

The Canadian War Effort

A Weekly Review of Developments Along the Home Front — Week of June 28th-July 5th

SUMMARY

Various changes in departmental organization were among the more prominent of the week's activities. These are summarized hereunder:

1. House of Commons continued its work on the budget, the annual financial statement of the Minister of Finance.
2. Special Committee of the House of Commons on Defence of Canada Regulations brought in interim report recommending the death penalty for treachery, and life imprisonment for certain other offences.
3. Steel Controller and Oil Controller, added to Munitions and Supply Department, met leading officers of those industries.
4. Wartime Industries Control Board, established under Order in Council, to be made up of controllers for various branches of industry.
5. Honorable C. D. Howe, Minister of Munitions and Supply announced, the country will be able to complete both the Canadian and the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan production program without overseas assistance. The larger part of the original plan, extending over two years, has been contracted into a one-year plan.
6. Recruiting for Royal Canadian Air Force proceeded at rate of 1000 per week. More than 25,000 have passed medical examination and 13,000 have enlisted.
7. Announcement made by Prime Minister that calling of men for service in Defence of Canada would not await general registration.
8. Restriction upon foreign travel of those who require passports and foreign exchange in order to go abroad for pleasure, likely to be effected, according to an intimation given the House of Commons.
9. British Supply Board duties merged into the Canadian Department of Munitions and Supply. Henceforth the Department will deal directly with the British Government on questions of purchases in Canada.
10. Chairman and members of the Labor Supply Board represented both employers and labor, nominated.
11. Changes notified of promotions and appointments in the higher positions of the Canadian military forces.
12. Contracts let for construction of air hangars and improvement of landing fields. Others for supplies to value of \$6,214,891, awarded.

DETAILS

ADMINISTRATION

Lieutenant Colonel George Selkirk Currie, D.S.O., M.C., of Montreal, has been appointed Executive Assistant to the Minister of National Defence, Hon. J. L. Ralston. Previously Mr. Ralston had announced appointment of Colonel Allen A. Magee, K.C., of Montreal, to act in a similar capacity, and the two will work together. Colonel Currie served in the last war as an infantry and Staff officer.

FINANCE

In the House of Commons the members are continuing their work on the budget. The House has at the present time, an amendment and a sub-amendment before it. The amendment, proposed by M. J. Coldwell, M.P., and the sub-amendment by Mr. Victor Queikh, M.P., to Hon. J. L. Ralston's motion to refer the budget to the House as a Committee of Ways and Means, remained to be voted upon while this summary was in course of preparation.

In future under order of the Foreign Exchange Board application for travel purposes to be referred to the Board. The Board will deal with the applications in accordance with the policy of the Government as defined from time to time. In the past the banks could issue up to \$1,000 in exchange without asking the Board's permission.

PASSPORTS AND EXCHANGE

Although the proposals for general registration of citizens are not yet published, the calling of men for Canadian defence purposes need not await that event. The Prime Minister made this point clear during the week in reply to a House of Commons question.

With regard to the issue of passports to persons wishing to visit the United States, the Prime Minister has announced that the Government is doing everything possible to have passports issued just as quickly as applications can be printed and personnel be got together to distribute and issue them. Temporary offices will be opened at Vancouver, Toronto, St. Stephen and Winnipeg. It was altogether probable, said the Prime Minister, that it would become increasingly difficult for persons who wish to travel simply for purposes of pleasure to receive passports for the purpose. That would help to relieve pressure at the present time.

SUGGESTED DEATH PENALTY

Submitting also a draft bill containing their recommendations, the Special Committee of the House of Commons appointed to consider and review the Defence of Canada Regulations, has presented its second report. Among their principal recommendations are more drastic penalties for offences, including one of death for treachery, and one of imprisonment for life as a maximum for acts done with intent to assist the enemy, to prejudice the public safety, the defence of Canada, and the efficient prosecution of the war.

It is a matter of common knowledge, the Committee reported, "that our enemies have been active in the

promotion of certain insidious and dangerous forms of activity popularly known as 'Fifth Column' activity in the countries with which they are at war." They find that the provisions of the Criminal Code relating to treasonable offences are inadequate to meet present conditions because they do not cover cases of persons who do not owe allegiance to the Crown such, for example, as aliens. The two classes of acts which, in the opinion of the Committee, should be separately defined and created as offences for which punishments more severe than those which can be imposed under the present law are: (1) Acts done with intent to help the enemy and designed or likely to give assistance to the naval, military or air operations of the enemy, to impede such operations of His Majesty's forces, or to endanger life; (2) Acts done with intent to help the enemy of a somewhat less grave character.

