

**REAPPOINTMENT APPROVED:** The Hon. Douglas Abbott, Minister of Finance, announced October 13 that an Order-in-Council had been passed approving the action of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Canada in appointing Mr. Graham F. Towers to a third term of office as Governor of the Bank of Canada. Mr. Towers has served as Governor from the time organization of the Bank was commenced in 1934. The present appointment, which is for a further period of seven years from October 23rd, is made by the Board of Directors of the Bank. Under the provisions of the Bank of Canada Act, the appointment by the Directors requires the approval of the Governor-in-Council and this has been given in the Order-in-Council announced by the Minister.

**GENERAL WORTHINGTON APPOINTMENT:** Major-General F.F. (Fighting Frank) Worthington, of Vancouver, one of Canada's outstanding veteran soldiers, has been given the job of coordinating Canada's civilian defence planning as special adviser to the Hon. Brooke Claxton, Minister of National Defence.

Mr. Claxton, in announcing the new appointment, pointed out that Gen. Worthington's job would be first to plan the coordination of the various federal government departments concerned, including Defence, Health and Welfare, and Justice. Then there would be the coordination with provincial and municipal authorities so as to plan the organization to meet any emergency, although so far it has been decided not to try to set up local committees at this time.

"We are fortunate to have a man of Gen. Worthington's proven qualities to undertake this important job," Mr. Claxton said. "During his career as a soldier he displayed great qualities of leadership in addition to high administrative capacity. In each of his commands he was highly successful in gaining maximum civilian support. As Commissioner for the Red Cross he played a major part in dealing with the Fraser Valley flood situation. He knows every part of Canada and is liked just as well as he is known."

**KING'S COMMENDATION AWARD:** Warrant Officer Alfred William Leslie Watson, son of Mrs. Hanna Morton of Souris, Man., has been awarded the King's Commendation for Brave Conduct, it was announced by Hon. Brooke Claxton, Minister of National Defence.

Sergeant-Major Watson is a member of the Royal Canadian Infantry Corps and is presently stationed at Fredericton on the administrative and training staff at Headquarters, New Brunswick Area.

The citation accompanying the award reads as follows:

"While Warrant Officer Watson was in charge of the throwing bay at the grenade range, Camp Utopia, New Brunswick, on July 8, 1948, a man

under his instructional supervision threw a live grenade which rolled back into the bay. Warrant Officer Watson, with great presence of mind, and at great personal risk, calmly recovered the grenade and hurled it to a position, where, when it exploded, no injuries were sustained by any personnel."

**R.C. MACINNES APPOINTMENT:** The Hon. Brooke Claxton, Minister of National Defence, on October 15 announced the appointment of R.C. MacInnes as Acting Director of Public Relations for the Department of National Defence to coordinate the public relations activities of the three armed forces.

Mr. MacInnes will be on loan from the Public Relations Department of Canadian National Railways and Trans-Canada Air Lines. His appointment, Mr. Claxton said, would be temporary pending appointment of a permanent Director of Public Relations (National Defence), and he would return to C.N.R. when the work of re-organization had been completed.

Luring the war Mr. MacInnes was Director of Overseas Public Relations for the Royal Canadian Air Force, and following his discharge from the service was chief information officer for the Canadian Information Service at New York City. He joined the public relations staff of the Canadian National Railways in February 1946.

**DANISH BUTTER ARRIVES:** Three million pounds of Danish butter landed in Montreal October 16, the first shipment of the fifteen million pounds imported by the Canadian Government from Denmark, Australia, and New Zealand, Rt. Hon. C.D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce has announced.

The Canadian Government is paying an average price of 70.1 cents per pound, f.o.b. country of origin, for the butter which will be imported during the next four months to carry consumers over the period of seasonal shortage.

Mr. Howe emphasized that the Canadian Government is making no profit whatsoever on this transaction and, in fact, is absorbing a small loss so that the imported butter may sell at Canadian retail price ceilings.

The Canadian Commercial Corporation, in co-operation with the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, has completed arrangements for distribution in Canada. Allocations have been made in sufficient quantities to meet requirements until the end of December, and the balance will be distributed in the new year.

As announced earlier, some eleven million pounds will be coming from Denmark and two million pounds each from Australia and New Zealand. The total quantity should be landed in Canada by the end of January.

