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## WEEKS' EVENTS IN REVIEW

**PRAIRIE CROP REPORT:** Another week of above-normal temperatures throughout the Prairie Provinces has facilitated progress of seeding and promoted rapid growth of crops. Rains have further aided growth in Manitoba and parts of Saskatchewan and conditions here are not too far behind normal for this time of year. In north-western, west-central and northern areas of Saskatchewan and in wide areas of Alberta early rains are required to replenish top-soil moisture supplies and to promote germination and growth of large acreages of late-seeded crops. In some local areas immediate rainfall is required to prevent serious deterioration. Grasshopper infestations are particularly serious in central and south-central Saskatchewan and extensive control measures are being undertaken. In general, the outlook at this time is promising but the lateness of the crops over the greater part of Alberta and much of Saskatchewan is giving rise to some concern over possible damage from early frosts.

Crops are very little behind average in Manitoba due to higher temperatures during the past few weeks.

Crop growth to date in Saskatchewan has been generally good although germination of late-sown grains is slow on account of drying top-soil.

With some exceptions crops throughout Alberta, though late, are in good condition with soil moisture in fair to good supply.

**CABINET CHANGES:** The Prime Minister announced in the House of Commons on Friday the resignation of Hon. J.A. Glen, as Minister of Mines and Resources, due to ill health. Mr. Glen, 71 years of age, has been seriously ill for several weeks. He will be succeeded as Minister of Mines and Resources by Hon. James A. MacKinnon, who is resigning as Minister of Fisheries. The new Minister of Fisheries is R.W. Mayhew, Liberal member for Victoria, who has been Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance, Mr. Abbott.

There are also some changes in Parliamentary Assistants. Robert Winters, Queens-Lunenburg, changes over from the Revenue to the Transport Ministry. Thomas Reid of New Westminster changes over from the Fisheries to the Revenue Ministry, and J. Watson MacNaught, of Prince, succeeds Mr. Reid as Parliamentary Assistant in the Department of Fisheries. L.A. Mutch, Winnipeg South, becomes Parliamentary Assistant in the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR:** At the end of the first week of the Canadian International Trade Fair in Toronto 18,000 visiting buyers had been registered at the reception centre, and it is expected that more than 30,000 businessmen from all parts of the world will have passed through the turnstiles before the big show closes its doors until next year.

**ECONOMIC CONDITIONS:** Production has moved upward throughout the first part of the year and prices which had shown signs of stabilizing in March rose again in April, according to the April issue of the Canadian Statistical Review just released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. April's upsurge in department store sales may be due in part to the repayment of compulsory savings that occurred towards the end of March. Contracts for residential construction have continued at more than double last year's level.

Weekly carloading data indicate a further rise in industrial activity during April. Shipments of ores and concentrates and manufactured iron and steel products have been especially strong. In the iron and steel group, carloadings both of primary products and of autos, machinery and implements reached post-war peaks.

#### MARCH INDEX 182.9

The seasonally adjusted index of industrial production has continued to move gradually upward throughout the first quarter of 1948 and the index for March was 182.9, about 3.3 per cent higher than March 1947. The new plant and equipment constructed during the past two years and the increased employment that has accompanied it have both been factors in this rising trend. In manufacturing, where the index for March reached a new peacetime high of 194.2, activity based on iron and steel has been especially strong. Steel production for the month was over 286,000 tons and current output now exceeds the wartime peak. Automobile shipments showed a strong recovery from the interruptions caused by power shortages in the first two months of the year and March shipments were about five per cent above the 1947 high reached last October. Another heavy steel consumer, agricultural implements, is also expanding strongly and employment at March 1 was up more than 10 per cent over the last quarter of 1947.

Accompanying this growth in industrial production and employment throughout the early part of 1948 was a slightly higher level of unemployment. Unusually sharp seasonal declines in two industries, logging and building construction, are largely responsible for this development. Despite this small rise in unemployment, total employment was somewhat higher than a year earlier and in only one area did unemployment exceed five per cent of the total labour force. In the Maritimes, estimated unemployment in the week ending February 21 amounted to about 5.9 per cent of the labour force in that area; for Canada as a whole only slightly over three per cent of the labour force were unemployed.

Along with this larger production and increased employment there has been a renewed trend toward rising prices.

**RCAF OF 1948:** Speeding across Canada's skies in jet-propelled Vampire and fast four engine North Star aircraft, the RCAF of 1948 is emerging from its post-war re-organization as a streamlined service capable of serving Canada in peace and war, more than four times as large as in 1939 and capable of rapid expansion in the event of an emergency.

