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### OTTAWA MUSEUMS

Canada's capital possesses several museums of outstanding interest to visitors. The Natural History Branch of the National Museum, for example, has many displays that explain the history of plant and animal life peculiar to Canada and its geography. Of unusual interest are the dioramas - large semi-circular exhibits showing life-size animals, plants, rocks and trees in natural settings. Painted backgrounds merge with the figures, making the viewer feel right in the middle of things. Dioramas on view at present include "Prairie Waterfowl In Spring" and "Snow Geese at Eskimo Point".

### STUDY OF MAN

The Human History Branch of the Museum concentrates on the study of man and his environment and the changes that have come with the passing of time. There are a number of striking displays on Canada's Indians and Eskimos - their weapons, methods of travel, utensils, clothes and different types of housing.

Illustrating the life of Canadian pioneer days, there is an exhibit of spinning and weaving, which features spinning wheels and looms and a collection of quilts, tapestries and coverlets from pioneer homes. On Saturday and Sunday afternoons, there are demonstrations of spinning and weaving by members of the Ottawa Weavers' Guild.

### WEAPONS OLD AND NEW

The National War Museum on Sussex Street displays weapons old and new from many parts of the world,

many dating from wars in which Canadians have taken part. Major items on display during Easter Week included an armoured car from the First World War and a rocket-propelled "Comet" Messerschmidt fighter-plane. Other items featured are a Gatling gun of the period of the Northwest Rebellion and a collection of machine guns illustrating the development of this weapon.

The National Aviation Museum, located in the Terminal Building at Uplands International Airport, offers a look at Canada's aviation history and the development of aircraft. Many relics are on view from the early days of flying in Canada. Displays, using photographs, models and actual parts of aircraft, show the story of civil aviation in Canada and such supporting services as air-traffic control, airport construction, communications and weather observation. Other areas show the use of aircraft for photography, mapping, survey work and fighting forest fires.

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### FIRST GOVERNMENT POCKETBOOK

Businessmen attending the Second Export Trade Promotion Conference in Ottawa, which opened on April 16 and will continue until May 3, are receiving copies of the first pocketbook published by the Canadian Government. Issued simultaneously in English and French editions, *How to Run a Business* is being sold on newsstands from coast to coast at 50 cents a copy.

The book, compiled by the Industrial Promotion Branch of the Department of Trade and Com-

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