

**Visiting Royalty.**—Princess Juliana of the Netherlands, who made her home in Canada during the occupation of the Netherlands by the German forces and one of whose children was born in Canada, officially bid farewell to the Canadian people on July 14, 1945, and expressed thanks for the great hospitality and kindness to her and her three children during her residence in Canada.

**Visiting Statesmen.**—Field Marshal the Rt. Hon. Jan Christiaan Smuts, Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa, arrived in Ottawa on June 28, 1945, for an unofficial visit.

Gen. Charles de Gaulle, President of the Provisional Government of the Republic of France, made a State visit to Ottawa on Aug. 28 and 29, 1945. Dr. T. V. Soong, Prime Minister of the Chinese Republic arrived in Ottawa on Aug. 31, 1945, for a three-day visit.

**Dominion-Provincial Conference.**—A Dominion-Provincial Conference on Post-War Reconstruction opened at Ottawa, Aug. 6, 1945. The Dominion Government presented its brief as a basis for later discussion. Initial talks ended Aug. 10, with the decision that the Conference meet again in November, 1945.

**Appointments.**—*Governor General.*—Prime Minister King announced July 31, 1945, that His Majesty the King had approved the appointment of Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander to succeed the Earl of Athlone as Governor General of Canada.

*Diplomatic Appointments.*—The personnel of Canadian Diplomatic representatives abroad and of British and foreign envoys to Canada, as at Feb. 28, 1945, is given at pp. 86-90 of this volume. Since the sending to press of Chapter III—Constitution and Government—the following representatives of Canada's Allies presented their credentials to His Excellency the Governor General: The first Peruvian Ambassador to Canada, Dr. Alfredo Benavides, on Mar. 29, 1945; the Belgian Ambassador, M. A. Paternotte de la Vaillee, on July 20, 1945; the Chilean Ambassador, Pedro Castelblanco, on Aug. 13, 1945. Hon. Alfred Stirling, O.B.E., was appointed High Commissioner for Australia to Canada and arrived in Ottawa on July 13. Dr. P. R. Viljoen was appointed first High Commissioner for South Africa to Canada but to date (Sept. 1) has not arrived in Ottawa. Dr. Honorio Leguizamon Pindal was appointed first Ambassador for the Argentine to Canada, on Aug. 27. Pierre Dupuy, C.M.G., was appointed Canadian Minister to the Netherlands on Mar. 8, 1945, and presented his credentials to the Queen of the Netherlands on Apr. 7. Emile Vaillancourt was appointed first Canadian Minister to Cuba on Mar. 16, 1945, and presented his credentials to the President of Cuba on May 8. General the Hon. L. R. LaFleche, former Minister of War Services, was nominated Canadian Ambassador to Greece on June 7, 1945, but to date (Sept. 1) has not presented his credentials. Warwick F. Chipman, K.C., was appointed first Canadian Ambassador to the Argentine on Aug. 2, 1945.

**Provincial General Election.**—A general election took place in Ontario on June 4, 1945, when the Progressive Conservative Government of the Hon. George A. Drew, K.C., was returned to power with a strong over-all majority. The returns of the election were: Progressive Conservative 66, Liberal 11, Co-operative Commonwealth Federation 8, Liberal-Labour 3 and Labour-Progressive 2.

**Dominion General Election.**—A general election was held on June 11, 1945, when the Liberal Government of the Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King was returned to power, although with a reduced majority. A list of the new Members of the