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tually agree upon another means of settlement be referred at the request of either party to a Commission composed of one representative of each party and a third member selected by mutual agreement of the two parties from nationals of a third country. His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, in the circumstances, request that the dispute be referred to a Commission constituted in this manner and they have instructed His Majesty's Legation to invite the Hungarian (Roumanian) Government to join with His Majesty's Government in appointing such a Commission.

"4. His Majesty's Governments in Canada, Australia and New Zealand between whom and the Government disputes have also arisen, wish to be associated with the terms of this note."

MAJOR-GENERAL WEEKS RETIRES: The Minister of National Defence, Mr. Claxton, announced on August 3 the forthcoming retirement of the Army's adjutant-general, Major-General Ernest G. Weeks, CB, CBE, MC, MM, 53, after a distinguished military career of more than 38 years and outstanding service in two world wars.

His successor will be Brigadier W.H. S. Macklin, CBE, 49, former vice adjutant-general, who takes over his new duties in the rank of major-general on August 15. Gen. Weeks goes on retirement leave on that date.

"The Canadian Army," Mr. Claxton said, "is losing the services, through Gen. Weeks' retirement, of a distinguished fighting soldier and a great administrator. Enlisting in the ranks of the Signal Corps in the First Great War, he won the Military Medal and Bar. He was commissioned in the field and then won the Military Cross and Bar. He is one of the very few officers who has twice won each of these high awards for bravery in action.

"In the recent war Gen. Weeks again served with distinction, both as a General Staff officer and as a senior administrative officer in Canada, Italy and the United Kingdom. As adjutant-general during the readjustment of the Canadian Army to a peacetime basis, his capacity, his hard work, his experience and his absolute fairness were responsible for overcoming most of the problems arising during that difficult time. Since then he has just as capably directed the expanding administrative branch of the peacetime Active Force, the largest in Canada's history. The fact that he leaves it now as a sound structure is in no small measure due to his own devoted and distinguished service."

WHEAT STOCKS: Stocks of Canadian wheat in store or in transit in North America at midnight on July 14 amounted to 59,794,000 bushels compared with 65,263,000 on July 7, and 41,569,000 on the corresponding date last year, according to the Bureau of Statistics.

UNITS OLDER THAN CONFEDERATION: Two of the oldest regiments in the Canadian Army Reserve Force, the Halifax Rifles (23rd Armoured Regiment) and the Queen's York Rangers (25th Armoured Regiment), got together at Petawawa last week for six days of intensive field training.

Both regiments can trace their origin to the days before Confederation.

History of the Halifax Rifles dates back to May, 1860 and of the Queen's York Rangers to September, 1866.

Present officer commanding the Rifles is Lt.-Col. G.B.H. Cox who is proud of the fact that two former premiers of Canada -- Sir Charles Tupper and Sir Robert Borden -- served with the regiment. The late Hon. F.F. Mathers, a former Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, also served with the unit.

Several members of the Rifles can trace their families' association with the regiment for generations. Capt. J.E. Barnaby, for instance, is the ninth member of his family to serve in the regiment. His father and seven brothers at one time or another enlisted in and served with the unit.

CARLOADINGS: Carloadings on Canadian railways for the week ended July 23 totalled 74,526 cars compared with a revised figure of 73,210 cars in the preceding week and 78,433 cars in the corresponding week last year, according to the Bureau of Statistics. Loadings in the eastern division were 50,399 cars compared with 53,800 cars in the 29th week of 1948, while western loadings were off slightly from 24,633 to 24,127 cars. Cumulative totals for the year-to-date amounted to 2,096,379 cars, a decrease of 3.3 per cent from the same period last year. Eastern loadings were down, while the total for the western division was improved.

BUTTER STOCKS: The domestic disappearance of butter in May, including creamery, dairy and whey butter, amounted to 26,750,000 pounds, a decline of 3,000,000 or 9.7 per cent from the same month last year, according to the Bureau of Statistics. On a per capita basis the domestic disappearance amounted to 2.06 pounds as against 2.31 pounds a year ago.

STORE SALES UP 13 PER CENT: Department store sales rose 13 per cent during the week ending July 23 over the corresponding week last year, according to preliminary figures issued by the Bureau of Statistics. All regions of the country participated in the rise, sales in Manitoba showing a sharp advance of 41 per cent, followed by Saskatchewan and Alberta each 16 per cent, British Columbia 15 per cent, the Maritime Provinces 14 per cent, Ontario five per cent, and Quebec one per cent.