

PARLIAMENT PROROGUED: The First Session of the Twenty-Second Parliament was prorogued on June 26 after a modern record of 139 sitting days. Eighty-one bills were passed and August 5 set as the provisional date for reassembling Parliament.

The Speech from the Throne, read by Mr. Justice Patrick Kerwin, Deputy Governor-General, read, in part, as follows:

"As I bring the present session to a close, the political tension throughout the world is a grim reminder that the first concern of the Government must be the maintenance of the necessary strength to deter aggression while we continue to strive for the establishment of peace in the world.

"Our country is meeting every commitment we have made for our national defence and for international projects for relief, rehabilitation, technical assistance and the economic advancement of other peoples materially less fortunate than our own.

"Our external trade continues at a high level. Although there is still in western Canada a huge volume of wheat resulting from three successive record crops, our grain exports continue to exceed the ten year average.

"You have approved a trade agreement with Japan designed to assist in developing our growing trade with that country. Trade agreements have also been concluded, for the first time, with Spain and Portugal which, with improved arrangements with Italy and Brazil, should assist us in the recovery of historic markets in those countries.

"In recognition of the growing importance of our northern territories, you enacted legislation establishing the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources.

"We all rejoiced at the recent decision of the Supreme Court of the United States which removed the last serious legal obstacle to the development of the St. Lawrence project and which now clears the way for actual construction of both the navigation facilities and the power installations. . . ."

It then went on to list many of the measures which were passed, and cite their importance.

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HONOURED BY U.S.: The President of the United States has approved the award of the United States Air Medal to four Canadian airmen for their meritorious achievements against the enemy while flying F86 Sabre-jet aircraft with the U.S. Fifth Air Force during the Korean conflict.

Citations show that Squadron Leader W.W. (Bill) Fox, Squadron Leader John MacKay, DFC, Flight Lieutenant William H.E. Bliss and Flight Lieutenant Robert D. Carew, "through their personal courage, outstanding airmanship and exemplary devotion to duty have reflected great credit upon themselves, the Far East Air Forces, and the Royal Canadian Air Force".

AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN: The Secretary of State for External Affairs on June 28 announced the following appointments:

Mr. T.C. Davis, who until recently was Canadian Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany and Head of the Canadian Military Mission, Berlin, is appointed Canadian Ambassador to Japan. He will take up his new post in September, succeeding Mr. R.W. Mayhew who will be retiring from the diplomatic service.

Mr. George L. Magann is appointed Canadian Minister to Austria. He will act in that capacity jointly with his present duties as Canadian Ambassador to Switzerland. Mr. Magann succeeds the late Dr. Victor Doré, C.M.G.; who had retired from his posts in Berne and Vienna in October 1953.

The post of Legal Adviser to the Department has been re-established and Mr. Max H. Wershof is appointed to it, with the rank of Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs. He has been serving as Acting Assistant Under-Secretary since the beginning of the year.

Mr. Jean Fournier, who is now Counsellor of the Canadian Embassy in Paris, is appointed Canadian Consul General in Boston. He succeeds the late Dr. George S. Patterson, who died on November 8, 1953.

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AMBASSADOR OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: His Excellency Rafael Paino Pichardo on June 29 presented to the Honourable Mr. Justice Patrick Kerwin, Deputy Governor-General, his Letter of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Dominican Republic to Canada.

Mr. Pichardo, who was born in 1889, has held a number of important posts in his country's Government. Since his entry into the foreign service of the Dominican Republic, he has served as Inspector of Legations and Consulates; Special Envoy to Great Britain, the French West Indies and Haiti; Minister to Chile and to Peru. He has also represented his country at various international conferences. Prior to his appointment to Canada, he was a member of his country's Congress.

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Federal civil servants in March this year numbered 137,270, up from 135,884 the previous month and 131,161 in March last year. Their earnings in the month totalled \$35,075,058 compared to \$34,819,104 in February and \$30,871,304 a year earlier.

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Since the war 2,170 teachers have emigrated from Canada to the United States, according to figures supplied to the Bureau by the U.S. Immigration Service. Of these, 787 left the country in the last three years. At the time of the 1951 Census there were 102,578 teachers in Canada.