

tation with my other colleagues, I have agreed to meet Mr. St. Laurent's wishes in these particulars.

"In agreeing to delay the time of my retirement from office, I have been influenced by the fact that, during my absence abroad, Mr. St. Laurent will be Acting Prime Minister, and that the consideration of all matters of policy, and the preparation of the session's program will be under his immediate direction. We have arranged that, if at any time during the course of the London meeting, Mr. St. Laurent's presence in London would appear to be desirable, he will endeavour to join me there.

"I should perhaps add that much as I would have welcomed the opportunity while in Europe to accept the invitations repeatedly extended to me by the governments of Italy and Greece to pay an official visit to those countries, I feel that this would not now be possible, and have so advised our ambassadors in Rome and Athens.

"It is my intention to seek retirement from office as soon after my return from London as may serve to meet my successor's convenience."

#### CANADIAN DELEGATION

At the conclusion of the statement the Prime Minister announced that the Canadian Delegation to the Third Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, which will meet in Paris on September 21 next, will be as follows:--

#### Representatives:

The Right Hon. W.L. Mackenzie King  
Prime Minister and President of the  
Privy Council, Chairman of the Delegation

The Hon. Lionel Chevrier  
Minister of Transport

The Hon. Wishart McL. Robertson  
Leader of the Government in the Senate

General the Hon. A.G.L. McNaughton  
Canadian Permanent Delegate to the United  
Nations

Major-General George P. Vanier  
Canadian Ambassador to France

#### Alternates:

Hugues Lapointe  
Parliamentary Assistant to the  
Minister of National Defence

Ralph Maybank  
Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of  
National Health and Welfare

Norman A. Robertson  
Canadian High Commissioner in the  
United Kingdom

L. Dana Wilgress  
Canadian Minister to Switzerland

R.G. Riddell  
Department of External Affairs

The Canadian Delegation will be assisted by technical advisers and secretarial staff drawn from Canadian diplomatic missions abroad and from the Department of External Affairs.

**FURTHER CROP IMPROVEMENT:** Favourable weather during the past two weeks has further enhanced crop prospects in the Prairie Provinces. This is particularly true for late-sown crops which are filling well. Wet weather in Manitoba, where much of the grain is ready to harvest, has delayed operations somewhat in many parts of that province. In Saskatchewan, harvesting is under way in all districts and fair progress is being made. Crops are late in Alberta but are filling satisfactorily. Harvesting of spring grains will be general next week. Grasshopper damage is continuing in the affected areas of Alberta and Saskatchewan and sawflies are causing some damage in southern districts of these provinces.

Frequent scattered showers in Manitoba have delayed harvesting during the past two weeks with the result that only fair progress has been made in some areas. South of the C.P.R. main line over half of the cereal crops are cut or swathed with 10 to 20 per cent threshed in some districts. Harvesting in most northern sections is getting well under way. Rust may adversely affect yields from late stands of flax. Reports indicate the cereal crop sample is generally of high quality with yields turning out from good to excellent. Sunflower, corn and sugar beets also show promise of an excellent crop. Drier weather is now required to promote ripening and to facilitate harvesting and threshing operations.

#### HARVESTING IN SASKATCHEWAN

Harvesting is under way in all districts of Saskatchewan with about 40 per cent of wheat cut in southern and central areas and averaging about 25 per cent for the province as a whole. Favourable weather for filling during recent weeks has resulted in good to excellent quality of all grains. Harvesting of fall rye is nearing completion with outturns somewhat better than anticipated in most areas. Sawfly and grasshopper damage is quite general over southern, western and central districts and many fields are being swathed to reduce losses. Hail loss has been spotty and mostly confined to southern districts.

Crops in Alberta, though late, are maturing satisfactorily with weather conditions favourable for filling and ripening. Harvesting of spring grains has begun at scattered points and should be general next week. Barring the occurrence of frosts, fair to good yields are anticipated except in the eastern districts of the province where earlier drought damage is still evident.