Today's RCAF has three main components, the RCAF Regular, with an established strength of 16,100 (manned to 75% in 1948); the RCAF Auxiliary, 15 squadrons (4,500 personnel); and the RCAF Reserve, a large and important pool of trained veterans.

Operational elements of the RCAF Regular which have been, are being, or will be formed, in the near future consist of: 1 Coastal Reconnaissance squadron (Lancaster), 2 Transport squadrons (North Star and Dakota), 1 Mobile Tactical Wing (Mitchell, Mustang, Dakota, Auster), 1 Interceptor Fighter Wing (Vampire) and 2 Photo Survey squadrons (Lancaster, Mitchell and Dakota), and a Search and Rescue organization.

#### 2 GEOGRAPHICAL COMMANDS

Two geographical Commands cover Canada. Central Air Command with headquarters at Trenton, Ont. is responsible for the eastern section, and North West Air Command with headquarters at Edmonton, Alta., covers the western part of the country. Maintenance Command is responsible for functional duties of equipment, supply and construction in the RCAF, and Air Transport Command controls all Air Force transport operations.

Eighty-five per cent of the Regular force is made up of ground crew tradesmen, who receive training at Camp Borden, Aylmer, Clinton, Trenton, and Rockcliffe. Training is not confined to recruits but many of the wartime tradesmen have been re-mustered to other trades and are given refresher courses. In addition more than 2,500 airmen are at present taking correspondence courses to raise their academic standing, and "In Service" academic training at Aylmer, Ont., is bringing trainees up to matriculation standards in mathematics and science.

Aircrew training is now in full swing and flying schools are holding their first post-war wings parades this summer. Aircrew training is now confined to two groups - pilots and radio-navigators. Under a new plan, qualified high school graduates and airmen, selected from the ranks, train as aircrew, are commissioned upon graduation and then complete a six-year short service period as aircrew. Some are then selected for permanent commissions and the remainder are appointed to the Auxiliary or Reserve, with substantial gratuities. This scheme is aimed at keeping average age of aircrew at a low figure and furnishing a constant flow of trained personnel to the Auxiliary or Reserve Forces.

**CANADA - U.S. - WEATHER STATIONS:** Three United States ships -- a Navy icebreaker, a Coast Guard icebreaker and a Navy cargo ship -- will proceed to Canadian Arctic waters this summer to resupply the existing weather stations which, as previously announced, have been jointly established there by the Canadian and United States Governments and to reconnoitre sites for further weather stations to be jointly installed next year. Canadian representatives will participate in the expedition, it is announced by the Minister of Transport, Mr. Chevrier.

The ships will be commanded by Captain George J. Dufek, United States Navy, embarked in the U.S.S. "Edisto", icebreaker. Other vessels participating in the cruise will be the U.S.C.G. "Eastwind", icebreaker, and the U.S.S. "Wyandot", cargo vessel.

The primary purpose of the expedition is the resupply of the 4 weather stations that have been established at Slidre Fjord, Eureka Sound; Resolute Bay, Cornwallis Island; South-Eastern Prince Patrick Island; and Isachsen Peninsula, Ellef Ringnes Island.

Helicopters carried aboard the vessels will make short-range flights to assist in navigation through the ice pack.

The "Edisto" will be commanded by Commander E.C. Folger, United States Navy; the "Wyandot" by Captain J.D. Dickey, United States Navy, and the "Eastwind" by Captain J.A. Flynn, U.S.C.G.

**BULGARIAN REQUIREMENT:** The Department of External Affairs has been advised that a recent Bulgarian law for the nationalization of urban real estate requires that foreigners owning such property, should register by June 15, 1948, a declaration of ownership with the Municipal Peoples' Council of the municipality in which the property is located.

The Bulgarian law is understood to define urban real property, subject to nationalization, as property owned by private persons and corporations for which receipt of income from invested capital is obtained and which is situated within the limits of urbanization plans.

The Department of External Affairs is requesting an extension of the deadline for the registration of such declarations, but is unable to state whether favourable action will be taken by the Bulgarian authorities on this request.

**BLOOD SERUM FOR B.C.:** Two hundred and fifty bottles of dried blood serum, stored in Ottawa for emergency use, left here by plane June 4 for the flood-stricken areas of British Columbia.

Acting in response to an appeal from the blood transfusion service of the Canadian Red Cross Society, the shipment was prepared by the Laboratory of Hygiene of the Department of National Health and Welfare.