The Committee's draft bill, entitled "An Act Respecting Treachery," deals only with offences of a major character, leaving the Defence of Canada Regulation to apply to less serious offences.

AIRCRAFT EXPANSION

Duties in Canada previously allocated to the British Supply Board have been invested in the Department of Munitions and Supply. The Department will now place orders direct for the British Government. This arrangement is expected to expedite the placement of orders for British requirements and generally speed up the production of munitions of war in the Dominion. Canadian industry is being geared up to meet Great Britain's needs.

In announcing the appointment of Mr. R. Bell prominent business executive, to the executive committee of the Department of Munitions and Supply, Hon. C. D. Howe intimated that many difficulties in the supply of aircraft had been overcome. Mr. Bell's responsibility will be that of co-ordinating the entire aircraft production throughout the Dominion, and accelerating the output of the aviation industry. Mr. Bell is serving without remuneration. He commences at a time when the Canadian aircraft industry has responded splendidly to the emergency created by the inability of Great Britain to ship components under the terms of the Joint Air Training Plan. This response has been such that the larger part of the program, which covered two years, has been compressed into a one-year plan. Elementary training planes are already being produced on a mass production basis. Engines for other planes have been ordered from the United States to replace those that have come from Great Britain, and Canadian plants are now turning out training and service planes; bombers and fighters as fast as modern industrial practice permits.

Seven contracts, totalling \$999,000, have been given this week for buildings and improvements at flying schools. In addition, 1,366 contracts, having a total value of \$6,214,891, for foodstuffs, clothing and accessories, barracks, naval and aircraft stores, transport, fuel and sundry supplies were awarded.

CONTROLLERS CONFERENCE

Conferences were held under the invitation of the Minister of Munitions and Supply between two controllers recently appointed, Hugh Day Scully, of Toronto, Steel Controller, and George Richardson Cottrill, also of Toronto, Oil Controller, and the principal officers of the steel industry and the oil refining industry in Canada, respectively. These officers of industry volunteered their wholehearted collaboration with the controllers in their effective prosecution of war work.

The Oil Controller, has power, under Order in Council, to take possession of oil supplies, oil transport facilities, and refineries. He can order the allocation and distribution of supplies and fix the maximum prices. Mr. Cottrill is serving without salary.

Similar powers are conferred upon Mr. Scully in relation to the steel industry, and he also is serving without salary.

Further integration of the branches of the Department of Munitions and Supply discussed in an Order in Council appointing a Wartime Industries Control Board. This is constituted of the controllers appointed from time to time. Such controllers upon their appointment automatically become members of this Board. The purpose of the establishment of this Board is that the controllers shall "act in respect to common problems along similar lines, and in conjunction with the Foreign Exchange Control Board."

LABOR SUPPLY COUNCIL

On the recommendation of the Minister of Labor, an Order in Council has been passed nominating members of the National Labor Supply Council, together with alternates. The duties of this Board will be "to advise on any matters touching Labor supply for industry which may be referred to it by the Minister of Labor." The Chairman of the Board is Arthur J. Ellis, Chief of Personnel, Canadian National Railway.

Representatives of the Government, and the nominees are as follows:

Representatives of Industry: J. H. Stovel, General Manager, Dome Mines Limited; Allan M. Mitchell, Chairman of Board of Robert Mitchell & Company Limited (Montreal); W. C. Coulter, President of Coulter Copper and Brass Company; C. H. Moisan, President, Standard Paper Box Company Limited; J. M. Pigott, Past President, Canadian Construction Association. Their alternates are respectively: R. A. Brice, President of Macassa Mines Limited; D. P. Cruickshank, President, Steel Equipment Company Limited; W. H. McIntyre, Vice-President, Ottawa Gas and Aircraft; Louis Armstrong, Consolidated Paper Corporation; Albert Deschamps, President, Builders Exchange of Montreal.

Representatives of Labor: R. J. Talton, Secretary-Treasurer, Trades and Labor Congress of Canada; J. W. Brice, General Organizer for Canada, United As-

sociation of Journeymen, Plumbers, Gas Fitters and Steam Fitters Helpers; Jas. Somerville, Canadian General Vice-President, International Association of Machinists; A. R. Mosher, President of All Canadian Congress of Labor; Alfred Charpentier, President, Confederation of Catholic Workers of Canada. Their alternates are: A. D'Aoust, Canadian Vice-President, International Brotherhood of Paper Makers; Fred Malinaux, Canadian General Organizer, International Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers of America; Tom Moore, President, Trades and Labor Congress of Canada; C. R. Millard, Director of Steel Workers' Organizing Committee; Maurice Doran, Vice-President, Confederation of Catholic Workers of Canada.

