

work as quickly as the Board can be organized and take over the actual responsibility for this work from the various local, provincial and military authorities now dealing with it.

"In view of the lump sum grant by the Federal to the Provincial Government, the Government of British Columbia, together with the Flood Relief Committee, the Red Cross and the local authorities, will assume responsibility for whatever relief and rehabilitation measures they deem necessary in the flooded areas not only in the Fraser Valley but elsewhere throughout the province, except as regards the repair and reconstruction of the dykes and the removal of water and debris in the Fraser Valley. It has also been agreed by the two Governments that the armed forces will remain to assist the province until the emergency is ended, and it has been tentatively agreed that the end of the emergency will be regarded as occurring when the water level at Mission falls to 18 feet.

"It was recognized by the Provincial Government that what the armed forces had already spent on relief would be a part of the \$5,000,000 grant, and the amount spent by the armed forces on protecting and repairing the dykes would be a part of the dyking costs.

"The Canadian Army has also undertaken for the present to make available to the Dyking Board a small staff of engineers and the 23rd Field Squadron of Engineers to assist in carrying out a portion of the work. The Federal Government has designated Mr. F.G. Goodspeed, Assistant Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works, to share with provincial authorities responsibility for work on the dykes and related matters, and has designated officials of the Department of Agriculture and the Department of National Health and Welfare to assist the provincial authorities...."

CANADIAN COMMERCIAL CORPORATION: The various activities of the Canadian Commercial Corporation during the year ended March 31, 1948 were outlined on June 25 when the annual report of the Crown-operated agency was tabled in the House of Commons by Rt. Hon. C.D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce.

The report reviews the Corporation's activities as procurement agent in Canada for foreign governments and agencies, and the assistance it has given Canadian importers and exporters in buying or selling their goods outside of Canada. The Corporation continued to act as exclusive purchasing agent for the Department of National Defence, placing more than 45,000 contracts for stores valued at almost \$82,225,000. This, together with all other activities, brought the total value of new business placed by the Corporation during the year to \$170,972,066.

Winding up all purchasing in Canada on behalf of UNRRA, the Corporation awarded contracts on its behalf amounting to \$21,483,470 during the year. Other governments and agencies for whom the Corporation placed contracts

totalling \$55,795,419 included Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Chile, China, France, Czechoslovakia, Germany (Joint Export-Import Agency), Greece, Japan, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, and the United States.

With the exception of its services on behalf of the Department of National Defence, the Corporation served only those government departments or agencies concerned with foreign trade. These included the Departments of External Affairs and Trade and Commerce, principally in connection with Canada's post-UNRRA relief programme, and the International Trade Fair, Canadian Arsenals Ltd., and the Commodity Prices Stabilization Corporation, for whom contracts were placed in the aggregate totalling \$11,470,099.

As the Canadian Commercial Corporation is self-supporting, appropriate charges have been made to the Governments and agencies using its services. During the year ended March 31, 1948, these have amounted to \$1,143,598.80. Against this revenue, the Corporation incurred expenses of \$886,219.52.

SASKATCHEWAN ELECTION: The results in the June 24 election in Saskatchewan were as follows:--

	1948	1944
CCF.....	31	47
Lib.....	18	5
L-PC.....	1	--
*Services.....	--	3
Deferred.....	2	--
Total.....	52	55

*Active Service representation ended at dissolution.

NEW BRUNSWICK ELECTION: The final standing in the June 28 New Brunswick election was:--

	1948	1944
Lib.....	47	36
P.C.....	5	12
Total.....	52	48

Premier John B. McNair and his entire Cabinet were reelected in the voting.

LIQUOR VOTE IN P.E.I.: Government control of liquor sales won over prohibition by more than a 2 to 1 majority in the June 28 plebiscite.

MARKETINGS OF WHEAT: Stocks of Canadian wheat in store or in transit in North America at midnight on June 17 totalled 50,113,015 bushels compared with 52,726,753 bushels in the preceding week and 72,430,487 on the corresponding date last year, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Deliveries of wheat from farms in the Prairie Provinces during the week ending June 17 amounted to 4,450,813 bushels as against 4,108,579 in the preceding week.