**PRAIRIE GAS RESERVES:** The Hon. James A. MacKinnon, Acting Minister of Mines and Resources announced June 3 that proven gas reserves in the Prairie Provinces total 1,433 billion cubic feet with a probable reserve estimated at an additional 2,250 billion cubic feet according to information provided in a report prepared by Dr. G.S. Hume, Geological Survey of Canada, and A. Ignatieff, Bureau of Mines.

The proven reserves are the fields that have had production history and calculations are made on the basis of the decline in pressure for volume of gas produced. Proven areas are Viking-Kinsella-Fabyan, Medicine Hat-Redcliff, Bow Island, Foremost, Brooks, Vermillion and Turner Valley. All of these fields are in the province of Alberta.

Probable reserves are the fields where gas has been indicated by the drilling of a certain number of wells and where sufficient data are available on which an appraisal may be made.

Potential reserves are those areas where gas is known to exist, but where insufficient information is available on which to make a calculation. Such reserves in Alberta are believed to be enormous.

**RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION:** The early spring break-up is reflected in increased activity in residential construction, the number of dwelling units completed in April being estimated at 6,729 units as compared with 4,055 in March, while construction was commenced on 8,273 units compared with 3,109. Comparable data for 1947 are available only for the urban centres with a population of 5,000 or more which account for about 85 per cent of the total completions in the first four months of 1948. For these areas, starts in the first four months of 1948 were about 40 per cent higher than in 1947, while completions were about 60 per cent higher.

The average length of time required to build the dwelling units completed in April was about 7.7 months and about one-fifth took longer than nine months to complete.

**SUMMARY OF STRIKES:** Time loss through work stoppages arising out of industrial disputes in Canada during the first four months of 1948 was 60 per cent less than that recorded for the same period in 1947, it was announced by Honourable Humphrey Mitchell, Minister of Labour, in issuing the monthly summary of strikes and lockouts for April, 1948.

Preliminary figures for April, 1948, show 16 strikes and lockouts, involving 4,491 workers, with a time loss of 49,396 man-working days, as compared with 14 strikes in March, with 3,725 workers involved and a time loss of 56,808 days. In April, 1947, there were 29 strikes, involving 17,988 workers, with a time loss of 365,687 days.

**ENGINEERING INSTITUTE ANNUAL:** Banff National Park in the scene this week of the Annual Meeting of the Engineering Institute of Canada.

Delegates from all parts of Canada are taking part in the scientific discussions of particular importance at this time. These include problems of scientific management, water and forest conservation, hydro development, irrigation projects, flood control, highway engineering, rural electrification, community planning, electronics, pulp and paper, and related matters.

One of the most important items on the agenda deals with the conservation measures being planned for the east slope of the Canadian Rockies. A paper on this subject is being delivered by General Howard Kennedy, Chairman of the Eastern Rockies Forest Conservation Board.

Several medals for notable contributions to the development of Canada will be presented during the course of the Conference. Dr. G. S. Hume, Chief of the Geological Survey of Canada, Department of Mines and Resources, is to receive the Leonard Medal for his paper, "Results and Significance of Drilling Operations in the Athabaska Bituminous Sands".

**HYGIENE LABORATORY HEAD:** James Gibbard of Highland Park has been promoted by the Civil Service Commission to head the Laboratory of Hygiene in the Department of National Health and Welfare the Minister, Hon. Paul Martin, announced June 4.

A member of the federal civil service for 20 years, Mr. Gibbard served first as a chemist-bacteriologist and later as senior bacteriologist in the Laboratory of Hygiene. In January, 1946, he was appointed assistant chief of the Laboratory and has been its acting head since the resignation of Dr. R. J. Gibbons.

**SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS:** Sales of securities by residents of Canada to buyers in other countries in March, were approximately equal to purchases from other countries, the transactions in each case aggregating \$15,600,000, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Sales increased by \$2,600,000 from the previous month and purchases increased by \$100,000. During the first quarter of 1948, net purchases from all countries totalled \$5,100,000, representing a continuation of the general trend of 1947 which resulted in a purchase balance of \$18,000,000 in the year's transactions.

Transactions with the United States in March resulted in a sales balance for the first time since October 1947. The balance was not large, amounting to \$600,000, and was due principally to sales of new Canadian bond issues floated in Canada. Transactions in outstanding bond issues and in common and preferred stocks resulted in a small purchase balance of \$400,000.

