

Triennial Conference, British Commonwealth Ex-services League—This Conference will open in London, England, on July 11 and will be attended by a large delegation from the Royal Canadian Legion and, for some of the sessions, by official representatives of the Department of Veterans Affairs. The previous Conference was held in Canada in 1963.

Official Visit, War Cemeteries in Italy—Subject to time being available and other considerations, an official visit to the war cemeteries in Italy, of special interest to Canadians, is being planned for this summer. In recent years there have been several official inspections of the war cemeteries in North-west Europe, and a gratifying number of Remembrance ceremonies have been held there, but similar recognition for the war dead in the Italian area has not been possible. I hope that something of that nature can be done this year.

Dominion Convention, Army, Navy & Air Force Veterans in Canada—This is the usual biennial convention and it will be held in the Hotel London, London, Ontario, August 22-26. The official opening will take place on the morning of August 22 and Wednesday August 24, will be devoted to visits to places of local interest. The A.N. & A.F. Ladies Auxiliary holds its national convention at the same time.

Pilgrimage, Hong Kong Veterans—The Hong Kong Veterans Association is organizing a pilgrimage to Hong Kong and Japan late this year, leaving Vancouver November 28 and returning December 14. The Association has asked the Government to arrange appropriate Remembrance ceremonies in Hong Kong and in Japan, and serious consideration is being given to this request. If this can be done, similar tributes will also be arranged for those Canadians who gave their lives to restore peace in Korea.

Reconstruction, Ste. Anne's Hospital—Plans for the rebuilding of Ste. Anne's Hospital, Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Quebec, are proceeding on schedule, and I hope it will be possible to mark the start of construction on this project with a suitable "sod-turning" ceremony some time in the autumn.

I hope you will find this forecast of events of interest, and that it will be useful to you.

Yours sincerely,

Roger Teillet

I would ask the committee if we could now discuss the immediate events that are coming up, starting with the Dominion convention of the Royal Canadian Legion, which will be held in Montreal on April 17, which is actually before our return from recess.

I have been discussing the matter with Mr. Gordon Way, Chief of Information Services, Department of Veterans Affairs, and also with Mr. Don Thompson of the Royal Canadian Legion.

You all have received invitations to this convention.