

YEAR-END REVIEW—

Canada Assumes Bigger Role
in International Affairs

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OTTAWA (CP)—Canada in 1947 took a determined stand in support of the rights of middle and small powers to participate in the peace settlements with Germany and Japan.

This diplomatic fight reflected the Dominion's broadened status in foreign affairs, despite failure so far to budge Russia in her opposition to such participation.

The Soviet Union is adamant that the big powers alone will write both treaties, as well as the Austrian settlement.

Early in the year, Canada presented her case for participation in the German treaty-making to the deputies of the Council of Foreign Ministers meeting in London.

In the late winter and early spring at the Council of Foreign Ministers meeting in Moscow, Canada again, through the British and United States delega-

tions, urged that she and other middle and small powers who contributed to victory over Germany should have an adequate share in peace-making.

Skillful, patient work was done in Moscow through private talks with delegates by Dana Wilgress, at that time the Canadian ambassador to Russia. But the Soviet Union refused to yield an inch. It must be a big power peace, despite the war-time contributions of the other Allies.

ISSUE WILL
BE REVIVED

As the year wore on, the importance of this issue tempo-

arily evaporated before graver disputes between the Big Four over Germany. But it will be revived in time and if a separate peace is made by Britain, the U.S. and France with western Germany, Canada and the other interested states will likely be granted the participation they desire.

The same issue is involved in the pending Japanese settlement. But it appears that the Commission, other than the Soviet Union, will disregard the 10 countries on the Far Eastern Russians and go ahead and draft a treaty without them. Canada is a member of this commission.

The United States has taken the lead in trying to get all the countries on the commission to share in the settlement and Canada heartily approves this plan.

The struggle for participation is a carry-over from the 1946 Paris peace conference, which drew up treaties with Italy and the four German satellites—Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria and Finland.

Canada, Australia and several other states battled in Paris for the principle of participation and won a partial victory, although the big powers had the final say.

Lord Beaverbrook
Restoring Burial
Site As Memorial

Area Includes Grave of
Pioneer Who Founded Masting
and Other Industries In
Northern N.B.

NEWCASTLE, N.B. —The resting place of William Davidson, one of the first English-speaking settlers of northern New Brunswick, lies in a graveyard Lord Beaverbrook has undertaken to restore and preserve them in his boyhood town as a memorial to early British settlers.

Until recent years the burial ground was a beautiful pine grove. Then the standing timber was sold and the pines cut, leaving stumps and debris with Davidson's railed grave plot the only clear space. Last year the United Church of Canada here conveyed the land title to Lord Beaverbrook, the legislature made provision for a roadway and the work of restoration started.

The Davidson grave, marked by a large, cracked sandstone tablet, is near the junction of the Northwest and Southwest Miramichi rivers. He died in 1790 when 50 years old.

Born in Scotland, William Davidson established a salmon

FOUR TREATIES
SIGNED BY CANADA

This fall, Canada formally signed the treaties with Italy, Hungary, Rumania and Finland. There was no treaty signed with Bulgaria, for due to an oversight Canada never officially declared war on that Balkan country.

Canada was invited to the western hemisphere defence conference in late summer at Rio de Janeiro, but declined. The government felt that the present defence arrangements with the United States are adequate enough without further commitments with Latin or South America.

In the sphere of trade Canada took a leading part in the International Trade Organization conference in Geneva from April to October and also was represented at the world trade conference at Havana which followed.

The diplomatic service continued to expand during the year, with several score young men being taken into the External Affairs Department.

Senior diplomatic changes were not numerous but the chief ones involved the transfer of Mr. Wilgress from Moscow to be minister to Switzerland, and the switch from Rio de Janeiro of Jean Desy to be ambassador in Rome. Maj.-Gen Victor Odium was appointed ambassador to Turkey and E. J. Garland became minister to Norway.

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

ENGLISH LEAGUE

First Division
Arsenal 1, Liverpool 2.
Bolton Wanderers 2, Sheffield United 3.
Chelsea 2, Grimsby 3.
Derby County 5, Blackburn Rovers 0.
Huddersfield Town 1, Manchester City 1.
Middlesborough 1, Charlton Athletic 2.
Portsmouth 1, Manchester United 3.
Wolverhampton Wanderers 4, Aston Villa 1.
Stoke City 1, Blackpool 1.