The volume of trade with the United Kingdom in March was the largest in any month since September 1947. The purchase balance of \$500,000 was principally due to repurchases of Canadian provincials and municipals and Canadian stocks. In transactions with other countries, sales and purchases each amounted to \$200,000.

**COST-OF-LIVING INDEX:** The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index, on the base 1935-39=100, rose from 151.6 for April 1 to 153.3 for May 1, with substantial increases for meats and vegetables accounting for a major proportion of the advance. A year ago the index was 133.1. From August 1939 to May 1 this year the cost-of-living index has advanced 52.1 per cent.

The food index mounted from 186.8 on April 1 to 191.2; apart from meats and vegetables, price changes were moderate with slightly lower citrus fruit quotations partially offsetting scattered advances in other food sub-groups. Increases for coal, coke and gas moved the fuel and light index from 121.3 to 122.7.

The rentals index rose from 119.9 to 120.9. Changes in clothing and homefurnishings were small when compared with those of the past few months. The clothing index rose fractionally from 172.9 to 173.6, while advances and declines in the homefurnishings and services group balanced, leaving this index at 161.9. The miscellaneous item index likewise remained unchanged at 122.9.

**WHOLESALE PRICES:** The weekly index number of industrial material prices, on the base 1926=100, continued to rise, moving from 150.1 for the week ending April 30 to 151.5 for the week ending May 28. Among the more important commodities to show increases were wool, structural shapes, coal, oats and livestock, while raw rubber and raw cotton were somewhat easier. The sharp rise, from 141.7 to 144.3, in the Canadian farm products index was due largely to increases in grains, potatoes, livestock, hides and wool. At the present level this index shows an advance of approximately 120 per cent over May, 1939.

**RAILWAY OPERATIONS:** Earnings from the operations of Canadian railways in March reached \$69,106,000; the highest March figure on record, according to figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The gain over March last year was 5.2 per cent. Freight revenues for the month were \$54,779,000 as compared with \$51,550,000, and passenger revenues totalled \$6,577,000 compared with \$6,353,000. Operating expenses amounted to \$60,857,000 as against \$55,703,000. The number of employees at 173,000, was up fractionally, while the total of all payrolls for the month was \$35,404,000 as against \$33,837,000.

Revenue freight carried reached 14,595,000 tons in March, a gain of 4.5 per cent or 632,000 tons over March last year to establish a new peacetime record for the month. The average length of haul was down from last year. Number of passengers carried receded from 3,478,000 to 3,308,000, but average passenger journey increased from 77 to 82 miles.

**CARLOADINGS ON RAILWAYS:** The disastrous floods in the Fraser Valley, having severed freight connections with the west coast for the first time in railway history, the present car loading report appears as a preliminary edition due to incomplete figures from the western lines of one system.

In the eastern division, 49,626 cars were loaded during the week compared with 53,090 in the preceding week and 54,269 in the week ending May 31, 1947. The cumulative total of loadings for the eastern division in the first 22 weeks was 1,085,830 cars, an increase of 61,711 cars or six per cent over the same period of 1947, due mainly to increases in loadings of coal, ores and products of the forest.

**INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT:** Industrial employment in Canada at the beginning of April showed its fourth successive decline. The general contraction was seasonal in character, conforming to the pattern indicated in 21 of the 27 years during which monthly statistics have been compiled, but was rather above-average in extent. The index number of employment, based on 1926 as 100, fell from 188.9 at March 1 to 186.5 at April 1, when it was higher than at the same date in any earlier year of the record, exceeding by 3.2 per cent the index of 180.7 at April 1, 1947, previously the maximum for the early spring.

The weekly salaries and wages disbursed at April 1 by the leading firms furnishing returns in the eight major industrial groups aggregated \$75,322,239 as compared with \$77,192,239 disbursed by the same employers on or about March 1. The decrease, amounting to 2.4 per cent, was due in part to the decline in employment, and in part to the loss in working time occasioned by the observance of the Easter holidays.

Data were tabulated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics from 18,686 of the larger employers in the eight major industrial divisions, whose staffs numbered 1,929,820 at the beginning of April; as compared with 1,954,410 at March 1, there was a decrease of 24,590 persons, or 1.3 per cent. Employment generally for workers of both sexes showed a slackening, the loss among men being particularly marked.

The most pronounced change in employment at April 1 as compared with March 1 was the large seasonal reduction of 25.6 per cent in logging.

