

1937. Jan. 1, Belgium represented in Canada by a Minister Plenipotentiary. Mar. 30, The Governor General and Lady Tweedsmuir visited the White House at Washington to return the official visit made by President Roosevelt at Quebec on July 30, 1936. May 12, Coronation of H.M. King George VI. July 8, Imperial Airways flying boat *Caledonia* arrived at Montreal from Southampton, inaugurating the experimental phase of the Transatlantic Airways. Aug. 17, Dominion Government disallowed three Alberta statutes on the ground of invasion of the legislative field assigned to the Dominion Parliament. Nov. 29, Rowell Commission on Constitutional Relations opened sittings at Winnipeg.
1938. Mar. 4, Unanimous judgments of the Supreme Court of Canada on the Alberta constitutional references made in favour of the Dominion Government regarding each of the questions submitted: powers of the Governor General in Council to disallow provincial legislation, and powers of the Lieutenant-Governor to reserve provincial legislation for the signification of the pleasure of the Governor General, were found to be valid and unrestricted; the press, credit regulation, and banking taxation measures were found unconstitutional. The Court also held the Social Credit Act unconstitutional, although this was not a subject of specific reference. Mar. 13, Seizure of Austria by Germany. June 9, Provincial general election in Saskatchewan. Liberal Government of Hon. W. J. Patterson returned to power. June 15, Disallowance of Alberta Home Owners' Security Act and Securities Tax Act. July 7, Privy Council declined to rule on Alberta Acts for control of the Press and regulation of credit. July 15, Privy Council dismissed Alberta's appeal from judgment of Supreme Court of Canada on legislation to tax chartered banks. Aug. 15, Bank of Canada became a wholly government-owned institution. Sept. 12, Herr Hitler's speech at Nuremberg followed by clashes on the Czechoslovak border, developed into an international crisis. Convention between Canada and United States placed control of waters in Rainy Lake watershed under International Joint Commission. Sept. 15, Meeting of Mr. Chamberlain and Herr Hitler at Berchtesgaden. Sept. 19, Royal Commission of inquiry into circumstances surrounding the letting of a contract for the manufacture of Bren machine guns opened at Ottawa, with Mr. Justice H. H. Davis as Commissioner. Sept. 22-23, Meeting of Mr. Chamberlain and Herr Hitler at Godesberg. Sept. 28, Mobilization of British fleet. Sept. 30, Crisis terminated following four-power conference at Munich. Oct. 1, Occupation of Sudeten areas of Czechoslovakia by Germany. Oct. 11, Serious forest fires in Fort Frances area. Oct. 17, Inauguration of express service on Trans-Canada Air Lines. Nov. 4, Written Judgment of Privy Council stating reasons for rejection of appeal in Alberta Bank Tax Act. Nov. 17, Trade Agreement between Canada and United States signed at Washington.
1939. Jan. 13, Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Bren gun contract tabled in the House of Commons. Mar. 1, Opening of Trans-Canada air-mail service. Mar. 14, Invasion of Czechoslovakia by Germany. Mar. 27, Dominion Government disallowed Alberta Government's legislation concerning Limitation of Actions Act of 1935, designed to outlaw certain debts contracted prior to July 1, 1936. Mar. 31, The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom announced arrangements for a treaty guaranteeing armed support to Poland in defence of its independence.
- Apr. 6, Supreme Court of Canada ruled that Eskimos are 'Indians' within the meaning of the B. N. A. Act. Apr. 28, Denunciation of German-Polish non-aggression agreement by Germany. May 17-June 15, Visit of Their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth to Canada and the United States. May 18, Provincial general election in Prince Edward Island; Liberal Government of Hon. T. A. Campbell returned to power. June 16, First appointment of a High Commissioner to Canada by the Government of Eire. June 16-24, Celebration in Charlottetown of the 75th anniversary of the "Charlottetown Conference" which led to Confederation. June 27, Inaugural mail flight of the *Yankee Clipper* from Port Washington, N.Y., to Southampton, Eng., via Shediac, N.B., and Botwood, Nfld. Aug. 6, Imperial Airways flying boat *Caribou* arrived at Montreal and offici-

NOTE.—For references regarding Dominion Government changes, and Provincial Government changes prior to 1937, see Note on p. 31.