

OUR CAPITAL CORRESPONDENT

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Several incidents lately on the political front have caused wide-spread reports to circulate about a possible sudden general election being called in the coming year.

1947, and attached great importance to the results of the by-elections. It was stressed that the Government's margin over the combined opposition was extremely slim now in Parliament for the coming session, with supporters of the Government reportedly insinuating or hinting in a speech or two about the possibility of snap elections.

will be forthcoming in face of the Government's setbacks in by-elections and the slim majority in the House of Commons, emphasizing that the natural life of the present Government has some years to go, that there are no real causes for an election, and that there is no great likelihood that the opposition would combine to defeat the Government which has 124 supporters against 67 for the Progressive-Conservatives or 28 C.C.F. or 13 Social Credit, and a few others. In other words, the present discussions about general elections being held in 1947 are minimized considerably by veteran observers in the capital.

The hearing of the application of the Canadian National Railways for freight rate increases of about 30% has been set for January 8 in Ottawa and the hearing for the similar application of the Lake Freighters Association for January 20. It is understood here that a fairly extensive list of representations have been made already on this freight rate issue by interested parties.

It is learned in Ottawa that the Canadian Commissioner of Penitentiaries, Maj. Gen. Ralph B. Gibson, former vice chief of staff of the Canadian Army, has visited all such penal institutions across Canada since he was appointed to the high post in April and he is preparing a report on his visits to the Minister of Justice, this report to be made public in time.

Though the statement made some time ago caused only a mild discussion at the time, yet it is being whispered about more and more now on Parliament Hill. "If necessary, can we establish that a black market exists in lumber?" asked Maj. Gen. Kennedy of the Royal Commission on Forestry at its sittings in Ottawa. Can we get concrete evidence to prove that there is a black market? "He added that he had the power to subpoena witnesses and inspect books. "This might be difficult, as they keep no books, take a cash bonus and make agreements to cover depreciation of grade and measurements," replied the secretary manager of Canadian Lumberman's Association, W. J. Leclair. "Have you ever reported this to any authority?" inquired Gen. Kennedy. "I have charged the inequity of prices and that small mills are shipping material at least one grade lower than that of larger mills," answered Mr. Leclair. "Yes, I have reported the matter to the timber controller." Mr. Leclair also declared. "The need for lumber

Deportation Proceedings Halted



News that deportation proceedings against them have been stayed for four Spanish deserters, Jose Cruz Perez, Seneriano Garzo Sanchez, Francisco Gisbert, Julian Fuster, held at Vancouver.

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Let me have a field or meadow
Where the grass is short and green;
Set me up a line of guide stakes
And you'll soon see what I mean;
Just to see a furrow rolling
From the share so bright and keen,
Makes me feel I'm doing something
—with a plow.

To set up a perfect furrow
Is a work of finest art,
And to keep it straight and even
Makes me proud and light of heart.
I care not for fancy raiment,
Nor to haunt a noisy mart,
But I like a team of horses and a plow.

You may like the city glamour
And the jostle of the street;
You may glory in the bright lights
And the crowd of folk you meet;
P'rhaps you're happy in the swelter
Of the smelly, sticky heat,
But give to me the open spaces—
and a plow.

Just give me the open spaces
Where the wind blows fresh and free,
And a team of noble horses—
They're such splendid company;
When that earthly odour rises
Sweet and appetizingly—
Life is really worth while living—
with a plow

—Ex-Farmer.



CHARGES THEATRE MANAGER
Mrs. Viola Desmond, a Negress, shown here, who claims she was ejected from a New Glasgow, N.S., theatre, is taking legal action against the theatre manager, according to her lawyer. A writ charging false arrest, false imprisonment, assault and malicious prosecution has been served, the solicitor states.

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