**MOTOR VEHICLES:** Retail sales of new motor vehicles in April totalled 19,007 units, involving a total of \$36,165,000, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. This was slightly lower than the sales made in March and there was also a reduction below April 1947 when 19,776 vehicles sold for \$33,468,000. Passenger car sales totalled 11,603 compared with 12,299 a year ago, while the number of commercial units sold was 7,404 compared with 6,877.

**FRUIT CROP PROSPECTS:** Reports of conditions at the middle of May in the fruit producing areas of Canada indicated that the spring in both the Maritimes and British Columbia had been cool and backward. In the Maritimes, while growth has been slow, fruit bud development in the orchards is promising. The early crop prospects for strawberries is generally good. Raspberry canes on the other hand show winter injury but the extent of the damage is not yet known.

The bloom in the apple orchards of Ontario and Quebec appears to be irregular with early winter varieties bearing the heaviest loads of bloom. Pear trees in western Ontario bloomed heavily except in the Peel-York and Georgian Bay areas. Other tree fruits were in full bloom or past the peak on May 15. The outlook for strawberries in both Ontario and Quebec is good. While raspberries wintered well in Quebec, some injury is reported in eastern Ontario.

Mid-May prospects for all fruit crops in British Columbia were good.

**RADIO EXPERT TO OSLO:** F. T. Davies, superintendent of the Radio Propagation Laboratories of the Defence Research Board, will attend the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics to be held at Oslo, Norway, August 17 to 27, it has been announced by the Minister of National Defence.

Other Canadian delegates will represent the National Research Council, the Department of Mines and Resources, the Dominion Observatory, the Meteorological Office, the Arctic Institute and Canadian universities. The Canadians will present 20 papers dealing with geophysics and related subjects.

While in Europe, Mr. Davies will also attend an International Radio Scientific Union meeting in Stockholm, Sweden, and scientific meetings in London.

At the same time it has been announced that J. C. W. Scott, of the Defence Research Board, has returned from Geneva, Switzerland, where he was scientific adviser to the Canadian delegation attending a meeting of the International Telecommunications Union. This conference, at which all major countries are represented, is engaged in allotting worldwide radio frequencies.

**BRITISH COLUMBIA ASSISTANCE:** The Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, on June 8 made the following statement regarding the floods in the Fraser Valley:

"Since his arrival in Ottawa Hon. Byron I. Johnson, the Premier of British Columbia has been conferring with the Minister of Finance and other members of the Government as well as myself regarding arrangements for co-operation between the two Governments in meeting the appalling situation in the Fraser Valley which the federal Government had recognized from the outset as a national disaster demanding action beyond the resources of the Provincial Government.

"After consideration by the Cabinet today, the federal Government agreed to accept financial liability for measures of relief and rehabilitation arising from the flooding of the Fraser Valley on the following basis:

1. The costs of temporary emergency relief to be divided equally between the two Governments;
2. The costs of emergency measures already taken or being taken for protecting and strengthening the dikes and for their eventual reconstruction, and for the restoration of the protected lands by the pumping out of flood waters, to be met 75% by the federal Government and the remaining 25% by the provincial Government;
3. The costs of rehabilitating the areas affected by the floods to be settled by subsequent agreement between the two Governments after receiving a report on the extent of damage from The Fraser Valley Relief and Rehabilitation Commission.

"In calculating the federal share of the cost of emergency relief and of protecting and restoring the dikes, it was understood that costs incurred by the federal authorities through the provision of services and supplies, and as a result of the employment of the armed services would be taken into account.

"Both Governments have already directed their representatives, General Hoffmeister and Mr. Hamber, not to permit the working out of detailed arrangements to delay action urgently required to provide adequate emergency relief, or to maintain, to repair or to restore the dikes."

**DR. SKEY APPOINTMENT:** Dr. A. J. Skey of the Defence Research Board, Ottawa, has been appointed assistant to Colonel G. M. Carrie, Defence Research Board liaison officer to the United Kingdom, it is announced by the Minister of National Defence. Dr. Skey has already left for his new appointment in London, accompanied by his wife.

**RCAF SUMMER CAMPS:** The RCAF will have approximately 6,000 Air Cadets attend camp at Air Force stations this summer, it is announced by Air Force Headquarters, Ottawa. Camps will be operated at Summerside, P. E. I.; Aylmer, Ont.; Gimli, Man.; and Patricia Bay, B. C., and the programme is scheduled to commence July 3.

Cadets from the Maritimes will attend camp at Summerside, and those from Ontario and Quebec will attend Aylmer. Those from Ft. William and Port Arthur area, and from Manitoba and Saskatchewan will attend Gimli, while Alberta and British Columbia cadets will attend Patricia Bay. Four separate two-week periods will be held by the two eastern camps, while the two western camps will hold three such periods.

