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### MR. SHARP HEADS EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

The Honourable Mitchell Sharp, former Minister of Finance and Receiver General, became Secretary of State for External Affairs on April 19, succeeding the Honourable Paul Martin, who will be appointed to the Senate to become Government House Leader and Minister without Portfolio.

Mr. Sharp was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, in 1911. He received a B.A. degree from the University of Manitoba in 1934 and undertook graduate studies in economics at the University of Manitoba and the London School of Economics.

Mr. Sharp came to Ottawa as an officer of the Department of Finance in 1942. Besides performing liaison duties between the Finance Department and the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, he served as chairman of interdepartmental committees concerned with agriculture, food, housing and social security. In 1947, he became Director of the Economic Policy Division of the Department of Finance, in which capacity he took part in the negotiations leading to the entry of Newfoundland into the Canadian federation.

In 1951, Mr. Sharp was named Associate Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce; he attended wheat conferences in London, Washington and Geneva, the United Nations Sugar Conference in London and sessions of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade at Geneva. He became Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce in 1957.

In May 1965, he received an honorary degree of Doctor of Law from the University of Manitoba.

Mr. Sharp was elected to the House of Commons and appointed Minister of Trade and Commerce in April 1963. In December 1965, he became Minister of Finance and Receiver General of Canada.

### CABINET CHANGES

Other Cabinet changes announced on April 19 were:

Mr. E.J. Benson becomes Minister of Finance and remains President of the Treasury Board; Mr. C.M. Drury becomes Minister of Trade and Commerce (replacing Mr. R.H. Winters, who resigned), and remains Minister of Industry and Defence Production; Mr. Jean-Luc Pepin becomes Minister of Labour (replacing Mr. John Nicholson, who resigned), and remains Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources; Mr. Jean Marchand becomes Secretary of State (replacing Miss Judy LaMarsh, who resigned), and remains Minister of Manpower and Immigration; Mr. John Turner becomes Solicitor-General (replacing Mr. L. Pennell, who resigned), and remains Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

Three new Ministers without Portfolio were appointed: Mr. Donald S. Macdonald, formerly parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Industry; Mr. John Carr Munro, formerly parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration; and Mr. Gérard Pelletier, formerly parliamentary secretary to the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Prime Minister Trudeau retains the Justice portfolio and the following ministers retain the portfolios they held under Prime Minister Pearson: Mr. Paul Hellyer, Transport; Mr. George McIlraith, Public works; Mr. Arthur Laing, Indian Affairs and Northern

Development; Mr. Allan MacEachen, Health and Welfare; Mr. H.J. Robichaud, Fisheries; Mr. Roger Teillet, Veterans Affairs; Mr. Maurice Sauvé, Forestry and Rural Development; Mr. Léo Cadieux, National Defence; Mr. J.J. Greene, Agriculture; Mr. Jean-Pierre Côté, Postmaster-General; Mr. Jean Chrétien, Revenue; and Mr. Charles Granger and Mr. Bryce MacKasey, Ministers without Portfolio.

## GOVERNMENT DAIRY POLICY

Agriculture Minister J.J. Greene has announced that the Government's dairy stabilization programme effective April 1, will raise returns to farmers through an increase in direct subsidy payments to shippers of manufacturing milk (used in making other products) and cream. Prices of milk products to the consumer will not be affected.

Milk and cream dealers handling a low volume, who will be excluded from subsidy this year, will receive phasing-out assistance.

Mr. Greene said: "The 1968-69 dairy policy is another forward step towards the ultimate goal of a viable dairy industry. We are helping to develop a more efficient industry which will give the dairy farmer a fair return for his labour and his capital investment. At the same time we are assuring the consumer a continuing supply of high quality nutritious dairy products at competitive prices. "This policy is the result of almost continuous consultation with the dairy industry - especially farm organizations. Of course, we have not been able to meet every demand from every milk producer but by and large the programme is pretty much in line with what farmers have suggested."

The 1968-69 programme, as in the past, consists of market price support of major dairy products and direct subsidy to manufacturing milk and cream shippers, under quotas established by the Canadian Dairy Commission.

The direct subsidy will be \$1.31 for each 100 pounds of manufacturing milk testing 3.5 per cent butterfat, with an equivalent rate for cream. This is an increase of ten cents over the 1967-68 subsidy and will provide a support equal to \$4.85 for each 100 pounds of milk at the factory.

## SURPLUS STOCK

The cost of exporting surplus dairy products however, will be charged to producers through a deduction from their gross subsidy, which continues the practice that was established two years ago.

Heavy stocks of skim milk powder have accumulated and must be sold in export markets. Because the export price is low, the holdback from milk shippers by the Commission will be increased to 15 cents a hundredweight from 11 cents last year. The producer's net subsidy after deducting the export assistance holdback will be \$1.6. The subsidy added to the market price will give the producer a return of \$4.70 - an increase of six cents above last year's return.

