

# CHAPTER XXXIII.—THE ANNUAL REGISTER

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

**The Governor General.**—Canada officially bade farewell to the retiring Governor General of Canada, the Earl of Athlone, and Princess Alice on Mar. 17, 1946.

On Apr. 12, 1946, Field Marshal the Right Honourable Viscount Alexander of Tunis, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., C.S.I., D.S.O., M.C., A.D.C., and Viscountess Alexander were welcomed on their arrival at Ottawa. Viscount Alexander was administered the oath of office as Governor General of Canada in the Senate Chamber.

**The Prime Minister.**—On June 9, 1946, the Right Honourable W. L. Macenzie King, according to the official record, attained the distinction of having been Prime Minister of Canada over a longer period of time than any other Canadian leader in history, having exceeded the previous record of the Right Honourable Sir John A. Macdonald, the first Prime Minister of the Dominion. British and Dominion statesmen paid tribute to Prime Minister King as he began his twentieth year of office as Canadian Prime Minister.

**His Majesty's Honours Lists.**—In the King's New Year's Honours List of Jan. 1, 1946, Hon. J. L. Ilsley, Minister of Finance and Hon. Louis St. Laurent, Minister of Justice, were made members of the Imperial Privy Council. Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Reconstruction and Supply, was similarly honoured in His Majesty's Birthday Honours List of June 12, 1946; and the order of the Companion of Honour was conferred on Gen. the Hon. A. G. L. McNaughton, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

The Dominion Day Honours List was devoted entirely to recognition of the varied and faithful contribution of Canadians to civilian and semi-civilian phases of the war effort. It was the most comprehensive list ever published, consisting of nearly 1,200 names. The size of this list was due mainly to the fact that awards of King's honours to Canadian civilians had been suspended from Jan. 1, 1944, to the end of the War. The list included: C.M.G., 40; C.V.O., 2; C.B.E., 121; O.B.E., 428; I.S.O., 23; M.B.E., 524; Polar Medal, 8; Bar to Polar Medal, 3.

Military lists of King's honours have been published regularly throughout the war years and have been summarized in the Introductions to the wartime issues of the Year Book, along with decorations awarded to the Services.

**Inter-Empire and International Conferences.**—The first General Assembly of the United Nations was held at London, Jan. 10 to Feb. 15, 1946, with representatives from 51 nations. Hon. Louis St. Laurent, Minister of Justice, was the chief Canadian delegate.

\* To the end of August, 1946.