

ARMY APPOINTMENTS

TO CAMBERLEY: Major D.N.D. Deane-Freeman, Royal Canadian Armoured Corps, of Calgary and Ottawa, has been appointed to the directing staff of the Camberley (England) Staff College, and leaves in September to take over his duties. He will be on a two-year attachment from the Canadian Army.

TO FORT LEAVENWORTH: Major E.A. Olmstead, Royal Canadian Artillery, of Ottawa, and at present serving in the Directorate of Military Operations and Plans at Army Headquarters, will begin in September next a 10 months' course at the United States Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

TO NORFOLK VA.: Lt.-Col. G.M.C. Sprung, M.C., B.A., Ph. D., of Winnipeg and Ottawa, has been selected to attend the United States Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Virginia, and will leave Army Headquarters here in August for this five months' course.

TORONTO AIRPORT EXTENSION: Approval had been given to plans for the construction of two new administrative buildings at Toronto Airport (Malton, Ont.), as well as alteration and extensions to the existing main building in view "of the greatly increased volume of domestic and international passenger traffic, cargo and airmail at that airport". The total cost for providing the additional facilities is estimated at \$760,000, extending over a two-year period. The work will be undertaken by Trans-Canada Air Lines.

READY FOR ADVENTURE

KETCH WITH WAR RECORD: Suggested as a craft for adventure, officials of the Ship's Sales Division of War Assets Corporation, say the motor ketch "Culver", now released from duties with the Royal Canadian Navy, could be adapted for a new lease of sea life. All vessels processed from surplus to new ownership possess some individual appeal, and in the instance of the motor ketch "Culver" the present Corporation custodians remark that when properly recommissioned "..... possession would present an opportunity for some adventurous young people who wish to see the world leisurely".

Meanwhile, the ketch is moored at Eastern Passage, near Halifax, N.S. where she may be inspected. She is handy to shipyards ready to undertake any plan of conversion.

For the information of those living away from coastal and Great Lakes waters, a ketch is a two masted sailing vessel similar to a yawl but in the former the mizzenmast is stepped farther forward, the mizzen itself is larger and this rig became popular with yachtsmen, particularly in British waters, earlier in the present century. The "Culver" also

possesses an auxiliary 80 h.p. Diesel engine so that she can move out of the doldrums and search for wind. Her rig consists of a foremast 70 feet 6 inches and a mizzen mast 40 feet, above the deck; both spars constructed of Douglas Fir.

The hull is considered a prize. It is of teakwood on a complete steel frame with three steel transverse bulkheads. The "Culver" was built in Calcutta, India, hence the use of teak. There is accommodation for ten in fore-castle bunks and main cabins. Galley, store-room, provision room, main saloon and bathroom are included. Her length is 73 feet; breadth 19 feet 3 inches; depth 11 feet 3 inches; gross tonnage 74.22.

The "Culver" sailed from Bombay, India, to Jamaica, B.W.I. Early in the war she was purchased by the Canadian Government and a Canadian crew sailed her to Halifax where she served as an auxiliary training ship for naval recruits.

CANADIAN COMMERCIAL CORP.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT: The diversified activities of the Canadian Commercial Corporation were revealed when the first annual report of the Crown-operated agency was tabled in the House of Commons by the Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. MacKinnon.

Covering the period from May 1, 1946, the date of its establishment, to March 31, 1947, the report outlines the Corporation's activities as a procurement agency in Canada for foreign governments and UNRRA, and the assistance it has given to Canadian importers in their purchases abroad. Since February 1, 1947, the Canadian Commercial Corporation acting for the Minister of Trade and Commerce has taken over from the Department of Reconstruction and Supply the additional duties of purchasing for the Department of National Defence, and in this connection has placed orders amounting to almost \$11,000,000.

Contracts for more than \$152,000,000 have been placed by the Corporation during the period under review on behalf of UNRRA and the governments of the United Kingdom, China, France, Czechoslovakia, Belgium, the Netherlands, Finland, Greece, Iceland and South Africa.

The diversity of the Corporation's buying is illustrated by examples of orders filled, such as radium and radium accessories for UNRRA in Europe and China, valued at \$1,000,000; automotive spare parts for UNRRA to a value of \$4,000,000; and steel bridging material for China, valued at \$4,000,000. Some 800 head of purebred Ayrshire, Hofstein and Jersey cattle and Yorkshire hogs valued at \$265,000 were exported to China; various chemical fertilizers for use in Europe and the Orient, valued at \$10,000,000, and foodstuffs, such as fish and canned meats, amounting to approximately \$15,000,000, were exported.