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MILITIA SERVICE

A number of important changes in senior military appointments have been authorized by the Acting Minister of National Defence.

Branch of the General Staff: Major-General H. D. G. Crerar, D.S.O., Senior Combatant Officer, Canadian Military Headquarters in Great Britain, is being returned to Canada to take over the appointment of Vice-Chief of the General Staff.

Brigadier, the Honorable P. J. Montague, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C., V.D., the Deputy Adjutant-General, Canadian Military Headquarters, England, is to succeed Major-General Crerar as Senior Combatant Officer, Canadian Military Headquarters in Great Britain.

Branch of the Adjutant-General: Major-General H. F. H. Hertzberg, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C., is to relinquish the appointment of Acting Adjutant-General on appointment as Commandant of the Royal Military College of Canada, Kingston, Ontario. He will be succeeded in the appointment of Adjutant-General by Brigadier B. W. Browne, D.S.O., M.C., who was recently reported to Ottawa from District Officer Commanding, Military District No. 10, Winnipeg, Man., to take over the duties of Deputy Chief of the General Staff.

Branch of the Quarter-Master-General: Brigadier K. Stuart, D.S.O., M.C., now Commandant, Royal Military College of Canada, is appointed Director General of Engineers Service at National Defence Headquarters in replacement of Brigadier E. J. C. Schridlifer, M.C., who assumed the duties of Quarter-Master-General early in April last. Brigadier Stuart will take over the duties of Deputy Chief of the General Staff, pending the arrival of Major-General Crerar from England.

Military Districts: Brigadier F. Logie Armstrong, O.B.E., Deputy Adjutant-General at National Defence Headquarters, is appointed District Officer Commanding, Military District No. 3, Kingston, Ontario, vice-Brigadier H. E. Boak, D.S.O., who will shortly proceed on leave pending retirement to pension on completion of the maximum period of service.

Regulations issued by the Department of National Defence reduce the physical requirements set up for recruits of the Canadian Active Service Force. Minimum height measurements have been lowered from five feet 4 inches to five feet, and the minimum weight of 125 and 140 pounds to 120 pounds. Corresponding relaxations have been announced for other physical requirements and a re-classification of categories "A," "B," "C," and "E."

A new departure in the mechanization of the Canadian Army was contained in the announcement by the Department of National Defence that two Canadian cavalry units, the 17th Hussars of Montreal, and the Governor General's Horse Guards of Toronto, would shortly begin training as motorcycle units.

NAVAL SERVICE

Another development in the organization of the Canadian Army is the mobilization of four fortress companies of the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, at Halifax, Sydney, St. John, Vancouver, and Victoria, to assist in coastal defence units of Canada. The units are composed of electrical and mechanical workers.

Genuine praise for the "keenness and bearing" of the 50 Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve officers now in England for training has been voiced by the Officer Commanding the H.M.S. King Alfred, Naval Establishment at Dover, where they are stationed, in a communication to Rear Admiral Nelles, R.C.N., Chief of the Naval Staff at Ottawa. The group, whose members average 22 and 23 years of age, is composed of sub-lieutenants and is the first of a series of such detachments which will eventually be transferred to Great Britain for training with units of the Royal Navy.

Canada's new warships, built in Canadian shipyards, are to be known as "Corvettes," a name famous in the history of naval nomenclature. Their names will be derived from Canadian localities.

According to an announcement by the Department of National Defence, men in possession of certificates of competency in any of the inland marine services, such as ferries, tugboats and river steamers, can now enter the Royal Canadian Navy as able seamen and be rated as leading seamen the following day.

AIR FORCE

Announcement was made by the Department of National Defence for Air that the services of Air Commodore Jas. Stanley Scott, M.C., A.F.C., Director of the R.C.A.F. from 1934 to 1937, have been made available, and that he has been appointed to the Command of No. 1 Wireless School in Montreal with the Acting rank of Wing Commander. Wing Commander Scott relinquished his commission as Air Commodore in the Reserve of Officers, R.C.A.F., to take over his new duties. Wing Commander Marcel C. Duhamel, who has been in command of the Wireless School in Montreal, will

proceed to Trenton for a course at the School of Administration.