Emphasis at the camps will be laid on practical training not normally available at local Air Cadet Squadrons, and full use will be made of RCAF workshops and equipment. An extensive supervised sports programme is planned, and each cadet will be given swimming instruction. This is in line with the recently-adopted post-war sports programme of the RCAF, which stresses competitive sports, and which makes swimming compulsory. Each camp period will close with a ceremonial parade and sports day, to which parents and friends of the cadets will be invited.

**\$1,000,000 FOR MILK:** The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund has recently transferred to Canada over one million U.S. dollars for the purchase of Canadian powdered milk, it was announced at Lake Success on June 9.

This milk has been procured through the Canadian Commercial Corporation, and will be shipped to the twelve European countries and China where the Fund is now assisting in the supplementary feeding of nearly 5,000,000 children and nursing mothers.

Milk constitutes about 70 per cent of the UNICEF procurement programme, and, in view of the present heavy drain on United States supplies, the opportunity of obtaining a substantial amount of milk in Canada has been welcomed by the Children's Fund. Without this additional Canadian supply, the Fund would have had much difficulty in maintaining a steady flow of deliveries to the assisted countries. Besides having large requirements for milk, the Fund is a substantial user of meat, cod-liver oil and fish, and these items have also been procured in Canada from the contribution of \$5,200,000 which the Canadian Government made to UNICEF last September.

It is expected that additional funds for procurement in Canada will soon become available both as a result of the recent United Nations Appeal for Children and from further transfers by UNICEF.

## DOMINION-PROVINCIAL HEALTH TALKS

**\$30 MILLION PER YEAR:** The future course of public health in Canada was charted here this week when provincial health authorities from all Provinces met with officials of the Department of National Health and Welfare to discuss application of the programme announced less than a month ago by Prime Minister King.

The meeting was a special session of the Dominion Council of Health, called to consider the working out on a Dominion-Provincial basis of the 30 million dollar a year grants in such fields of public health as hospital construction, mental health, arthritis and rheumatism, venereal disease control, training of professional personnel, crippled children, cancer control, public health research and tuberculosis control.

Hon. Paul Martin, Minister of National Health and Welfare, who attended the conference throughout, emphasized the need for early action. It was anticipated that funds would be voted by Parliament before the end of this month and could be put to work immediately in view of the wide approval given the announcement of the programme.

The new health plan, Mr. Martin declared, was "the most important step in the history of public health in Canada." He urged the provincial representatives to press forward energetically with plans and programmes.

### GRANTS PROPOSED

The various grants were discussed under 10 headings as follows:

**Health survey, \$625,000.** This is proposed to assist the Provinces in surveying present health services and facilities, including hospitals, and in studying ways and means for improvement and extension.

**Hospital construction, \$13,000,000,** which is aimed to assist the provinces in the provision of adequate accommodation for hospital and health services.

**Tuberculosis control, \$3,000,000.** An accelerated and intensified effort toward the

eradication of tuberculosis is planned, coupled with the extension progressively and to the maximum of free treatment.

**Mental Health, \$4,000,000.** This will assist the Provinces in the prevention of mental illness and in extending progressively and to the maximum the provision of free treatment.

**Venereal disease control, \$500,000,** which will assist the Provinces in extending and intensifying their present efforts towards the control of venereal disease.

**General public health, \$4,395,000.** This will assist the Provinces in strengthening and accelerating general public health services in other fields than those mentioned above.

**Crippled children, \$500,000.** This is planned to assist the Provinces in an intensified programme for the prevention and correction of crippling conditions in children, rehabilitation and training.

**Cancer control, \$3,500,000,** planned to assist the Provinces in programmes for the control of the nation's No. 2 killer.

**Professional training, \$500,000,** which will assist the Provinces in the training and preparation of personnel for public health and hospital staffs.

**Public health research, \$100,000,** to assist the Provinces in stimulating and developing public health research.

The provincial representatives on the Dominion Council of Health will now report of their respective ministers on the various administrative points clarified in the two-day discussions. With this information the Provincial Governments will be in a position to determine the extent of their participation in the programme.

**ARMY TRAINING:** The Canadian Army has reversed the old routine of south in winter and north in summer.

Army "cat-skinners", whose tractor trains last winter bucked Arctic blizzards to supply men of Exercise Moccasin near Churchill, today are on their way back from a warmer clime. They have just completed a two weeks' driving and maintenance course at the Caterpillar Tractor Company plant in Peoria, Illinois.