Most of these purchases have been made with

loans and credits extended by Canada to foreign governments, and it has been the responsibility of the Canadian Commercial Corporation to ensure that all such purchases were of Canadian manufacture or origin. The Corporation's services involve the calling forward of the goods from suppliers, and transportation arrangements, including inland and ocean shipping, as well as temporary warehousing in certain cases.

The illustration of these services, 18,000 horses were exported to Europe for breeding purposes, with a loss of only 1/30 of 1%, after being brought from western and eastern Canadian sources, inoculated, fed and transported to their distant destinations. There was the case, also, of 12,000 one-day old chicks, which were carried by truck to Buffalo, N.Y., express to Newport News, Virginia, and by air to Poland. Rinderpest vaccine was packed in dry ice and flown to Greece to help combat an epidemic.

New ship construction was contracted for by the Corporation on behalf of France, involving expenditures of some \$62,000,000. The Corporation purchased surplus stores valued at \$60,000,000 from War Assets Corporation. These included ships, clothing, vehicles, machinery and tools. The entire export production of synthetic rubber was purchased from the Polymer Corporation Ltd., to the amount of \$4,200,000.

As the Canadian Commercial Corporation is self-supporting, appropriate charges have been made to UNRRA, foreign governments and other organizations using its services. In the period ended March 31, 1947, these have aggregated \$376,577.74. Against this revenue, the Corporation incurred expenses of \$316,860.72.

END OF U-BOAT: The ex-German submarine U-190 which torpedoed and sank H.M.C.S. "Esquimaux" April 16, 1945 in the eastern approaches to Halifax harbour will be destroyed by the R.C.N. by means of explosives.

Naval authorities have indicated that this will probably take place in the early fall, and that it is possible that both surface craft and aircraft will play a part in sending the one time sea raider to its last account in a realistic anti-submarine exercise.

U-190 was commissioned in the German Navy on September 29, 1942, and is thus not of a recent type, and possesses no equipment of interest or value to the R.C.N. She made six patrols during the war, two of which were in the Atlantic on operations concentrated in the Halifax and Newfoundland areas.

P.P.C.L.I. BAND: Army Headquarters announce the formation of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Band, at Calgary, Alta.

It is the fourth military band authorized for the Canadian Army Active Force, others organized earlier this year being the Royal Canadian Artillery at Shilo, Man.; the Royal Canadian Regiment at Brockville, Ont.; and the Royal 22e Regiment, in Quebec City.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS CHANGES

NEW INFORMATION HEAD: The Department of External Affairs announces the following personnel changes:

S.F. Rae, head of the United States Section of the American and Far Eastern Division to succeed G.C. Andrew as head of the Information Division. Mr. Rae assumed his duties on July 15 at which time Mr. Andrew left the Department to take up his new post at the University of British Columbia.

Allan Anderson, Assistant Head of the Information Division, appointed Information Officer at the Canadian Embassy at Buenos Aires with general responsibility for information duties at other Canadian diplomatic missions in Latin America. Before proceeding to his new post he will be attached for a short period to the American and Far Eastern Division.

Marcel Cadieux has been transferred from the Division of International Organization to the American and Far Eastern Division.

WAR SURPLUS IN FAR NORTH

ARCTIC REGION SALES: During the war every section of Canada was organized for industry, defence, training or observation and the extent and diversity of that organization is indicated by a directive just issued by War Assets Corporation over the signature of E.R. Birchard, vice-president in charge of merchandising. The purpose of the document is the allocation of sales responsibility in the country reached by the Alaska Highway and throughout the Northwest Territories. These vast arctic regions are unknown to the majority of Canadians, yet, despite their remoteness from the populous industrial and agricultural areas they were exceedingly active during the emergency period. Airfields and other stations were developed, and great quantities of stores and equipment were brought into the Yukon and the North plains.

Many of the sites have been reduced in importance, and now buildings, stores and equipment have been declared surplus to War Assets Corporation which has a sales job on locations far from railhead or ports.

The Corporation's Branch sales office at Whitehorse has the task of selling surplus along the Alaska Highway from Smith River to Snag, on White River, south of Dawson and near the border. Last winter the bottom dropped out of the thermometer at Snag to establish new marks in sub-zero records. Whitehorse office also covers the Yukon north to the Arctic waters and to date the staff has sold more than \$300,000 of surplus material.

From Grand Prairie, Alberta, and Dawson Creek, B.C., the Smith River along the Highway, a special sales force located at the Corporation's sub branch sales office at Edmonton, Alberta, is responsible. This staff also sells throughout the Mackenzie River Basin and the Northwest Territories. Prospective buyers and