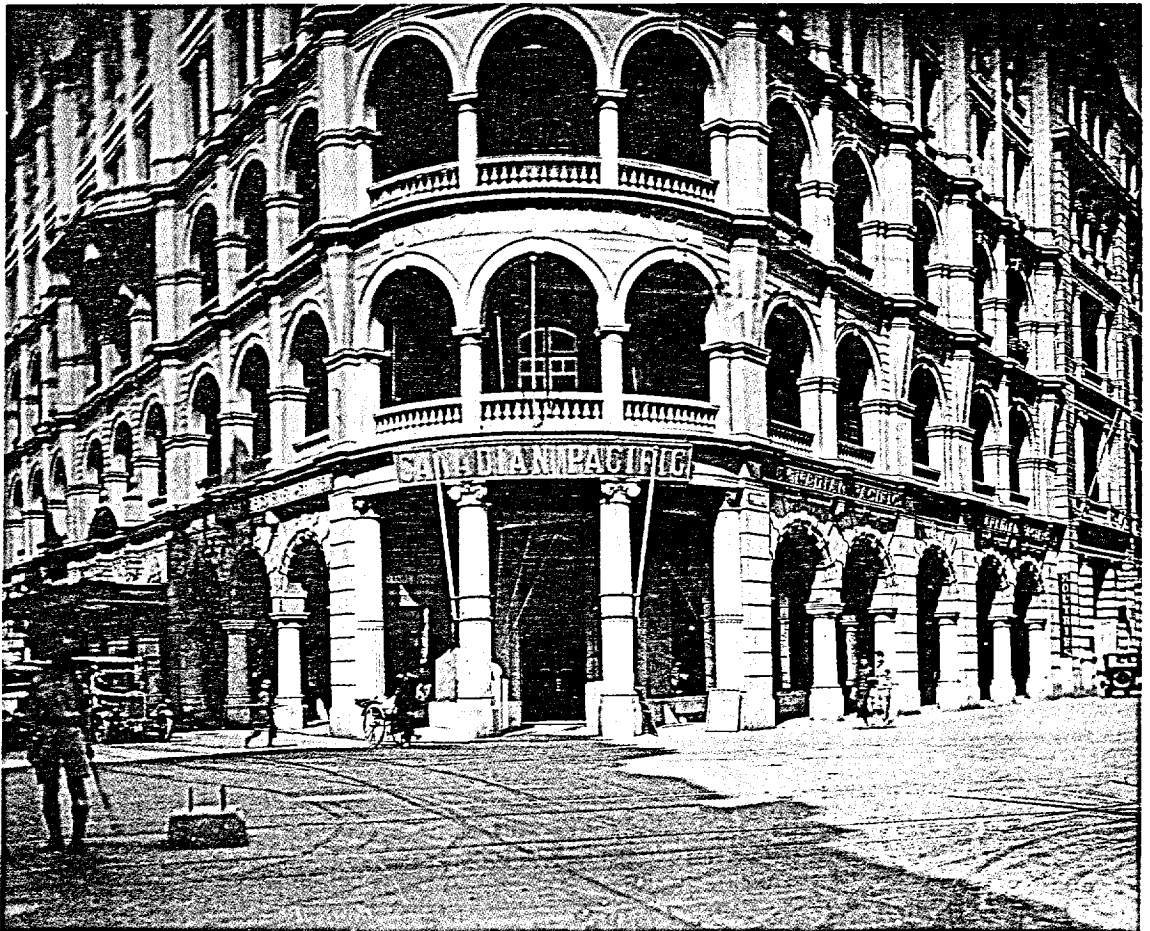
Post War Return

The Japanese surrender, although sudden, was not unexpected in Hong Kong. The Colony had never been completely out of touch with world events as news of the Allied advances and the dropping of the atom bombs had filtered in from neutral Macau, and over the radio.

On August 23, 1945, the Colonial Secretary, F.C. Gimson left Stanley Camp to set up a provisional Government until the British Forces arrived. On August 30th, a British Naval Force entered Hong Kong harbour, and the Japanese were interned. The triumphant fleet comprised a battleship, two aircraft car-

riers, cruisers, destroyers and the Canadian armed merchant cruiser "H.M.C.S. Prince Robert". The same ship that had brought the ill fated "C" Force was now taking its survivors home. Of the 2,000 men delivered in November, 1941, 555 were dead, and 127 were in Japanese prisoner-of-war camps.

Another Canadian naval vessel that arrived in the harbour, on September 11th, was the cruiser "H.M.C.S. Ontario", bringing with it troops for the Hong Kong Garrison. A young officer on board was Edward Youde, then a member of the RNVR on Admiral Mountbatten's staff. He had fond memories



The Canadian Pacific office between Pedder and Chater Streets where the Trade Commission was given "desk space".
July, 1946.