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Prime Minister Hears Legion Delegation: A Canadian Legion delegation, headed by Maj.-Gen. C.B. Price, Dominion president, met Prime Minister Mackenzie King and members of the cabinet yesterday to present briefs on housing and other matters directly concerning veterans. The housing brief asked the government to take control of the building industry to avoid "imminent danger of complete failure" of the reconstruction and rehabilitation program and advocated doubling present proportions of wartime housing programs.

Gen. Price said subversive elements were "fishing in troubled waters, particularly among veterans." Mr. King is reported to have told the delegation that it was a "great comfort to the Government" to know that throughout Canada Legion members were acting as a "steadying influence in troubled times." (CP)

Army Personnel Now Subject to Taxation: Army headquarters has announced that all members of the postwar Canadian Army Active Force, whether serving in Canada or abroad, now are subject to full civilian taxes on their pay and allowances. Under provisions of the Income War Tax Act as amended August, 1946, these taxes become payable as from October 1, 1946, or from the date of a soldier's appointment to or enlistment in the postwar force, whichever is the later date. Deductions will be allowed for certain emoluments such as pension fund deductions, travelling allowances, separation allowances and living allowances in excess of normal rates to personnel serving outside Canada or in areas where living costs are abnormally high such as in the Northwest Territories.

Labour Force Increases: The fourth quarterly survey conducted by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics shows that Canada's civilian labour force increased by 149,000 between June 1 and August 31. The total force was 4,977,000 persons at the end of August compared with 4,828,000 June 1. An estimated 4,860,000 were employed August 31, of whom 4,656,000 were at work and 204,000 had a job but were not at work. On June 1, 4,702,000 were recorded as being employed, including 4,581,000 at work, and 121,000 with a job but not at work.

There were increases in employment in all five economic regions with the Ontario total rising from 1,618,000 to 1,673,000; Quebec from 1,289,000 to 1,330,000, Prairie Provinces from 1,007,000 to 1,041,000, Maritime Provinces from 414,000 to 423,000 and British Columbia from 374,000 to 393,000. Estimated distribution of employment in different industries show that those employed in manufacturing fell from 1,256,000 at June 1 to 1,229,000 at August 31, while the number in agriculture rose from 1,274,000 to 1,317,000. In trade, finance and insurance the number employed advanced from 685,000 to 727,000 and in service from 772,000 to 802,000. In transportation and communication the employed rose from 336,000 to 354,000, and in construction from 241,000 to 267,000.

Newsprint Tonnage Records Established: The monthly survey by the Newsprint Association of Canada shows that new tonnage records have been set in both production and shipments during October. Shipments totalled 387,294 tons, exceeding production by 10,858 tons. This was 79,204 tons or 25.7 per cent higher than October, 1945, and 98,034 tons or 33.9 per cent higher than October, 1939. Production was 376,436 tons, an increase of 65,461 or 21.1 per cent over October, 1945, and 95,451 tons or 34 per cent over October, 1939. (CP)

Another I.L.O. Delegation Named: The Labour department has announced the names of Canadian delegates to the first meeting in Brussels November 25 of the Industrial Committee for Building, Civil Engineering and Public Works, set up by the International Labour Organization. The government will be represented by Paul E. Renaud, Chief of the External Affairs Department's Treaty Division, and Joseph E. Meindl of St. Boniface, Man., Employment Advisor to the Unemployment Insurance Commission. Representing Canadian employers are J. Clark Reilly, General Manager of the Canadian Construction Association, Masonville, Que., and Allan C. Ross of Ross-Meagher, Ltd., Ottawa, with John N. Flood of St. John, N.B., as alternat . Canadian building industry workers are represented by Ernest Ingles, Vice-President of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, London, Ont., and Osias Filion, President of the Building Trades Federation, Montreal.