

# CHAPTER XXXI.—THE ANNUAL REGISTER

## CONSPECTUS

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### Section 1.—Principal Events of the Year

**The Royal Family.**—H.R.H. the Duke of Kent, K.G., brother of His Majesty King George VI, was killed on active service on Aug. 25, 1942, at the age of 39.

Announcement was made on Nov. 15, 1943, by the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia, of the appointment of His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester as Governor General of that Dominion as from July 21, 1944.

H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth, elder daughter of His Majesty King George VI and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and Heir Presumptive to the Throne, came of age Apr. 21, 1944, the 18th anniversary of her birth. The Princess was created a Royal Duchess and became a member of the Regency Council.

**Empire Conference.**—Winston S. Churchill, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom; W. L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada; John Curtin, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia; Peter Fraser, Prime Minister of New Zealand; and Jan C. Smuts, Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa met at London, England, Apr. 10 to May 16, 1944, to discuss Empire matters pertaining to the War and the immediate post-war period. On May 11, Prime Minister Mackenzie King addressed a joint session of the Houses of Lords and Commons.

**Diplomatic Appointments.**—The personnel of Canadian Diplomatic representatives abroad and of British and foreign envoys to Canada, as at Feb. 28, 1944, is given at pp. 71-75 of this volume. Since the sending to press of Chapter III—Constitution and Government—the following four representatives of Canada's Allies presented their credentials to His Excellency the Governor General: The Brazilian Ambassador, Mr. Cyro de Freitas-Valle on Apr. 6, 1944; the Netherlands Ambassador, Jonkheer J. W. M. Snouk Hurgronje, on Apr. 13, 1944; the Mexican Ambassador, Dr. Francis Del Rio Canedo, on May 6, 1944; the Soviet Ambassador, Mr. G. N. Zaroubin, on June 8, 1944. The Turkish Minister to Canada, Mr. Sevki Alhan, was appointed on Feb. 15, 1944, but to date (June 15) has not presented his credentials. Hon. David Wilson was appointed High Commissioner for New Zealand to Canada on Mar. 30, 1944, and arrived in Ottawa on Apr. 21. Hon. W. F. A. Turgeon was appointed first Canadian Ambassador to Mexico on Mar. 16, 1944, and presented his credentials to the President of Mexico on Apr. 27. The following representatives were appointed High Commissioners for Canada in other countries: The High Commissioner to South Africa, Mr. C. J. Burchell, Feb. 15, 1944; the High Commissioner to Newfoundland, Mr. J. S. Macdonald, May, 4 1944.

**Provincial General Elections.**—A general election took place in Saskatchewan on June 15, 1944, when the Liberal Government of Hon. W. J. Paterson was defeated by the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation party. T. C. Douglas, the leader, was called up to form a Government—the first C.C.F. Government to take office in Canada. The results of the election were C.C.F. 47; Liberal 5.