

## NEW CABINET PORTFOLIOS

The Governor General recently administered the oath of office to the following Cabinet Ministers, who have been appointed to new portfolios as a result of the proclamation of the Government Organization Act, 1966: The Honourable Arthur Laing, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development; The Honourable Guy Favreau, Registrar General of Canada; The Honourable Maurice Sauvé, Minister of Forestry and Rural Development; The Honourable E.J. Benson, President of the Treasury Board; The Honourable Lawrence T. Pennell, Solicitor General of Canada; The Honourable Jean-Luc Pépin, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources; The Honourable Jean Marchand, Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

Mr. Favreau will continue to serve as President of the Privy Council, and Mr. Benson as Minister of National Revenue.

The Government Organization Act, 1966, represents the most extensive reorganization in the responsibilities of Government departments ever undertaken in peace time in Canada. Its purpose, the Prime Minister has said, is designed to adapt the machinery of Government to new conditions and changing needs.

The effect of the administrative changes will be that one Minister will have a specific responsibility for the Treasury Board, which will have become a central point for administrative improvement in the public service. There will, for the first time, be a Minister whose attention is concentrated on manpower policy, and another concerned with industrial relations and labour standards. One Minister will be responsible for co-ordinating resource and energy policy. The problems of Indians and the North will have the concentrated attention of one Minister. The Minister of Justice will be able to concentrate on legal matters, while the Solicitor General will be responsible for the administration of police and correction services.

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## CNR PRESIDENT TO RETIRE

*The Prime Minister recently made the following announcement concerning the impending retirement of Mr. Donald Gordon, President of Canadian National Railways:*

I am advised by the Board of Directors of Canadian National Railways that Mr. Donald Gordon has expressed the desire to retire as President of the Company and that, in accordance with the normal pension rules of the Company, he would retire from office on reaching his sixty-fifth birthday in December. It has been agreed that Mr. Gordon's retirement will date from December 31. I am pleased to announce that he will be succeeded as Chairman and President by Mr. Norman J. MacMillan, effective January 1, 1967.

Mr. Gordon's long and distinguished service to his country is well known throughout Canada and,

indeed, internationally. It will be recalled that, three years ago (October, 1963), Mr. Gordon made known his desire to be relieved of his heavy responsibilities. The Government prevailed upon him to accept reappointment at that time to complete work he had undertaken on various projects designed to reorganize and strengthen the Railway.

## A GREAT CANADIAN

When Mr. Gordon lays down the heavy burden that he has borne so ably these past 17 years, he will have been President for a longer period of time than any president of a major railway in North America. For this service, and for his tireless devotion to the growth and welfare of Canada in war and in peace, I express the deepest appreciation. His wartime accomplishments as Chairman of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board are legend. That effort in itself, and its highly effective results, gave to Mr. Gordon and to Canada an enviable international reputation. His talents were applied with equal effect as Deputy Governor of the Bank of Canada and, finally — in perhaps his most productive role of all — as Chairman and President of Canadian National Railways, which has been transformed into a modern, efficient transportation system under his leadership. Mr. Gordon is one to whom the appellation "a great Canadian" really applies.

## NEW PRESIDENT

To succeed him, it is most gratifying to have available Mr. Norman J. MacMillan, who has served at Mr. Gordon's side as Executive Vice-President for the past 10 years.

Mr. MacMillan is widely recognized in the transportation industry as a career man whose practical knowledge of the transportation industry is outstanding.

After a distinguished academic record, which led to degrees in arts and in laws at the University of Manitoba and Manitoba Law School, followed by law practice in Winnipeg, he entered the service of Canadian National in 1937 and has since become intimately acquainted with every sector of the company's operations. He has been deeply involved in the implementation of his company's administrative reorganization and in the programme of modernization. Mr. MacMillan has also given valuable public service apart from his railway career, notably during the Second World War when he was on loan to the Government to assist in the organization of the Commonwealth Air Training Plan.

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## AID AFRICAN LITERACY DRIVE

Mr. Paul Martin, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced recently that Canada would send \$60,000-worth of printing equipment to the East African Common Services Organization. The contribution is the latest step in Canada's assistance to an intensive literacy campaign in East Africa, where 91 per cent of the adults are unable to read or write