Recruiting for the Cadre of Armoured in the Royal Canadian Air Force has been announced. Guns, sunshades, power operated turrets, ammunition, bombs of all sizes and types, bomb carriers, pyrotechnics—these are the business of the armurers in the Air Force. The trade is of vital importance.

The total of Elementary Flying Training Schools was brought to seventeen with the selection of North Battleford, Sask., and Portage La Prairie, Man., for schools of that type. The latter will also have the ninth Air Observers' School.

The fifth and sixth Bombing and Gunnery Schools to be decided upon will be located at Macdonald, Man., and Mountain View, Ontario.

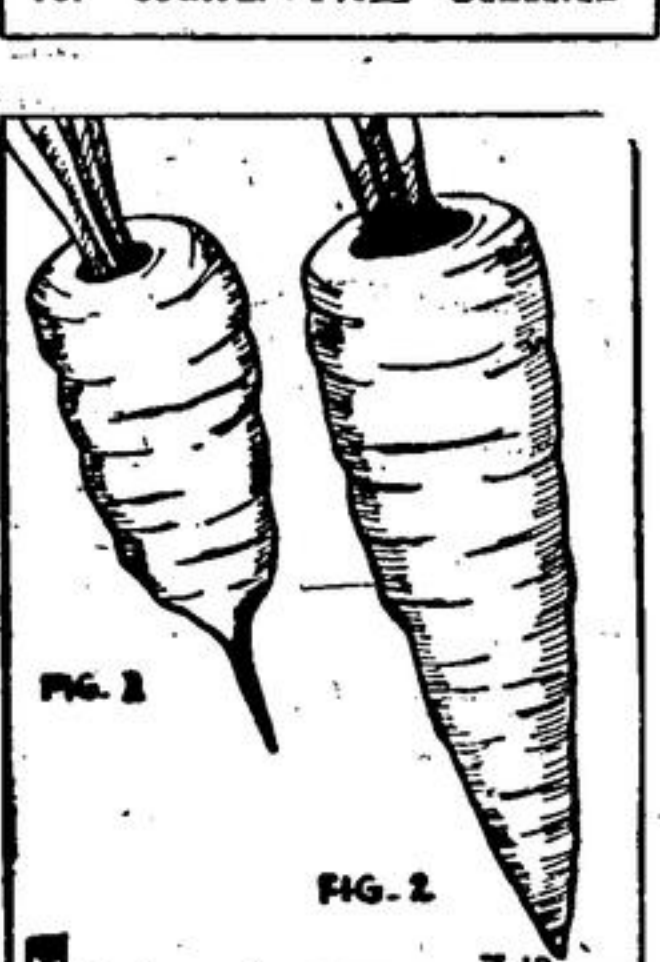
SEEK HIDDEN TREASURE IN CANADA

Twenty-six geological and thirteen topographical parties from the Department of Mines and Resources are now in the field exploring Canada's resources in raw minerals. Attention is directed particularly to gold and petroleum. Investigation will also be made of deposits of chromium, manganese, molybdenum, tungsten.

NOT FINISHED WITH FUEBBER ARCAD

Although Adrian Arcand is interned and others associated with him also, the fact does not preclude further penalties, the Minister of Justice, Hon. Ernest Lapointe, informed the House of Commons. "They are interned in order that we may know that they are safely in custody," said Mr. Lapointe. "They are being held to await any further proceedings or prosecutions to which they may be liable." Arcand was the leader of the Canadian Unity Party, which had outwardly, aims of making Canadians totalitarian in the Nazi-Fascist mould.

Weekly Garden-Graph



Carrots as summer and winter crop

In a well-planned vegetable garden successive sowings of carrot seeds should be made with the idea of having carrots all summer and winter. July is the most favorable time for planting the crop for winter storage. It is important that the soil where carrots are to be planted should have deep, thorough and smooth preparation.

In heavy soils only the short stump rooted variety of carrot should be grown. This type is shown in Figure 1 of the accompanying Garden-Graph. Figure 2 shows the long, slender type of carrot which is best grown in sandy soils.

Carrots should be stored before hard frosts occur, since the roots are liable to be injured by cold.

The best way to put out a Fire!

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You need help and you need it fast and the speediest way to get it is by telephone. No home should be without a telephone. The cost is very small compared with the peace of mind it gives and the knowledge that in case of fire, sickness, burglary or any other emergency, this tireless messenger stands ready to serve you—swiftly, efficiently—any hour—day or night.

