

CHAPTER XXIX.—THE ANNUAL REGISTER

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Section 1.—Principal Events of the Year

The War.—A record of the principal events of the War, to July 8, 1940, will be found at pp. 1143-1148 of the 1940 Year Book. Events from that time to the date of going to press are given in Appendix 1, at pp. 1010-1027.

Diplomatic Appointments.—The personnel of Canadian diplomatic representatives abroad and of British and foreign envoys to Canada, as at Apr. 15, 1941, is given at pp. 42-45 of this volume. Since the sending to press of Chapter III—Constitution and Government—the Presidents of Argentina and Brazil have accredited their first Ministers to Canada. The Brazilian Minister, Hon. Joao Alberto Lins de Barros, presented his credentials to His Excellency the Governor General on May 15, 1941, and the Argentinian Minister, Dr. Pablo Santos Munoz, presented his credentials on June 3, 1941.

Trade Agreements.—Information regarding trade agreements entered into during the year will be found in the External Trade Chapter, under Subsection 2, Tariff Relationships with Other Countries, pp. 381-393. Since that Chapter went to press, Greece (May 1, 1941), Syria, Lebanon and French Somaliland (May 27) were brought within the scope of Enemy Trading Regulations. This information is additional to the material preceding Section 2, p. 393.

Dominion-Provincial Relations.—On Nov. 2, 1940, as a result of the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial Relations submitted in May, 1940, a conference with the Provinces was suggested, in order to secure, if possible, the adoption of the Commission's recommendations. The proposal for such a conference was accepted by the Premiers of all the provinces, and the conference assembled at Ottawa on Jan. 14, 1941. The Premiers of three of the provinces were not willing to discuss the recommendations of the Report and, in consequence, the Conference adjourned on Jan. 15, 1941. Certain measures proposed by the Minister of Finance in his Budget on Apr. 29, 1941, have an important bearing on Dominion-Provincial Relations. The effect of these measures is discussed in the Introduction to this volume at p. xxxiv.

Provincial General Elections.—A general election in Manitoba, Apr. 22, 1941, returned to power the Coalition Government of the Hon. John Bracken.

Changes in Provincial Ministries.—The following changes and corrections in provincial Ministries have occurred since the printing of the Constitution and Government Chapter of this volume.—

Nova Scotia.—The name of the Minister of Industry and Publicity should read Hon. *Harold Connolly*.

New Brunswick.—The dates of appointment of the Provincial Secretary-Treasurer and of the Minister of Education should read Jan. 10, 1940.