The training they received at the U.S. plant is similar to that given American troops and will be of benefit to them when next they take the big tractors out on northern supply duties.

A six-weeks' course for snowmobile drivers will open the next cold-weather-training season at the Joint Services Experimental Station at Fort Churchill, it was learned in Ottawa this week. The course will start September 13.



**MR. PEARSON'S LOS ANGELES ADDRESS:** Addressing the Convention of Kiwanis International at Los Angeles, California, on June 8, on the subject, "The United States and Canada in the Post War World", the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Pearson, said in part:--

"... Security now can be found only in an association, or associations, of peaceful, but determined states, organized under the Charter of the United Nations, the members of which are willing to pool their arms and their resources for defence - who will not use those arms except in defence, but will not hesitate to use them when any member of the group is attacked. For this purpose they must be willing to surrender; no, to utilize, some of their sovereign rights in the interest of their own greater security, which may mean, indeed will mean, the security of others....

"... We know that Europe is the strategic frontier of America, and that America may be the path of attack against Europe. There is only one way to meet this menace, by accepting the doctrine that the security of one member of the group, is the security of all. Any Manchurian, Ethiopian or Belgian or Pole can prove the validity of that doctrine by his own experience to any citizen of Omaha or Galveston or Medicine Hat. It follows, then, that any attack on one member of the group is an attack on all and should be treated as such.

**UNDER ARTICLE 51**

"The United Nations Charter shows how this can be done, under Article 51, which recognizes the right of collective self-defence. Well, let's collect, and let's defend ourselves. Under this Article we can form an association of strong and free democracies which, inspired only by love of peace, will act as the best deterrent to war....

"The Rio Inter-American pact already marks one such association. The Brussels Pact of Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg is another. But a wider and more powerful association than these is required to stop the aggressor. The resources of the new world must be added to the defensive determination of the old. But this should be done not merely by supplying arms and by giving guarantees. That smacks too much of an old-fashioned military alliance. It is not enough and it is too much. What is required is an association of Western European and Atlantic democracies under Article 51 of the Charter, every member of which will take on equal and reciprocal obligations for collective defence and mutual aid in war, and work together for freedom and prosperity in peace. By doing so we will confront reactionary and aggressive communism with the inescapable fact that our democratic system is not only better than theirs in peace, but stronger than theirs for war.

"By building up this kind of association, for purposes sanctioned by the Charter of the

United Nations, we can ensure a decisive superiority of power, physical, moral and economic power, on the side of those who do not believe in power, but are resolute in their determination to use it against those who would prevent peaceful progress.

"The Canadian Government has already stated through its Prime Minister and its Secretary of State for External Affairs, its acceptance of this doctrine and given assurances of its will to co-operate with the United States in its translation into action. There are of course, difficulties in the way of doing this, difficulties which only the United States can overcome. It would not be appropriate for an outsider to tell you how this can be done - even if he knew! I have confidence, however, that it can and will be done. Yours is the major responsibility, because yours is the power, but you can count, I feel sure, on the support of your northern neighbour for any steady and consistent, firm and unprovocative policy to this great end...."

**FEED SITUATION:** Commercial visible supplies of Canadian oats in all positions at May 27 this year were 11.1 million bushels as against 20.7 million bushels on May 29, 1947. The distribution of stocks, however, is considerably changed from the situation existing a year ago. While commercial oat supplies in western positions generally are sharply below last year's levels, eastern elevator stocks are in excess of five million bushels as compared with 3.5 million at the same time last year, reports the Bureau of Statistics.

Total visible supplies of Canadian barley at May 27 amounted to 17.4 million bushels, more than two million bushels greater than the commercial stocks of a year ago. As in the case of oats, the geographical distribution of barley stocks is unlike that existing at the end of May 1947. Stocks in western elevators (excluding the lakehead) are more than two million bushels lower than last year while lakehead stocks are nearly 2.5 million bushels greater. Stocks in eastern elevators at May 27 stood at 4.9 million bushels as compared with 2.1 million at the same time last year.

While commercial stocks of both oats and barley are, perhaps, more evenly distributed throughout the country this year, it is interesting to note that at March 31, 1948, 92 million bushels of oats or 82 per cent of total Canadian farm stocks of 112.2 million bushels were located on western Canadian farms. At the same time Prairie farmers held 45 million bushels of barley or about 96 per cent of the total farm-held stocks of 46.8 million.

In general, the feed situation throughout Canada has not been too acute during the greater part of the current crop year.