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A STATEMENT ON FORD WAR WORK IN CANADA

This Company is in the war to the full limit of its resources. Until the British Empire is victorious, until the battle for freedom of nations and liberty of peoples is won, we have pledged all the vast manufacturing facilities of our Canadian and overseas affiliated companies to the service of the Empire.

We regard this to be our simple duty as a Canadian institution, one of the industrial resources of the Dominion. The 8,400 employees in our plants as well as our widespread dealer and service organization from coast to coast are Canadian. The Company's shareholders include a large proportion of Canadian investors. No one individual, family or company has a majority control of our shares.

For these reasons, aside from our deep feeling of loyalty to the Empire and its high purposes, it is fitting that Ford Motor Company of Canada, Limited should give whole-hearted support to the national war effort.

From the very beginning this has been our course. Ever before war was declared, in co-operation with officers of the Department of National Defence, we laid in our plant the groundwork of military production. Since conflict became a reality we have given our orders precedence over everything else. More than fifty per cent of our production is in vehicles for military use and this percentage is increasing rapidly.

We are now engaged in supplying approximately 35,000 motorized vehicles of many types, of which 10,000 are for the Canadian government and 25,000 for other Empire governments.

We are constructing at our own expense a \$700,000

plant addition to provide facilities for the building of Universal machine gun carriers of which we have undertaken to deliver fifty a week to the Canadian government as soon as production can be started. This addition will also enable us to increase production of other types of military vehicles. Our affiliated companies with plants in South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, India and Malaya are similarly engaged in Empire service.

Beyond our manufacturing facilities we have been fortunately able to contribute skilled man-power. From our Canadian and overseas organization, engineers and men with special training in transport and other lines are rendering valuable service.

Major adjustments in our business have been necessary through loss of export trade and because of domestic taxation. We have made these adjustments cheerfully. Our one concern now is the successful prosecution of this war so that people of all nations may again be able to work in freedom and peace.

M. J. Campbell
PRESIDENT
FORD MOTOR COMPANY OF CANADA, LIMITED

Statement in Parliament by the Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Munitions and Supply

"The president of the Canadian Company has shown perhaps as keen a desire to assist in Canada's war effort as any citizen of this Dominion has done. His corporation since the outbreak of the war has done and is doing very important work for Canada's war effort, in the way of building motor transports and Universal carriers. The Company has placed itself entirely in the hands of the government as to the terms of the contract which it has had."

"A contract, providing for a fixed price as low as we could find any basis for asking, was worked out; an over-riding provision was inserted that the books of the company would be audited and if the stipulated price produced a profit more than a very low percentage indeed, that price would be scaled down accordingly. In other words, the work of the Ford Motor Company of Canada, its attitude toward the war, and its ability to assist in Canada's war effort, have been so far as I have been able to observe, beyond criticism."

Statement in Senate by Senator Raoul Dandurand, Government Leader in the Senate

"Ford Motor Company of Canada is doing its utmost to serve the interests of the country, the War Supply Board and the Government."

Statement in the Senate by Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighan, Conservative Leader in the Senate

"They (Ford dealers in Canada) are numbered in the hundreds. And the number of employees of these dealers is very large. The ramifications are tremendous. For all the purposes concerning us, the Company is a Canadian concern, and I can add to the assurance given by the honourable leader of the House my own feeling that there are no better Canadians than those at the head of the Ford Motor Company of Canada and throughout that Company's organization. They will assist us to the utmost in our war work."

Women's Auxiliary Motor Service

Early in the war the Ford Motor Company of Canada, Limited, organized free training courses for women in the care and operation of motor vehicles for possible war service. 284 such classes have been conducted, with an enrollment of 8,343. The number who have completed the eight-week course is 3,473, with 2,616 now under instruction and 1,214 enrolled in new classes about to start. All instruction and equipment has been furnished by Ford dealers and the Company without charge.

Types of Motorized Vehicles for Military Use Being Made by Ford Motor Company of Canada

The Company is engaged in manufacturing 35,000 motorized vehicles for Canadian and overseas governments. They include light two-wheel drive trucks, known as 8-cwt., which are used for carrying light stores, personnel or wireless sets; 15-cwt. units, used to transport heavier loads, personnel, as anti-tank gun tractors, water tank carriers, etc.; 30-cwt. four-wheel drive, used as load carriers; three-ton, four and six wheelers, for heavy loads, for workshops, for wrecking equipment, etc.; four-wheel drive gun tractors used to haul artillery, as well as ambulances and regular passenger cars and station wagons specially fitted and painted for army purposes. Present schedule of deliveries of these military vehicles constitutes more than 50 per cent of the Company's production. The plant is working day and night.