

maintain this pool at its present level without a training scheme approaching that in operation during the war.

NEW T. AND C. DIVISION: Formation of the Transportation and Communications Division in the Foreign Trade Service, Department of Trade and Commerce, with W. J. Fisher as its director, was announced by Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce.

The Transportation and Communications Division will serve as liaison with the Canadian Maritime Commission and other government departments and commissions concerned with the transportation of goods to and from Canada. Contact will be maintained with commercial and communications interests, and Canadian exporters and importers will be assisted in any traffic problems that may arise. Surveys of specific trade routes and transport facilities will be made to provide factual and practical assistance to external traders, shippers and shipping interests.

The marked increase in Canadian foreign trade, accompanied by an increasing number of enquiries from exporters, importers and government departments, stresses the need for the Transportation and Communications Division to co-ordinate and study the various transportation aspects of our external trade, Mr. Howe stated.

Mr. Fisher, of Calgary, attended Western Canada College and Queens University. Director of Movements in the Canadian Army during the last war, he was previously employed by the Alberta Wheat Pool, and the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways. He was first appointed to the Department of Trade and Commerce in 1946, as Traffic Officer in the Trade Commissioner Service.

UNIVERSITY NAVAL TRAINING: Forerunners of nearly a thousand members of the University Naval Training Divisions who will receive instruction and practical experience at sea this summer, a contingent of 24 from Queen's University, Kingston, sailed from Halifax on April 20, on board the Algerine escort vessel "Portage", recently brought back into commission to help meet the heavy reserve training schedule faced by the R.C.N. this year. The student-seamen are now on the way to Bermuda and two weeks of seafaring.

REGULATIONS AMENDED: Quarantine regulations under the Animal Diseases Act of Canada have recently been amended with particular reference to the entry of hogs into Canada from the United States.

As from April 13, 1948, in addition to any previous requirements under the Act, all hogs coming to Canada must be accompanied by a certificate signed or endorsed by a veterinarian of the United States Bureau of Animal

industry stating that the hogs about to be shipped to Canada are free of brucellosis as determined by blood test conducted within 60 days of the date of exportation, and that the herd in which the hogs were kept during the 12 months immediately preceding date of shipment has been free of brucellosis in so far as can be determined by blood test and herd history. When not accompanied by such a certificate, hogs shall not be discharged from quarantine until they have been submitted to one or more blood tests for brucellosis by an authorized official. Reactors shall be slaughtered forthwith under inspection without compensation or returned to the country of origin.

The reason for these amended regulations is to prevent the introduction of swine brucellosis into Canada, which at present does not exist in the Dominion.

NAVAL APPOINTMENT: Promotion of Captain H. N. Lay, O.B.E., R.C.N., to the acting rank of commodore, and his appointment to the post of Assistant Chief of Naval Staff, was announced by Hon. Brooke Claxton, Minister of National Defence. Commodore Lay has been Director of Naval Plans and Intelligence for the past two years.

In his new appointment, Commodore Lay becomes a member of the Naval Board, and will be vice-chairman of the Naval Staff, the chairmanship remaining with the Vice-Chief of Naval Staff, Rear Admiral F. L. Houghton, C.B.E., R.C.N.

Commodore Lay was born at Skagway, Alaska, on January 23, 1903.

Graduating from the Royal Naval College of Canada in June, 1921, as a midshipman, he subsequently served in a number of Royal Navy and R.C.N. ships and establishments. Four months after the outbreak of the Second World War he was appointed in command of the destroyer H.M.C.S. "Restigouche".

In June, 1940, "Restigouche" took part in the withdrawal of the Allied armies from France. In recognition of "gallantry and distinguished services before the enemy", Commodore Lay was awarded the O.B.E. He was also awarded the Polish Cross of Valour.

He left "Restigouche" a year later to become Director of the Operations Division at Naval Service Headquarters. On October 15, 1943, he was appointed in command of the aircraft carrier, H.M.S. "Nabob". For his services in "Nabob" when she was torpedoed off Norway in August, 1944, he received a mention in despatches.

CANCER RESEARCH: Grants for cancer research totalling \$166,000 have been awarded to 46 applicants from various research centres throughout Canada, the Board of Directors of the National Cancer Institute of Canada announced. Two or three applications are still pending, with action on these to be announced later.

