

the waters under reference as cross the international boundary.

- To conduct necessary investigations and to prepare a comprehensive plan or plans of mutual advantage to the two countries for the conservation, control, and utilization of the waters under reference in accordance with the recommended apportionment thereof.

In the conduct of its investigations, and otherwise in the performance of its duties under this Reference, the International Joint Commission may utilize the services of engineers and other specially qualified personnel of technical agencies of Canada and the United States, and will, so far as possible, make use of information and technical data which have been acquired by such technical agencies or which may become available during the course of the investigation, thus avoiding duplication of effort and unnecessary expense.

**BUTTER, CHEESE STOCKS LOWER:** Stocks of creamery butter in Canada on January 1 amounted to 43,576,821 pounds compared with 59,410,079 pounds on December 1 and 44,078,193 pounds on the corresponding date last year, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Holdings of cheese totalled 30,695,415 pounds compared with 37,916,577 pounds on December 1, and 25,678,179 pounds a year ago.

Holdings of evaporated whole milk by or for manufacturers were lower on January 1 amounting to 5,190,595 pounds compared with 6,459,898 pounds on December 1, and 17,076,567 pounds on January 1 last year. Stocks of skim milk powder totalled 4,707,319 pounds compared with 6,350,676 on December 1 and 2,694,311 a year ago.

January 1 stocks of shell eggs amounted to 2,232,900 dozen compared with 2,700,022 on December 1 and 2,276,214 on the same date last year. Stocks of frozen egg meats totalled 11,157,654 pounds compared with 13,193,585 on December 1 and 5,445,824 on January 1, 1947.

Stocks of poultry meat on January 1 were 35,467,091 pounds compared with 30,826,695 on December 1, and 31,197,727 a year ago.

**FARM PRICES INDEX UP:** Prices received by Canadian farms for agricultural products at November 15 averaged higher than on the corresponding date in 1946, the index number, on the base 1935-39=100, standing at 203.9 as compared with 184.6 a year ago. Indexes for all provinces have registered substantial increases, higher prices for grains, live stock, dairy products and potatoes being chiefly responsible. Increases are also shown in the indices of prices for poultry and eggs in all provinces except Prince Edward Island, Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

## CANADIAN ARTHRITIS SOCIETY

**PLANS FOR INCORPORATION:** Plans for the incorporation of the newly-formed Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society were agreed upon in Ottawa January 12 at the second session of a conference, representing provincial departments of health, university medical schools and interested national voluntary organizations, convened by the Department of National Health and Welfare under the chairmanship of the Minister of National Health and Welfare, Mr. Paul Martin.

The application for incorporation is being signed by the interim board of directors, composed of Dr. Wallace Graham, Toronto, president of the Canadian Rheumatism Association; Dr. R. Dandurand, associate professor of medicine, University of Montreal; Dr. S.L. Browne, faculty of medicine, McGill University, Montreal; Dr. T.C. Routley, Toronto, general secretary of the Canadian Medical Association; Dr. Harvey Agnew, Toronto, secretary of the Canadian Hospital Council; Dr. J.B. Collip, London, Ont., dean of medicine, University of Western Ontario; Miss E.M. Cryderman, Montreal, vice-president of the Canadian Nurses Association, and R.E. Curran, legal adviser, Department of National Health and Welfare.

### WORK ON ORGANIZATION

Decision to form the new Society was formulated at the original session of the conference last September. Since that time an interim committee, under Dr. Wallace Graham, president of the Canadian Rheumatism Association, has been working on the details of incorporation and organizational procedure.

In welcoming the conference delegates to Ottawa, Mr. Martin stressed the great public interest in the subject of rheumatic diseases and in the formation of the new Society. He urged early action in tackling the problems raised by this widespread affliction and assured delegates that he and his colleagues in the government would follow their progress with great interest.

Outlining the purposes of the second session, Dr. G.D.W. Cameron, federal deputy minister of health, stated that it would be asked to pass upon the work of the interim committee appointed to draw up incorporation documents and prepare the Society's bylaws.

In the application for incorporation, approved by the delegates, the Society's chief objects are listed as the coordination and correlation of all efforts toward the reduction of illness and death from arthritic and rheumatic diseases; promotion of measures and facilities for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of these diseases; increased training and education of professional and other personnel; preparation and dissemination of informational material; provision of assistance in educational programmes; collection of

funds through public appeals or otherwise; making grants to promote these objectives, and helping, where possible, in the examinations of any proposed methods of prevention, treatment or cure.

