

**Ontario Cabinet Minister Resigns:** Hon. W.G. Thompson has resigned as Ontario Minister of Lands and Forests and Harold Scott, Progressive Conservative member of the legislature for Peterborough, has been appointed to succeed him. Mr. Thompson, who will continue as a private member from Kent East, said "pressing business reasons" made it absolutely necessary that he devote all his time to private affairs.

Premier George Drew expressed "utmost regret" in accepting the resignation, saying that "as a result of his foresight and co-operation there are at present under construction throughout northern Ontario new forest product industries to a value of nearly \$75,000,000. . ." (CP)

**Nationalization of Liquor Business Urged:** The Nationalization Commission of the Canadian Temperance Federation has reported to the Federation's triennial meeting at Ottawa that no apparent legal or constitutional obstacle lies in the way of nationalization of "the liquor traffic" and the cost of such a change could be met easily.

The Commission report said it "understood" nationalization to mean "removal of all private ownership and control and operation from the manufacture, importation and sale of intoxicating beverages."

"We believe that the huge profits made by the liquor makers and liquor sellers constitute a great menace to political integrity and good citizenship," the report said, adding that nationalization would create funds which should be administered by a commission to care for alcoholics and their dependents and develop temperance education. (CP)

**First Decline in Wheat Stocks Since August:** Marking the first decline in the present crop year since mid-August when deliveries in volume of new-crop wheat commenced to augment depleted stocks, visible supplies of Canadian wheat in store or in transit in North America at midnight November 21 were reduced by 1,056,268 bushels from the total for November 14, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Stocks on the latest date were 159,593,476 bushels compared with 160,649,744 on November 14, and 213,519,644 bushels at this time last year.

Deliveries of wheat from farms in the Prairie Provinces were lighter during the week ending November 21, totalling 9,849,770 bushels as compared with 12,484,468 in the preceding week. During the elapsed portion of the present crop year, however, deliveries rose to 211,117,734 bushels from 151,084,477 in the similar period of 1944-45.

**New Wheat Flour Production Record:** Flour production in Canadian mills in October amounted to 2,432,875 barrels compared with 2,227,182 for the corresponding month last year, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports. This was the largest monthly production on record. Flour produced in the first quarter of the present crop year was 6,819,250 barrels against 6,293,879 in the same period last year.

Wheat used in the production of flour in October totalled 10,846,694 bushels compared with 9,925,524 for October, 1945, and the total for the first quarter of the crop year rose to 30,349,851 bushels from the 1944-45 first-quarter total of 28,000,341 bushels.

**Gleanings:** Rt. Hon. Malcolm MacDonald, Governor General of Malaya, will be married to Audrey Rowley December 9 at Ottawa where he formerly was United Kingdom High Commissioner. Naval Service Headquarters has authorized a wage increase of 10 cents an hour for civilian employees at H.M.C. Dockyard, Halifax. Effective December 1 the liquor ration in Ontario is to be increased from four to eight 26-ounce bottles monthly while that in Alberta will be increased from two to three. Prime Minister Mackenzie King will address a dinner at Quebec tonight in honor of Rt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent, Secretary of State for External Affairs and Justice Minister.