ARCTIC WEATHER STATIONS: Further steps will shortly be taken in the development of the Canadian-United States Arctic weather station programme, announced by the Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe in March of last year, when two more weather reporting stations are established on the northwestern islands of the Canadian Archipelago.

The two new stations will be located about 350 miles northwest of Resolute Bay. One will be established in the southeast of Prince Patrick Island and the other in the southern part of Isachsen Peninsula, Ellef Ringnes Island, their actual locations depending on the securing of satisfactory sites in those areas.

In August and September, 1937, Sir Hubert Wilkins made several flights over the region of Prince Patrick Island while searching for the missing Soviet flyer, Levanevsky. He landed a pontoon aeroplane on several occasions along the shore where it is now hoped to establish a weather station. In the last week in August of the same year, Sir Hubert found many flowers still in bloom and numerous caribou tracks although no animals were seen.

DISCOVERED IN 1900

Isachsen Peninsula was discovered in 1900 by members of the Sverdrup expedition and was next visited by Stefannsson in 1916 and 1917. The establishment of a weather station there will add greatly to the general knowledge of this extremely remote area of Canadian Arctic.

When in operation, both of the new stations will take frequent surface weather reports as well as two observations a day, by means of radiosondes, of the temperature and the humidity of the air up to approximately 50,000 feet. Weather reports will be transmitted every six hours by radio to the main weather centre at Edmonton where they will be disseminated by teletype and radio circuits over the continent of North America and to the weather services of the rest of the world.

The staffs at Prince Patrick Island and Isachsen Peninsula will in each case consist of six men, including a cook. The officer-in-charge at Isachsen will be R. Jones, a native of Swift Current, Sask. P. Chorney, who comes from Port Arthur, Ont., will be in charge at Prince Patrick Island.

A small airstrip, for supply purposes, will be constructed during the summer at each station.

The establishment of these weather stations will provide weather information from a region to which access is extremely difficult, and it is confidently anticipated that meteorologists all over the world will be materially aided in their investigations of the general circulation of the atmosphere and in the long range weather forecasting.

In commenting on the programme last year, Mr. Howe paid tribute to the Canadians and Americans charged with the task of establishing

the Arctic weather stations, stating that the courage and determination of these men will lead to the creation of a valuable network of weather stations in Canada's far flung Arctic regions.

RAILWAY WAGE DISPUTE: Honourable Humphrey Mitchell, Minister of Labour, on Monday announced receipt of the report of a Conciliation Board established to deal with matters in dispute between the Canadian National Railways, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, their jointly owned and/or operated properties and the Ontario Northland Railway, on the one hand, and their employees represented by the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees & Other Transport Workers (CCL). Approximately 28,000 employees are directly affected.

The personnel of the Board was as follows: The Honourable Mr. Justice J. C. A. Cameron, Exchequer Court of Canada, Ottawa, Chairman, appointed by the Minister of Labour in the absence of a joint recommendation from the other two members of the Board; Paul S. Smith, K.C., Montreal, member appointed on the nomination of the employers; and Samuel Baron, Montreal, member appointed on the nomination of the employees.

MATTERS IN DISPUTE

Five matters in dispute between the parties were referred to the Board, involving the union's request for:-

1. a general wage increase of thirty-five (35) cents per hour, effective December 20, 1947;
2. payment for time absent from duty on account of illness, to the extent of 12 days per year, cumulative;
3. a union shop and the check-off of union dues and assessments;
4. liberalization of existing provisions regarding payment for statutory holidays; and
5. a wage increase of ten (10) cents per hour, in addition to that requested for all employees represented by the union, for classified labourers and coal plant operators.

The Board reports a settlement of the dispute regarding payment for statutory holidays. It also reports that the parties have agreed to give further consideration to the question of a special wage increase for classified labourers and coal plant operators and, if unable to arrive at a settlement on this matter, will request the Minister to reconvene the Board for the purpose of dealing with the question.

The Board was unable to bring about a settlement of the other three matters in dispute and submitted its findings and recommendations to the Minister.

The report of the Board, signed by the Chairman and Mr. Smith, contains the following recommendations:-