

Many New Jobs In Portfolio Of C. D. Howe

OTTAWA (Staff)—Amalgamation of Munitions & Supply and the Department of Reconstruction into one department took effect as at Jan. 1. Hon. C. D. Howe continues as minister of the new Department of Reconstruction & Supply. V. W. Scully becomes deputy minister of the new department.

Chief functions of the new department are listed as follows:

To continue the purchasing of foodstuffs, clothing, and war supplies for the Departments of National Defence and for Allied Governments.

To negotiate the use or purchase of government-controlled real estate by other government departments, provincial and municipal governments and semipublic bodies.

To continue priority assistance, particularly for veterans' housing.

To continue temporarily, and eventually wind up, controls over timber, natural rubber, coal, motor vehicle distribution, and natural gas in southwestern Ontario (power control).

To conclude the renegotiation of war contracts commenced by the Department of Munitions and Supply.

To conclude the settlement of all war contracts terminated before completion.

Through the Forest Insects Control Board, to foster concerted action toward control of forest insect outbreaks.

To provide for industry a technical and scientific information service.

To review and make recommendations on all applications for double depreciation.

To administer continuing arsenals through Canadian Arsenals Limited.

To wind up all accounts and prepare final reports on the activities of the Department of Munitions and Supply.

To sponsor the accumulation of a reserve of fully planned public works projects.

To assist industry in converting from war to peacetime production.

To control radioactive substances.

To continue the building of veterans' homes through the Crown company, Wartime Housing Limited.

To promote expansion of air transportation.

Continuing supervision over Canada's only synthetic rubber plant (Polymer) and her only developed source of atomic material (Eldorado Mining & Refining Co.).

W. J. Bennett continues as chief executive assistant to Hon. C. D. Howe. Lt.-Col. T. F. Flahiff is named executive assistant to the deputy minister.

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