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Prime Minister Returns: The Prime Minister, Mr. St. Laurent, returned to Ottawa at the week-end after his vacation and held a press conference, which the Canadian Press reported, in part, as follows: Ottawa, Aug. 1.- Just back from vacation, Prime Minister St. Laurent today indicated he feels Premier Frost of Ontario may be willing to talk business on Dominion-provincial relations.

He also indicated that the date of the opening of the new Parliament will be announced following a Cabinet meeting this week. Sept. 15 or 22 are considered likely dates.

Mr. St. Laurent's statement about Ontario came in the thick of reporters' questions about chances for revival of the 1945-46 conference which broke up without reaching general agreement on federal proposals to rent provincial tax sources as a prelude to action in the field of social security.

He said nothing that amounted to plain prediction, but his words could be interpreted as a feeling that Ontario and the Federal Government may get together before another general conference. Seven of the provinces have signed individual agreements and Premier Smallwood of Newfoundland is in town in connection with the signing of an agreement with his province.

Mr. St. Laurent, arriving by train from Quebec City after a three-weeks vacation in Bathurst, N.B., recalled:

"I had an interview with Mr. Frost before leaving here and although we spoke only of generalities I got the impression we both realize we have a responsibility to our constituents and that they expect us to act accordingly."

He went on to say that the provinces have been promised a general conference a year before their individual agreements run out in 1952. But, he added, "I hope a lot of matters will be discussed separately with representatives of the provinces first because there are different angles affecting the different parts of Canada...A general conference is more apt to be fruitful if they are discussed in advance."

Defence Experts' Visit: Fifteen members of the student body and directing staff of Britain's Imperial Defence College arrived in Ottawa on August 1 by air from England on a 27-day tour of Canada, the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Claxton has announced.

The party will visit and inspect industrial plants and defence installations in larger centres from coast to coast and in the Canadian north. An additional week will be spent in the United States before the return flight to England on September 3.

The college annually sends its students on summer tours but this will be the first Canadian visit. Half of the 1949 class is coming here while the other half is touring the Far East.

Fort Beausejour Museum: The new wing of Fort Beausejour Museum, near Sackville, N.B., was formally opened by the Minister of Mines and Resources, Mr. Gibson, on August 2.

The new addition is to be named "The John Clarence Webster Wing"

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