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Varcoe Argues For Dominion: Deputy Justice Minister F.P. Varcoe is appearing on behalf of the Attorney-General of Canada before the Privy Council in London where the seven law lords are considering the fate of the last judicial link between Britain and Canada -- the right of appeal to the Privy Council.

Mr. Varcoe contended the word "general" in Section 101 of the British North America Act "gives the Parliament of Canada the power to legislate with respect to every Canadian appeal . . . I submit that the word 'general' applies generally to all provinces and generally to all laws of Canada." (Section 101 says the Parliament of Canada may establish a general court of appeal for Canada and any additional courts for better administration of the laws of Canada). (CP)

Labour Minister Taking West Indies Holiday: Labour Minister Humphrey Mitchell is sailing from Montreal tomorrow on a long-delayed vacation which will take him as far south as Georgetown, British Guiana. Accompanied by Mrs. Mitchell, he is making the trip on the Canadian National Steamships freighter Colbourne which calls at many West Indies ports and is expected to complete the return trip to Saint John, N.B., by mid-December.

World Wheat Stocks Still Short Of Requirements: Despite world wheat production of 5,900,000,000 bushels, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics says in its monthly world wheat survey that "taking all known factors into consideration . . . supplies evidently will remain short of requirements at least for the duration of the current crop year."

The survey said that reliable sources estimate that up to 700 million bushels will be required from the four principal exporters if import needs are to be met. Approximately half of the 760-odd million bushels exported from Canada and the United States between July 1, 1945, and June 30, 1946, was obtained from carry-over stocks. This source is not available this year and, in addition, some rebuilding of abnormally low stocks in these countries may be anticipated. On July 1, wheat stocks in Canada, United States, Australia and Argentina were estimated at only 373,000,000 bushels, the lowest since 1938.

In Canada, shortages of railway cars and lake and canal shipping have been hampering movement of wheat into export positions. Thousands of box cars are in poor shape after protracted war service and heavy demand for freight cars on the prairies to move the large new crop to lakehead ports has caused a lack of sufficient equipment for grain movements farther east. Much inland shipping has been diverted from grain movement in an attempt to get American coal into Canadian bins before freeze-up and competition from the pulp and ore trades also is heavy. As a consequence, elevator stocks in Montreal and other St. Lawrence ports are at a very low level and thousands of tons of ocean-going ships have been held idle in Montreal awaiting cargoes for Europe. Continuation of this condition is bound to impair Canada's grain export program to a serious degree.

Canada Savings Bonds To Remain On Sale: Noting sales of \$257,947,600 in 14 days, Finance Minister Ilsley says it now is evident the new Canada Savings Bond had been "correctly conceived to meet widespread demand and that it should remain as a convenient facility for the investment of peacetime savings." He said the facilities would be withdrawn at any time if future demand did not justify them. No national objective had been set, but plans were laid on a scale which would "find reasonable justification" in sales of \$200,000,000 or more.

Canadian Appointed To World Bank Post: Charles Chipman Pineo of the Royal Bank of Canada has been appointed director of loan operations of the world bank, with Arthur Hoar of the Bank of England as Assistant Director. (CP)

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