

NEW GOVERNORS FOR FILM BOARD: The Minister of Resources and Development, Mr. Winters, announced on October 2 the appointment of a new nine-member governing body for the National Film Board. Five members are from outside the public service, four from within. A woman is included in the Board for the first time.

The non-governmental members, representing the main geographical regions of Canada, are: Dr. A.W. Trueman, of Fredericton, President of the University of New Brunswick; Gratien Gélinas, Montreal actor and playwright; Charles S. Band, Toronto industrialist; Mrs. A.L. Caldwell, of Saskatoon; James Stuart Keate, Victoria publisher.

Members from the public service are: A.D.P. Heeney, Under Secretary of State for External Affairs; Arthur MacNamara, Deputy Minister of Labour; Charles Stein, K.C., Under Secretary of State, and W. Arthur Irwin, Government Film Commissioner.

Dr. Trueman, head of the University of New Brunswick, was previously President of the University of Manitoba. He is a former member of the Board of Governors of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

Gratien Gélinas is widely known by his stage name, Fridolin. As actor, playwright and producer he has become the best-known stage personality in French Canada.

Mr. Band is chairman of the Gutta Percha Rubber Company. He is a director of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, a member of the National Council of Education, and a former president of the Art Gallery of Toronto.

Mrs. Caldwell, the sole woman member of the Board, is a vice-president of the National Council of Women. She is the only woman member of the Senate of the University of Saskatchewan, and serves on the advisory board of the Y.W.C.A.

Mr. Keate is the recently-appointed publisher of the Victoria Times and Colonist. He is one of Canada's best-known newspapermen, having worked with the Vancouver Daily Province and the Toronto Daily Star. Until this year, he was head of Time Magazine's Montreal bureau.

A.D.P. Heeney, Arthur MacNamara and Charles Stein are civil servants with distinguished records in public service.

The Government Film Commissioner, W. Arthur Irwin, will replace the Minister as Board Chairman. The latter will continue to be responsible for the operations of the Board.

Mr. Winters indicated that the new Board would probably hold its first meeting about the middle of October.

NEW YORK TRAVEL OFFICE: The Minister of Resources and Development, Mr. Winters, announced on October 2 the opening of a Canadian Government Travel Bureau office in New York City. Coupled with the announcement was the further statement from the Minister that Alan

Field, former secretary of the National Film Board, has been appointed by the Civil Service Commission as manager of the New York Branch of the Travel Bureau. Mr. Field was formerly private secretary to the Minister of National Health and Welfare, Mr. Marjín. He has been secretary to the Film Board for the past four years.

Mr. Winters said that the office in New York would be located in Rockefeller Centre at 11 West 49th Street at Fifth Avenue. The New York office, said the Minister, will provide a new outlet for Canadian travel information in the New York area as well as in the mid-Atlantic States. He said that action was taken in this connection so that the lucrative New York travel market might be more efficiently serviced with Canadian travel information.

Already a number of foreign countries have travel offices in New York City and it was felt that if Canada is to meet the continuing competition from other resort areas a New York travel office was a logical step in the expansion of the Travel Bureau's activities. Establishment of a Canadian travel information office was recommended at the 1949 Federal-Provincial Conference held in Ottawa.

BUILDING MATERIAL COSTS RISE: Wholesale prices of both general and residential building materials moved upward again in August, according to the price indexes compiled by the Bureau of Statistics, but in each case the month's increases were somewhat less than in July.

The Bureau's index of general building materials rose 2.8 points to 227.0 from 224.2 for July. This compares with a July increase of 5.8 points from 218.4 for June. The index has moved upward without interruption since September last year when it was at the 1949 low point of 197.6, but most of the eleven-month increase of 29.4 points has occurred since last April when it stood at 206.1.

The composite index of residential building materials showed a smaller advance of 2.4 points from 245.2 for July to 247.6 for August. At the August level the index was 21.3 points above August, 1949, when it stood at 226.3. It has had an unbroken rise of 20.6 points from 227.0 for last March.

CANADIAN ARMY SPECIAL FORCE: Members of the Canadian Army Special Force will have at least 72 hours special leave to visit their families before embarkation in the event that the Force leaves Canada, Army Headquarters has announced. In addition, necessary travel time and full-paid travel warrants will be granted.

Most members of the Force now (September 29) are on their first leave since joining up, having been granted four days off at the conclusion of their basic training period. Next week they move on to advanced training.