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Dr. Beauchesne Retires: The Prime Minister, Mr. St-Laurent, made the following announcements on August 5:

1. The Clerk of the House of Commons, Dr. Arthur Beauchesne, C.M.G., has retired after more than twenty-four years' distinguished service in that capacity and a total of thirty-three years' service as an official of the House of Commons.
2. Leon J. Raymond, M.P.-elect for Gatineau, has been appointed Clerk of the House of Commons in place of Dr. Beauchesne. By accepting this office, Mr. Raymond has automatically vacated his seat in the House of Commons.
3. J. Alfred Dion, M.P. for Roberval, will be proposed by the Government for the office of Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Committees of the House of Commons.

Mr. Johnson's Visit: The Minister of National Defence, Mr. Claxton, announced on August 6 that the Hon. Louis Johnson, United States Secretary of Defence, had accepted his invitation to visit Ottawa on Thursday, August 11.

He is expected to arrive at Rockcliffe airport between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m.

"Mr. Johnson is paying us a call for an exchange of views on matters of mutual interest", he said, "and we're looking forward to making his acquaintance."

Mr. Johnson, who was appointed by President Truman last March to head the three armed services of the United States, will meet Prime Minister St. Laurent, Mr. Claxton and other members of the Cabinet Defence Committee shortly after his arrival. At 1:00 p.m. he will lay a wreath at the War Memorial and he will then be the guest for lunch of His Excellency the Hon. Laurence A. Steinhardt, United States Ambassador to Canada. If possible, a press conference will be held in the afternoon, and in the evening the distinguished visitor is to be guest of honour of the Canadian Government at a dinner at the Country Club.

At Rockcliffe the Royal Canadian Air Force will provide a guard of honour for the arrival of the Defence Secretary, and the 30th Field Regiment, RCA, will fire a 19-gun salute as he steps from his plane. In addition, an honour guard from the Canadian Army will attend Mr. Johnson when he lays his wreath at the foot of the Cenotaph.

Harvester Movement: The annual federal-provincial movement of harvesters to the Prairie Provinces is due to commence around August 10, according to an announcement by the Minister of Labour, Mr. Mitchell, on August 6.

The exact number required for the movement is not yet known, but the demand is not as heavy as last year when 2,200 made the trip and it is expected there will be sufficient experienced volunteers to meet the requirements, the Minister explained.

The harvest is somewhat earlier than last year, especially in parts of Manitoba, so the workers will in many cases start work in Manitoba and work West through Saskatchewan and Alberta. The peak of the movement will be reached around August 25th, Mr. Mitchell stated.