Second Division

Birmingham City 1, Millwall 0.
Chesterfield 3, Tottenham Hotspurs 1.
Leicester City 1, Brentford 2.
Luton Town 6, Leeds United 1.
Plymouth Argyle 3, Fulham 2.
Southampton 1, Bradford 2.
West Ham United 1, Sheffield Wednesday 4.

Game postponed from December 25—
Nottingham Forest 4, Doncaster Rovers 2.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

"A" Division
Aberdeen 5, St. Mirren 0.
Airdrieonians 0, Hibernians 3.
Clyde 1, Third Lanark 1.
Hearts 0, Motherwell 1.
Morton 2, Falkirk 1.
Queen's Park 3, Celtic 2.
Queen of the South 5, Dundee 2.
Rangers 2, Partick Thistle 1.

fishing and fur trading business on the Miramachi at the age of 25. When American privateers plagued him during the Revolutionary War he moved to Maugerville on the St. John River and pioneered New Brunswick's masting industry.

Supplying masts for the Royal Navy, he received prices ranging from £10 for a stick 18 inches in diameter and 72 feet long, to £136 for one 36 inches by 108 feet.

After the war he returned to the Miramachi, revived his business there and had a brief but colorful career in politics. His great rivals, both in politics and trade, were the Cunards, of subsequent steamship fame.

W. H. Davidson, Newcastle lawyer, has published a sketch of his ancestor, Dr. J. Clarence Webster, noted New Brunswick historian wrote in the foreword: "His untimely death undoubtedly greatly retarded the development of the Miramachi area of New Brunswick."

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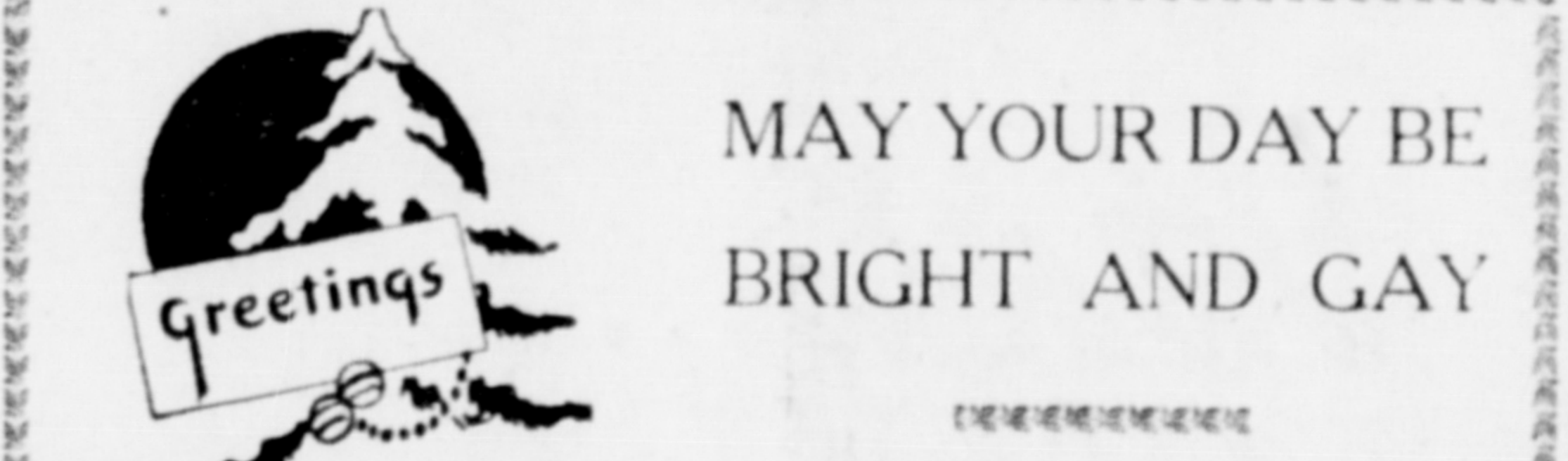


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