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Six New Senators: J. Adelard Godbout, Premier of Quebec from 1939 to 1944, and five other Liberal legislators from Eastern Canada were elevated to the Senate Saturday, June 25, the Canadian Press reported under a Montreal dateline.

The Prime Minister, Mr. St. Laurent, returning from Newfoundland to spend the last days of the federal election campaign in his own Province, announced

the appointments, the dispatch continued.

Those appointed to the Upper House besides Mr. Godbout are: Dr. Thomas Vincent Grant of Montague, P.E.I., member of the last Parliament for King's; Henry Read Emmerson of Dorchester, N.B., former member of Parliament for Westmorland; Hon. J. J. Hayes Doone of Black's Harbor, N.B., Secretary-Treasurer in the New Brunswick Government; William Alexander Fraser of Trenton, Ont., former member of Parliament for the Ontario riding of Northumberland; and William Henry Golding of Seaforth, Ont., former member of Parliament for Huron-Perth.

The appointments increase Liberal representation in the 102-seat Upper Chamber from 67 to 73.

Each Senator from Quebec is appointed to represent one of 24 divisions corresponding with former electoral divisions of the old Province of Lower Canada. Mr. Godbout will sit for Montarville.

Canada Votes Today: Today is federal election day in Canada, with 262 members to be elected to the House of Commons from among 846 candidates running. The number of candidates by Parties are; 260 Liberals; 249 Progressive Conservatives; 180 C.C.F.; 55 Union of Electors; 27 Social Credit; 19 Labour Progressives and 58 from minor groups. The number of voters registered is reported by the Canadian Press to be nearly 8,000,000. The standing in the last Parliament was; 125 Liberals; 69 Progressive Conservatives; 32 C.C.F.; 12 Social Credit; 6 others; one vacancy.

The campaign finished at the week-end with the Prime Minister, Mr. St. Laurent, touring the Quebec district and delivering more than half a dozen speeches, according to the Canadian Press; Mr. Drew, the Progressive Conservative Leader, wound up his campaign with an address in the Auditorium in Ottawa: Mr. Coldwell, C.C.F. Leader, spoke at Biggar, Sask.

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Voting hours are from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., local Standard Time.

Election result broadcasts are arranged for from 7 p.m. on until midnight.

Bagotville RCAF Station: A two and one-half million dollar building program is to be carried out for the RCAF at Bagotville, P.Q., to bring the station up to operational requirements, it was announced June 21 by the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Claxton. Bagotville was an active RCAF station during the war, but it has not been used as a permanent base for some years. It was announced last year that Bagotville was being reactivated, in accordance with development of the RCAF's postwar plans.

The work includes extension of the runways, an extensive building program to provide barracks and married quarters, erection of a supply

building, and a new sewage disposal plant.