**ONTARIO ELECTION:** Ontario's Progressive Conservative Government was re-elected Monday but Premier Drew went down to personal defeat.

The CCF made big gains, sharply reducing the Progressive Conservative majority, and replaced the Liberal Party as official Opposition.

Greatest CCF strength was shown in the 17 Toronto and York ridings, none of which had CCF representation in the last Legislature.

Final standings showed 53 Progressive Conservatives elected, 22 CCF members, 12 Liberals, two Labor-Progressive Party members and one Liberal-Labor candidate.

In the last election--June 4, 1945--Progressive Conservatives won 66 seats, the CCF 8, Liberals 11, Labor-Progressives 2, Liberal-Labor candidates 1, Independent Labor 1 and Independent 1.

Premier Drew was defeated in Toronto High Park riding by W.H. Temple, CCF, 50-year-old war veteran and manufacturers' agent.

The only woman elected was Miss Agnes Macphail, who in 1921 became the first woman ever elected to the Federal Parliament.

Two cabinet ministers were defeated, Provincial Secretary Michener and W.G. Webster, Minister Without Portfolio.

**WEATHER SHIP ASSIGNMENT:** The Royal Canadian Navy's specially equipped weather ship, H.M.-C.S. "St. Stephen" will be on her regular station in Davis Strait when the Royal Air Force flight of eight jet-propelled "Vampires" takes place in the first week of July it was announced at Naval Service Headquarters June 9.

At the request of the Royal Air Force, the regular schedule of Canada's weather ship has been altered. Ordinarily on station for a three week period, "St. Stephen" will remain on weather station "Baker" until July 15. Her special assignment will be to supply weather and upper air information to the first group flight of jet-propelled aircraft across the Atlantic. The aircraft will travel via Iceland, Greenland and Labrador.

**U. S. HONORS CANADIAN:** Award of the United States Legion of Merit, Degree of Commander, to Air Vice Marshal Arthur L. James, CBE, Air Member for Technical Services was announced in Canada Gazette Saturday, June 5. The award was made to A/V/M James in recognition of valuable services rendered on liaison duties with the United States forces during the second world war and in particular for special work performed in connection with anti-submarine warfare in co-operation with the American Services. A/V/M James was appointed a Commander of the Order of the British Empire in January, 1945.

**ICAO GENEVA CONFERENCE:** Representatives of those nations whose airlines cross the North Atlantic met June 9 under the auspices of the International Civil Aviation Organization in order to arrange international financing of the Icelandic area control centre, radio communications and meteorological services, it was announced from Geneva.

These services, which the Government of Iceland presently maintains, are essential for the safe operations of trans-Atlantic flights. However, ICAO has been notified that Iceland is unable to continue to bear the expenses involved in the operation of these services. The ICAO Mission which visited Iceland estimated the annual operating cost at approximately 600,000 US dollars.

Financial aid is being considered at this meeting for such air navigation services as: area control, approach control and aerodrome control stations at Keflavik Airport, radio ranges and beacons, radio teletype circuits and meteorological observation and forecast offices.

The Conference includes: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Iceland, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom and the United States.

Sir Frederick Tymms, ICAO Council Member for the United Kingdom, was elected Chairman.

**RCAF VETERANS' ORGANIZATION:** The formation of a nation wide RCAF Veterans' Organization, the Royal Canadian Air Force Association, was announced in Ottawa on June 9. Air Chief Marshal L.S. Breadner, CB, DSC, has donated his services to form the association.

The association, with headquarters in Ottawa, is being formed to meet an increasing demand from Air Force veterans in Canada, and will provide a means whereby local bodies of Air Force veterans throughout the country may be affiliated under one organization.

**BORDER TRAFFIC:** Volume of highway traffic at the Canada-United States boundary in April advanced over the same month of last year by 12 per cent, representing about the same advance proportionately that was recorded in the first quarter of 1948 over the first quarter of 1947. American traffic entering Canada in April was 25 per cent greater than in April 1947, and Canadian traffic returning from the United States was 15 per cent less. The aggregate number of border crossings in April was 538,700, consisting of 396,700 foreign entries and 142,000 Canadian vehicles returning. Of the foreign inflow, 69,900 cars entered on traveller's vehicle permits, 310,500 were non-permit or local entries, and 16,300 were commercial vehicles. The Canadian traffic comprised 9,500 units remaining abroad for more than 24 hours, 120,000 staying for shorter periods, and 12,500 commercial vehicles.

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.

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"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."