

REPORTING PARLIAMENT

**BOARD OF TRANSPORT COMMISSIONERS:** The following is the statement made by the Prime Minister, Mr. King, regarding the Board of Transport Commissioners, in the House of Commons, June 8.

"On May 26th, I gave in this House a statement as to the legislation which remained to be dealt with during the present Session. At that time I indicated that amendments to the Judges Act and to the Railway Act relating to the Board of Transport Commissioners would be introduced.

"The proposed legislation has reference to Government plans for a reconstitution of the Board of Transport Commissioners in view of substantially increased responsibilities which it is expected that Board will have to assume over the coming years. I am now in a position to give further details regarding the proposed legislation.

"A single bill will be introduced to amend the Railway Act, the Exchequer Court Act and the Judges Act, 1946. This bill will provide that a Judge of the Exchequer Court of Canada shall hold the office of Chief Commissioner of the Board of Transport Commissioners. Such Judge, however, while acting as Chief Commissioner will devote his full time to the work of the Board.

"The bill will also provide, with a consequential amendment in the Judges Act of 1946, that in the light of the foregoing change the Exchequer Court will be increased by one, to consist thereafter of the President and four Judges, instead of the President and three Judges as at present.

TEN YEAR TERM

"The bill will not in any way change the term of appointment to the post of Chief Commissioner from a ten-year period. When a Judge of the Exchequer Court has served for this term as Chief Commissioner he will, unless his term of office is extended, return to the Exchequer Court; his successor will then be appointed from that body.

"Colonel J.A. Cross, C.M.G., D.S.O., K.C., whose term of office expires in February, 1950, having been advised of the intention of the Government to reconstitute the Board as indicated and of the heavy additional duties and responsibilities which the Board will be expected to perform over the coming years, has informed me that, in the circumstances, taking into consideration the fact that he is not far from completing his term of office as Chairman, it would be in the best interests of all concerned for the Government to make immediate arrangements for a new appointment to the post of Chief Commissioner and has accordingly tendered his resignation as Chief Commissioner of the Board, to take effect at the pleasure of the Government.

"The Government shares the view expressed by Colonel Cross, and intends to accept his

resignation as soon as the bill I have referred to is enacted. I am pleased to be able to announce that the Honourable Maynard Brown Archibald, a member of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, has agreed, when the necessary legislation has been passed, to accept the appointment of Chief Commissioner of the Board of Transport Commissioners. Mr. Justice Archibald will then be first appointed to the Exchequer Court of Canada and immediately thereafter be named as Chief Commissioner of the Board.

"I should like to take advantage of this opportunity to extend to Colonel Cross the thanks of the Government for the valuable services performed by him during the years he has been holding the very responsible position of Chief Commissioner of the Board of Transport Commissioners...."

**FEDERAL BYELECTION RESULTS:** The results of the two federal byelections of Tuesday, June 8, were reported by Canadian Press on June 9 as follows:--

ONTARIO RIDING  
(Complete 150 polls)

Arthur Williams, CCF.....	10,301
Lyman Gifford, Lib.....	8,324
Frank McCallum, PC.....	7,555

VANCOUVER CENTRE  
(Complete 183 Polls)

Rodney Young, CCF.....	9,935
Ralph Campney, Lib.....	7,570
Lyle Jestley, PC.....	5,242

UNITED NATIONS

**ON TRUCE RESOLUTION:** The following statement was made by George Ignatieff, Representative of Canada, on the implementation of the Truce Resolution for Palestine, in the Security Council, on June 2.

"On behalf of the Canadian delegation, I should like to express our satisfaction with the favourable and unconditional response from the parties concerned which has been received by the Security Council to the Resolution adopted on 29th May, 1948.

"The implementation of the resolution now rests upon the good will of the parties engaged in this conflict and upon the initiative of the mediator, who has been appointed by the United Nations and should be given all the support, encouragement and confidence which he has a right to expect from this organization, and from the Security Council in particular.

"For these reasons, I suggest that the proposal made by the President to accede to the suggestions of the mediator should be accepted. However, I should like to associate myself with the view just expressed by Mr. Austin that the delay before the cease-fire comes into effect should be as short as possible."