

the importance which the Government attaches to the problem of disposing our surplus stocks of grain a special Committee of the Cabinet has been set up to consider all proposals relating to an accelerated sales programme. The Committee will consist of the Ministers from the three Prairie Provinces, namely, the Minister of Trade and Commerce (Mr. Churchill), the Minister of Agriculture, (Mr. Harkness), and the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources (Mr. Alvin Hamilton).

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ACCLAMATION: George H. Doucett has been elected to the House of Commons by acclamation for the constituency of Lanark in Southeastern Ontario. The election of Mr. Doucett, a Progressive-Conservative, gives his party 112 seats in the new House. Other party standings are: Liberal, 105; Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, 25; Social Credit, 19; Independent, 2; Independent-Liberal, 1; Liberal-Labour, 1. There are now no vacancies.

Mr. Doucett, a former minister of highways for the province of Ontario, was Lanark's member in the Ontario Legislature and resigned the seat to contest it for the Federal House. The previous incumbent, Dr. William Blair, also a Progressive-Conservative, died less than a week after the June 10 general election.

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NEW ASSISTANT: Fisheries Minister J. Angus MacLean has announced the appointment of Lowell A.S. Allen as his executive assistant.

Mr. Allen was born in Summerside, Prince Edward Island, in 1926, and graduated from Acadia University in 1948 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree and from Dalhousie University in 1952 with the degree of L.L.B. He is a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada and the Prince Edward Island Law Association.

Since graduating from Dalhousie, he spent three years as a member of the Legal Division of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and one year with a large Ottawa law firm, a post which he is leaving for his present appointment.

Mr. Allen now resides in Ottawa. He is married and has two children. He is a trustee of the Eastview Public School Board and a member of the Board of Stewards of Eastbrook United Church.

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MORE CARS TO CANADA: Number of foreign vehicles entering Canada on travellers' vehicle permits was greater in July and January-July this year than last, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, July entries increased 0.4 per cent to 543,995 vehicles from 541,715 a year earlier, all provinces except New Brunswick, Quebec and British Columbia reporting more entries. January-July crossings climbed 4.2 per cent to 1,371,978 vehicles from 1,317,199 in 1956's like period, Newfound-

land and Nova Scotia and British Columbia recording the only declines.

Month's entries were as follows: Newfoundland and Nova Scotia - by ship, 3,768 vehicles (3,688 a year earlier); New Brunswick, 33,530 (33,949); Quebec, 81,226 (85,443); Ontario, 342,334 (335,475); Manitoba, 9,723 (9,546); Saskatchewan, 4,210 (4,082); Alberta, 15,585 (15,048); British Columbia, 51,779 (52,935); and Yukon Territory, 1,840 (1,549).

Seven-month entries: Newfoundland and Nova Scotia, 6,004 (6,053 last year); New Brunswick 90,108 (83,802); Quebec, 223,416 (212,490); Ontario, 826,495 (794,331); Manitoba, 28,168 (25,400); Saskatchewan, 12,526 (10,935); Alberta, 28,040 (27,003); British Columbia, 152,698 (153,415); and Yukon Territory, 4,523 (3,770).

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CANADIAN SOLDIERS EAST: The first major changeover of Army personnel now serving in the Middle East with the United Nations Emergency Force will start on September 15, Army Headquarters has announced.

The RCAF will airlift approximately 50 officers and more than 600 other ranks from Dorval, Quebec, to Egypt, and about the same number to Canada from the Middle East, a total of approximately 1400 all ranks.

The first flights will leave Naples on September 19 and Egypt on September 20. The RCAF airlift, departing Dorval and El Arish every two to five days, will be completed by the end of November.

Not included in this fall's changeover are members of No. 56 Reconnaissance Squadron of the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps. This 105-man unit, with headquarters at El Kuntilla, will remain to carry out their desert patrol role. The unit first took up its operational role in the Gaza Strip last April, and is not yet due to be relieved.

One hundred and twenty-six officers and men, Canada's first UNEF representatives, left by air last November 22. More than 450 administrative and support troops followed aboard HMCS Magnificent which left Halifax December 29. Tour of duty for Canadian soldiers in the Middle East is one year.

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FEWER FIRES: Forest fire statisticians of the Forestry Branch, Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, report that not in 25 years has Canada had as few forest fires during July as this year. The month's total of 575 is very close to the all-time low record of 568 established in July 1932. Only 65,000 acres were damaged or destroyed by fire during July 1937 as against 550,000 acres burned in July 1956 by 1,100 fires.

To the end of July this year there have been 3,600 fires, almost the same number as for the corresponding period a year ago. However, by this time last year, 1,742,924 acres had been burned as compared with only 265,000 acres this year.