## NEW VIETNAM COMMISSIONER

Mr. Paul Martin, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced on April 10 the appointment of Mr. Richard M. Tait as the new Canadian Commissioner to the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Vietnam. Mr. Tait will be replacing Mr. Ormand W. Dier, who has completed his tour of duty in Vietnam and will be returning for service in Ottawa.

Mr. Tait, at present Head of the Aid and Development Section of Economic Division, Department of External Affairs, joined the Department in 1955 and has served in Athens, at the Canadian Permanent Mission to the United Nations in Geneva and later, as an Adviser to the Canadian Delegation to the 18-Nation Disarmament Committee.

## MENTAL RETARDATION STUDY

A Canadian social scientist says that Canada's estimated 600,000 mentally retarded are still largely an invisible group, and that communities will have to find out more about them before they can properly plan facilities and programmes.

Dr. C.W. Portal-Foster, director of research at the Canadian Welfare Council, says that to help fill this void in knowledge, the Council has just started a study of the incidence of mental retardation. The first phase of the study, to be conducted in Prince Edward Island, is supported by a grant from the Mental Retardation Fund of the Welfare Grants Division, Department of National Health and Welfare. Dr. Portal-Foster will direct the study.

"Little is known about 'retardates' in Canada because they have the astonishing ability to become lost in the masses," the research director explained. This was partly owing, he said, to the reticence of families concerning their mentally retarded members and because families have always been able to provide for such handicapped members at least their basic needs. "Mental retardation is now accepted as a condition distinct from mental illness," the director said, "and society has begun to accept the mentally retarded at a phenomenal rate."

The Council chose Prince Edward Island for the study because it has the most advanced services for the mentally retarded in North America; it is a separate political entity with a small and stable population; some 90 per cent of the trainable and non-trainable retarded in the province have been studied by a team of child psychiatrists; and it is estimated that all trainable retardates in P.E.I. are enrolled in day-training class facilities.

Dr. Portal-Foster sees the study as providing new hope for Canada's mentally retarded and their parents. Of the estimated 600,000 retardates, some 579,000 are living at home. It is estimated that 525,000 of Canadian retardates are capable of becoming either fully or partially self-supporting through vocational training or long-term employment.

## MONTREAL'S NEW EXHIBITION

Mayor Jean Drapeau of Montreal recently announced plans for a permanent annual exhibition known as Man and His World to be held on the site of Expo 67. The exhibits of over 40 countries will be shown in their original pavilions and 15 other organizations will display their original exhibits or new ones, or a combination of both.

Algeria, Burma, Ceylon, China, France, the Netherlands, Israel, Japan, Mauritius, Mexico, Tunisia and West Germany are among the countries that will certainly exhibit, and Mayor Drapeau is fairly confident that most of the countries comprising the Place d'Afrique enclave at Expo 67 will also take part. The City of Montreal will present displays in the buildings of 22 countries. Among the theme pavilions that will be included are Man the Provider, Man the Explorer and Man in the Community, as well as the amusement area, La Ronde. It is expected that other theme pavilions will eventually be included in the exhibition.

The City of Montreal is financing Man and His World, which will be open from May 17 to October 14. With a budget of \$28 million for 1968, 15 million visits are needed for Montreal to break even, while 20 million visits will mean a profit of \$6 million. Montreal will generally pay maintenance costs and staff; exhibitors, however, will present their own displays at their own expense and, in some instances, will supply their own staff.

Although Man and His World is on the same site as Expo 67, and will display many of the exhibits of the original participants, it will not be Expo 67, Mayor Drapeau has stated. At the same time, he added, "we wish to remain as close as possible to the original conception". Montreal would not do anything, the Mayor said, "to damage or change the image of Expo the world now has".

## AUTOMATIC HONOUR FOR PM

Queen Elizabeth last year approved a recommendation of the Prime Minister that the title "Right Honourable" for life be granted to the Governor General of Canada, thus removing it from dependence on membership in the British Privy Council, which is exclusively within the nomination of the British Government. The Queen has now approved a similar recommendation that the title "Right Honourable" also be accorded for life to the Prime Minister of Canada and to the Chief Justice of Canada. When the holders of these two offices have borne this title in the past, it has been because they were summoned to the British Privy Council by the Queen, on the recommendation of the British Government. In the case of the Chief Justice the practice was automatic until appeals to the Judicial Committee were abolished in 1949. Now that these proposals have been approved, the holders of the three most senior Canadian offices will continue to carry the traditional titles without the necessity of action by any another government.

The Canadian Prime Minister has informed the British Prime Minister of this development so that Mr. Wilson would be aware that this new disposition does not represent a decision to decline permission for Canadians to accept an appointment to the Privy Council if the British Government wished so to honour them, just as it does not represent a decision to discontinue the practice of honouring from time to time citizens of Britain with membership in the Canadian Privy Council.

