

APPENDIX I

Chronology

(In continuance of the Chronology at pp. 75-82 of this volume.)

1949. Sept. 7-12, Financial and economic conference of representatives of the United Kingdom, the United States and Canada held at Washington, D.C., to examine trade and financial relationships between the Sterling Area and the Dollar Area; Hon. D. C. Abbott represented Canada. Sept. 15, First Session of the 21st Parliament of Canada opened—the first Parliament at which Newfoundland was represented. Sept. 17, First meeting of the Council established by the North Atlantic Treaty convened at Washington, D.C.; Hon. L. B. Pearson represented Canada. S.S. *Noronic* burned at Toronto with heavy loss of life. Sept. 18, Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer of the United Kingdom, announced devaluation of the pound sterling from \$4.03 to \$2.80. South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, India, Ireland, Norway, Denmark, Egypt and Israel also devalued their currencies. Sept. 19, Hon. D. C. Abbott announced devaluation of Canadian dollar by 10 p.c. Sept. 20, Fourth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations convened at Flushing Meadows, N.Y.; Hon. L. B. Pearson elected chairman of the Political Committee. Sept. 21, End of military government in Germany. Sept. 22, Dominion Transport Board sanctioned increase in railway freight rates. Sept. 30, Berlin airlift ended officially at midnight. Oct. 23-26, Visit to Ottawa of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India. Nov. 21, Kellock Report on the circumstances attending the loss of the S.S. *Noronic* tabled in the House of Commons. Dec. 10, An Act to Amend the Supreme Court Act, giving final authority in judicial matters to the Supreme Court of Canada, received Royal Assent. The Act came into force on proclamation, Dec. 23, 1949. Fourth General Assembly

of the United Nations, held at Flushing Meadows, N.Y., ended. Prorogation of the First Session of the 21st Parliament. Dec. 12, Mrs. Nancy Hodges named Speaker of the British Columbia Legislature, the first woman to hold the office of Speaker in a Commonwealth legislature. Dec. 16, Royal Assent given to Bill amending the British North America Act by vesting in the Parliament of Canada, without reference to the British Parliament, the power to make amendments to the constitution of Canada in federal matters. The Canadian statute came into force on proclamation, Dec. 31, 1949. Dec. 27, The Government of Canada gave full recognition to the United States of Indonesia when the republic of Jakarta attained self-government.

1950. Jan. 9-14, Commonwealth Conference on Foreign Affairs met at Colombo, Ceylon. Hon. L. B. Pearson, Secretary of State for External Affairs, was head of the Canadian delegation. Jan. 10-12, Federal-Provincial Conference held at Ottawa: Premiers of the ten provinces met with Prime Minister St. Laurent to discuss the question of constitutional amendments. A continuing committee of provincial attorneys-general was appointed to work out a formula for procedure in regard to future constitutional amendments. Jan. 26, John James Bowlen, Calgary, Alta., appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta. Feb. 16, Second Session of the 21st Parliament of Canada, opened. Mar. 1 Supreme Court of Canada ruled that Federal Government controls were valid and that the decision remains with Parliament as to when the 'emergency' no longer exists. Railways awarded an increase in freight rates by the Board of Transport Commission.