Under the bylaws, which received approval of the conference, the Society will have a national board of directors, composed of 27 provincial appointees, three from each province, plus 15 elected at the annual meeting. Much of the executive work will be vested in an executive committee drawn from the national board of directors, with a full-time executive secretary. The national board will have its headquarters in Ottawa but plans have been laid for the establishment of branches in each province.

## NAVY'S AIRCREW OBSERVERS

**NOW TRAINED IN CANADA:** Aircrew Observers of the Royal Canadian Navy are now being trained in the Dominion, using R.C.N. facilities at the Naval Air Section, Dartmouth, N.S., and the training establishment H.M.C.S. "Stadacona" in Halifax, it was announced today by the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Brooke Claxton.

The first class of trainees consisting of four midshipmen began courses recently at H.M.C.S. "Stadacona" in Halifax. They face a tough 42 week course that will prepare them for active flying duty with land and carrier based planes of the R.C.N. Broken into two phases the course includes a 19 week instructional period at "Stadacona" followed by 23 weeks of ground and air training at the Naval Air Section.

In the past all aircrew members of the R.C.N. have been trained by the Royal Navy, but with the opening of the air observer's training it is now possible for aircrew personnel of the Royal Canadian Navy to be trained in Canada. The first class of six Canadian-trained naval pilots has only recently graduated from the Central Flying Training School, R.C.A.F. Station, Trenton, Ontario. Future pilot-training, however, will be carried out at courses conducted by the R.C.A.F. at the Flying Training School, Centralia, Ontario. Officers forming the first observer's class are the following four midshipmen who have recently entered the R.C.N. with short service commissions:

J.E.P. Anderson, New Liskeard, Ont.  
D.E. Maxwell, Kamsack, Sask.  
J. Romanson, Winnipeg, Man.  
H.R. Dubinsky, Clair, Sask.

**GREECE AWARDS DECORATIONS:** Awards of decorations granted by the Government of Greece to Canadian service personnel and ex-personnel, in recognition of Canadian support of the III Greek Mountain Brigade during the Italian campaign in 1944-45, are announced by the

Minister of National Defence, Mr. Brooke Claxton.

Three Distinguished Services Medals are awarded, and go to:

Brigadier E.A. McCusker, CBE, MC, ED, of Regina, Sask., who was deputy director of Medical Services, 1 Canadian Corps, in Italy.

Colonel J.P. Laplante, OBE, ED, RCAMC, of Montreal, who commanded a medical formation in the field in the Italian campaign, and now is superintendent of St. Anne's Veterans Hospital, St.-Anne-de-Bellevue, Que.

Captain (Matron) C.M. MacDonald, ARRC, RCAMC, of Montreal, who served in Italy on the staff of a Canadian general hospital.

The Greek Military Cross Class III is awarded to: Major T.A. Cowan, RCA, Montreal; Major H.C. Mitchell, MBE, RCIC, Fiske, Sask.; Lt. David Greyeyes, RCIC, Leask, Sask.; Lt. G.G. Walter, RCAC, Montreal; WO II (CSM) George M. Fox, RCIC, Lloydminster, Sask.; BCMS C.T. Craig, Chateauguay, Que.; Sgt. J.A. Reid, RCA, Langruth and Fannystelle, Man. (Sgt. Reid was killed in action); Cpl. Edwin A. Anchor, RCIC, Toronto; L/Cpl. W.J. Little, RCIC, Selkirk, Man.; L/Bdr. John D. Murphy, RCA, Moosomin, Sask.; Pte. Robert W. Burchall, RCIC, Kenora, Ont., and Pte. Richard O'Reilly, RCIC, Tyndall, Man.

## TRIBUTE TO AMOR DE COSMOS

**LEADER IN CONFEDERATION:** The public services of Amor de Cosmos, who was a leader in the struggle for Confederation and responsible government and Premier of British Columbia from 1872 to 1874, have been commemorated by a bronze tablet, suitably inscribed, in the Parliament Buildings at Victoria, B.C.

The tablet, erected by the National Parks Service of the Department of Mines and Resources on the recommendation of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, will be unveiled today.

The tablet bears the following inscription:

"Amor de Cosmos  
A leader in the struggle for  
Confederation and Responsible  
Government  
Premier of British Columbia, 1872-74  
Born in Windsor, N.S., 20th August,  
1825  
Died in Victoria, B.C., 4th July, 1897."

De Cosmos was baptised William Alexander Smith, but changed his name shortly after moving to California in 1852. In 1858 he went to British Columbia, and founded the newspaper "British Colonist" at Victoria.

From 1863 to 1866 he represented Victoria in the Legislation Assembly of Vancouver Island, and from 1867 to 1871 was a member of the Legislative Council of British Columbia. During this period he was a leader in the battle for responsible government in the colony, and in the agitation for confederation