The Queen has also agreed that the retired Chief Justice, Mr. Robert Taschereau, who served with distinction in the Supreme Court for many years, should also be authorized to use the title "Right Honourable" for life.

## EDUCATION RIGHTS FOR FORCES

A plan to equalize education opportunities for children of members of the Canadian Armed Forces has been approved by the Government, effective April 1.

The plan will apply to servicemen situated in areas in Canada whether or not they live at a defence establishment, if the child's mother language (either English or French) is not available in schools as the language of instruction.

When it is necessary for children to be separated from their families for the school terms, provision is made for their return home once during the school-year.

Special allowances for elementary and secondary education will cover tuition and book costs, board and lodging. Maximum allowances payable will be about \$1,300 a year. The initial cost of the plan is estimated at up to \$650,000 a year.

## SCIENTIST WINS U.S. AWARD

Frederick S. Thatcher, a Canadian scientist employed by the Department of National Health and Welfare, has received the Fred W. Tanner Lecture Award of the Chicago branch of the U.S. Institute of Food Technology. As Chief of the Microbiology Division, Food and Drug Directorate, Dr. Thatcher directs scientific investigation to protect the public from the microbial contamination of foods.

The award, which was instituted in 1963, is presented each year to an outstanding scientist who has made major contributions to the food industry. Dr. Thatcher is the first Canadian to receive the award, scientists from Britain, Germany, New Zealand and the United States being the previous recipients.

Dr. Thatcher came to Canada from England in 1928, and for a number of years held various staff posts at McGill University. He joined the Food and Drug Directorate in 1950.

Among Dr. Thatcher's achievements are the initiation of food microbiology in the Food and Drug Directorate and the inauguration of the food plant-sanitation programme and research into food microbiology. His current programmes include research into

food-borne bacterial toxins, mycotoxins (mould fungi), salmonellae and several other infectious bacteria found in foods, irradiation microbiology, and microbiological methodology.

The Fred W. Tanner Lecture Award was established to advance the profession and practice of food technology by bringing to Chicago outstanding persons in the field or its related sciences. Professor F.W. Tanner, professor of bacteriology at the University of Illinois, was an international authority on the microbiology of food, a founder member of the Institute of Food Technology, and its president during 1946.

### DEVELOPMENT LOAN TO PAKISTAN

The Secretary of State for External Affairs recently announced that Canada was providing an external-aid development loan worth \$2 million to Pakistan for the purchase of Canadian telephone-cable. The cable will be used by the Pakistan Telephone and Telegraphic Department, a public enterprise, for a programme of renewal. In its latest report on Pakistan, the World Bank has indicated that high priority has been given in the revised Pakistan development plan to the general improvement, modernization and expansion of telecommunications in that country.

The loan carries no interest, and is repayable in 50 years, during the first ten of which no payments are required.

A total of \$18 million in development-loan funds, \$2 million in grant aid and \$8 million in food aid has been allocated to Pakistan under the Canadian aid programme during the past fiscal year.

### BUILDING CONFERENCE

A national conference on a "systems approach" to building will be attended in Ottawa this month by about 400 senior representatives of industry, government, the design profession and labour. The Minister of Industry, Mr. Charles M. Drury, will open the conference, which is being held in co-operation with the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, the

Association of Consulting Engineers of Canada and the Canadian Construction Association.

The programme will include four lectures intended to illustrate the changing role of the designer, manufacturer, contractor and of labour, as the building process becomes more highly integrated. Authorities from Europe, the United States and Canada, have been invited to deliver lectures, present case studies and participate in panel discussions.

### ONTARIO STUDIES PLAY AREAS

The Ontario Department of Lands and Forests will survey all recreational areas in the province this year to determine the kind and number of these facilities and to assess their adequacy to the growing needs of visitors. The survey is part of a comprehensive study of outdoor recreation and tourism initiated by the Province of Ontario with the objective of preparing a master outdoor recreation and tourism plan.

This project, which will cover a wide variety of outdoor recreation facilities, both public and private, will include urban as well as non-urban developments. Parks, hiking trails, water-access points, ski developments, golf courses, swimming pools, cottage developments, natural areas, yachting clubs, hunting and fishing areas, are among the facilities that will be studied.

The survey will complement the Ontario Recreation Land Inventory which the Department of Lands and Forests has been carrying out during the past two years under the Agriculture and Rural Development Act programme in co-operation with the federal Department of Forestry. The Recreation Land Inventory is yielding vital information on the quality of all lands in the province for recreational use, and is part of a larger project that also includes the rating of land capability for agriculture, forestry, and fish and wildlife production.

There is no indication of any slowdown in the large growth in outdoor recreation experienced over the past ten years. Conversely, new forms of outdoor recreation such as the use of motorized snow toboggans, are resulting in major changes in outdoor recreation activity patterns.

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