

### Government Experts Estimate Population Now Over 15 Million

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada's population has passed the 15 million mark. At Confederation in 1867 there were 3,000,000 in 1901.

Government experts estimate the milestone was reached weeks ago, either at the end of November or early in December, but the complex job of compiling figures now is well under way and a bureau of statistics report likely will be issued in 1954.

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Harry Edgar of Victoria is leaving for the south to join his wife, Mrs. M. G. Edgar, 738 Lillooet Street.

### Two Members Resign From Housing Authority

Resignations of aldermen-elect Norman Bellis and Mrs. Willa Ray from the Prince Rupert Housing Authority were reported at last night's city council meeting.

Mr. Bellis' resignation was necessitated on his election to council earlier this month as aldermen are banned from housing authority posts. Mrs. Ray's resignation was due to pressure of business.

### Green, Duke Journey Back to Auckland

GREENLAND, N.Z. (Reuters)—Queen Elizabeth drove to Auckland today with the Duke of Edinburgh as cheering crowds lined the 100-mile route from Whangarei.

The Duke was in a blue and white car, with a green and white canopy.

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### Public Welcome

A request from the Prince Rupert General Hospital for release of funds set aside for hospital expansion, was approved. A sum of \$6,666.66 had been provided for in city estimates this year for the hospital expansion program.

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born in England, and is a nurse of wide experience. She first visited Canada in 1939 on an English public school girls tour. From 1940 to 1943 she nursed at the Montreal General Hospital and from 1943 to 1946 she served with the British Army nursing service in North Africa and Italy.

In 1947 she returned to Canada and from 1948 to 1949 nursed in Bermuda, where she met Dr. Rupert early next month.

Mr. Waller went to Prince George seven years ago shortly after his discharge from the Royal Canadian Navy.

After a year in the office of a lumber firm he became employed by the Dominion Government in its unemployment branch.

For two years he was a forward with the senior Prince George team.

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Simpson, 52, who was better known in the theatre under the name of "F. V. Eschmayer," died from a heart attack on his way from Churchill on Hudson Bay. The dog was shipped by Pte. Fred Genereaux of the northern port to his mother here, taking five days to make the journey in a small wooden doghouse.

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officials today said they have been asked by Canadian officials to find a substitute for Simpson but no decision has been reached.

The British council has selected, in recent years, a British adjudicator for the annual Canadian festivals.

In Ottawa Monday night, Richard MacDonald, secretary of the Dominion Drama Festival

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