**SHIPPING CONFERENCE:** Canada's shipping and shipbuilding industry is being spotlighted

in Ottawa this week, according to an announcement by J.V. Clyne, Chairman of the Canadian Maritime Commission. At its first meeting since its formation the National Advisory Committee to the Commission was in session for three days; October 18, 19 and 20.

This National Advisory Committee is made up of representatives from Canadian ship-owners and shipbuilders, the seafaring and shipyard personnel employed by these industries, and representatives of Canadian manufacturers, primary producers, exporters and importers who use shipping services.

"It is a historic meeting for Canada's shipping and shipbuilding industry", said Mr. Clyne, "because it is the first time Canada has had every phase of these industries assembled around the conference table".

"The regional sub-committees for the past few months have been dealing with the particular problems concerning their individual industries", said Mr. Clyne, "and are now anxious to have their representatives meet with the Commission to discuss the general work of these regional sub-committees. These representatives together, form the National Advisory Committee."

When he was first appointed Chairman of the Canadian Maritime Commission, Mr. Clyne said that the future of the Canadian merchant fleet would be influenced by international economic consideration. "That influence still prevails" he said. "Fundamentally, of course, the subject resolves itself into questions of supply and demand for tonnage, effectiveness of ship management and labour, and the need for the maintenance of our shipbuilding industry and the provision of up-to-date ships."

Mr. Clyne summed up his remarks by saying that this first session of the National Advisory Committee had been convened by the Canadian Maritime Commission in order to discuss individual and general problems faced by the Canadian shipping and shipbuilding industries and to promote the modernization of the Canadian fleet.

**NAVY WEEK:** Naval Divisions across Canada will demonstrate on Saturday, October 23 -- the final day of Navy Week -- where they fit and what they are doing in the preparedness program being undertaken by Canada's defence forces.

As the climax to a week of activities sponsored by the Navy League of Canada and accorded the full co-operation of the Royal Canadian Navy, the divisions will "open house" to the citizens of their respective communities.

Eighteen of the shorebound "ships" will be opened to the public. The other two -- at Halifax and Esquimalt -- have alternative events planned.

For those divisions holding "open house", the affair will amount to far more than an opportunity to "get acquainted". Visitors will see for themselves how the citizen-sailors of

the R.C.N. (Reserve) are building a strong, efficient reserve force, ready for instant call in the event of an emergency.

On display will be the extensive facilities and splendid, modern equipment with which the divisions are fitted -- asdic, radar and loran sets, wireless and radio equipment, depth-finding machines, torpedo and anti-submarine weapons, twin-mounted four-inch guns, anti-aircraft armament and seamanship gear of all sorts.

All this, and more, is standard equipment of the divisions. These are not showpieces, but are put to practical use in training men whose interest in the Navy and awareness of the need for strong defence forces have led to their enlistment in the R.C.N. (Reserve).

**LIMIT IMPORTS OF U.S. STEEL:** The Canadian Government has agreed to limit its imports of iron and steel from the United States to 20,000 tons during the fourth quarter of 1948, Rt. Hon. C.D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce, announced October 18.

For some time the United States has been compelled to limit the amount of iron and steel exported to other countries. No control, however, has been exercised over shipments to Canada.

In view of the general stringency of the steel situation Canada has undertaken to limit imports of iron and steel from the United States to 20,000 tons for the fourth quarter of 1948. This is a reduction of 22 per cent from the average quarterly level in 1947 and 18 per cent from the average quarterly level of the first half of 1948.

To facilitate the program, the following import levels have been agreed upon for the fourth quarter for certain categories of iron and steel products:

- (a) Structural -- 34,000 tons -- 34% below 1947  
38% below the first half of 1948
- (b) Plates -- 17,000 tons -- 26% below 1947  
1% below the first half of 1948
- (c) Galvanized sheets -- 2,500 tons -- 24% below 1947  
34% below the first half of 1948
- (d) Pipe, tubes & skelp -- 30,000 tons -- 11% below 1947  
10% below the first half of 1948
- (e) Wire -- 8,000 tons -- 3% below 1947  
23% below the first half of 1948

Canada has also agreed to cooperate with the United States in maintaining and exchanging data on steel; and if necessary to apply promptly whatever further controls may be