

Viscount Alexander Had Many Firsts In Canada

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OTTAWA, Jan. 26 — (CP) — No body should be surprised that Viscount Alexander has become the first of Canada's 17 governors-general to go back home to enter politics. It's only his last of a lot of "firsts" in Canada.

In six Canadian years, this peer and son of a peer has done all sorts of things his predecessors never did and earned the admiration and the friendship of the Canadian people in doing them.

He introduced square dancing to the House of Commons. He drove his own jeep in the hills to find good places to paint the scenery, once pushed a skier's car out of a snowbank, slid down a fireman's pole, adopted a daughter during a visit to Britain, and occasionally spoke his mind publicly which a governor-general is not supposed to do.

It is doubtful that Canada ever had a more popular King's representative than this 60-year-old high-born soldier who first became a Canadian citizen at the time of the Potsdam conference in 1945.

When Mr. Churchill came back to power a few months ago and a reporter asked Viscount Alexander how he felt about it, he said with a frankness governors-general are not supposed to exercise that he was pleased.

Viscount Alexander's activities here touched many fields. A crack fencer in his youth, he showed a fondness for athletics which took him to hockey games, took him frequently into the Gatineau Hills to ski, took him thousands of miles to fish and made him the champion kleefer-off in Canadian football.

A student at everything he did, he even took his kicking-off chores at football matches seriously. A photographer once asked him to klee into the sun to make a better picture. The Governor-General said he'd rather not, he'd rather kick the other way to take advantage of the wind.

He studied French here, painted Canadian scenes for his own Christmas cards, gave Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip probably their best evening in Canada with a square dance at Government House. He spotted a fireman's pole one time during a visit and slid down it to satisfy a lifelong curiosity.

He has driven train locomotives and piloted aircraft more than once and became an Indian chief on a trip out West.

He saw his daughter Rose take a job as a stenographer in the Ottawa office of an insurance firm, adopted a young sister for her in England in three-year-old Susan and often roamed with the two girls and his two sons, Brian and Shane, through the 88 acres of grounds at Government House.

May See Return To More Normal Spending

MONTREAL, Jan. 26 — "All in all, the balance of probabilities suggests that 1952 may see a return to a more normal disposition to spend on the part of the consuming public, somewhere between the reluctance of the past nine months and the avidity of the preceding nine months." This appraisal of the outlook for 1952, which appears in the Bank of Montreal's latest Business Review, is based on an analysis of the surprise as well as the anticipated developments which highlighted "the varied course of consumer buying in 1951."

The B of M states that, whether inflationary or deflationary forces will be uppermost in 1952, may largely depend "on the mass decisions of Canadian consumers to spend freely or cautiously."

More than half of the total demand for Canadian production last year represented personal outlays on consumer goods and services. "A relatively modest variation, either way, in such spending may easily be the factor which tips the scale."

Adventure Proves Profitable To Author

BERKLEY, Calif., Jan. 26 — (AP) — Fictional and factual adventure on the high seas has turned out to be a profitable lifetime job for author Cecil Scott Forester, who once studied to be a doctor.

A slight, spry, 52 year old British Forester has written more than two dozen books on many subjects, but he is best known as the creator of Horatio Hornblower, a doughty British sea warrior of the days of sail.

The hero of eight novels and a score of magazine stories, Hornblower has become the epitome of British resolve and caring on the sea. Most recently he has been the title figure of a lavish movie — "Captain Horatio Hornblower."

To his creator, Hornblower is something of a "bread and butter" proposition.

Forester is proud of his stalwart captain, but he is a little wistful sometimes that his other books haven't drawn the acclaim — or the sales — that Hornblower has.

He now is busy writing the script for a 26-week series of half-hour television movies on the naval history of the Second World War — a prodigious task equal to writing eight feature-length movies.

Non-fiction is nothing new to Forester. Many of his Hornblower incidents are based on historical facts and his recollections of a Second World War cruise aboard the British cruiser "Penelope" were fictionalized in his best-seller "The Ship."

"As a boy," he explains, "I liked reading factual stuff. I drifted in-

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Prime Minister Opens \$1,000,000 Armory In Northern Ontario



A new \$1,000,000 armory, the first built in Canada since the end of the Second World War, was opened recently in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., by Rt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent—seen above inspecting troops—first Prime Minister to visit the city in 22 years.

The armory, to serve as headquarters for military forces guarding community of 32,000 persons, and its ship canal locks through which freighters loaded with wheat or iron ore pass from Lake Superior to Lake Huron, will also serve as a community centre as well as meeting the needs of the expanding 49th Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment of the Royal Canadian Artillery.

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U. N. Committee Approves Russian Resolution

PARIS, Jan. 26 — (CP) — The United Nations political committee voted over strenuous United States objections today for a Russian resolution calling, in effect, for a horse-trade which would admit 14 applicants to U.N. membership, including five from the Soviet bloc.

It was the first time in U.N. history that the political committee passed a major Russian resolution attacked by the United States.

The vote was 21 to 12 with 25 abstentions. The Asian-Arab and Scandinavian states, Israel and Yugoslavia were among those backing Russia.

The margin was not enough to get approval of the full U.N. assembly where two-thirds majority is necessary for passage. But if one country swings from abstention to support the resolution in the plenary session, the recommendation that the 14 applicants be reconsidered will go to the Security Council.

The Soviet made it clear that it would refrain from vetoing the Western applicants it has turned down in past if the West would accept Soviet applicants. The West has never vetoed the Soviet bloc applicants but has always failed to give them the seven votes needed in the 11-member Security Council.

The committee also approved a Peruvian resolution which would call on the council to reconsider all 16 applicants who failed to make the grade. The Peruvian resolution proposes that applicants be con-

Russians Crack Whip After Plant Breakdowns

(By Thomas A. Reedy)
BERLIN, Jan. 26 — (AP) — Industrial breakdown, jeopardizing the Communist "five-year plan," has gripped the Russian zone of Germany. The Russians have started to crack a stinging whip.

The breakdown has stricken the two biggest projects of the East Zone, steel plants on the Polish border and on the West German frontier.

A special commission was appointed by the Communist Government to find the culprits. Seventeen technical men were reported arrested. A sweeping purge is threatened.

Informed sources said Russian officials were first annoyed, and then enraged, over the collapse of the steel-making program. The cessation of East-West trade in December, cutting off vital Ruhr steel, heightened the embarrassment.

Difficulties in the "Combinat East" and Fuerstberg/Oder (the Polish border) have been publicized. The East Zone is trying to keep hidden an equally-disastrous experience at "Combinat East" near Calbe, West German border.

The Oder River plants never had produced a pound of steel and Fritz Selbmann, minister for sidered on merit only.

Canada abstained on both resolutions. While the Canadian delegation did not participate in the latest debate, External Affairs Minister Pearson has said that Canada was coming around to the idea of universal membership although it still rules out applicants who flagrantly violate the U.N. charter. This would include Communist China.

Retired Montreal Banker Dies

MONTREAL, Jan. 26 — (CP) — Charles Albert Lewis, 86, retired banker, died yesterday in hospital.

Mr. Lewis was manager of the Galt, Ont., branch of the Bank of Montreal until his retirement in 1928. Born in Ottawa the son of John Bower Lewis, a former member of parliament, he was educated in Galt and joined the Merchant Bank of Canada, which was later absorbed by the Bank of Montreal.

Mr. Lewis is survived by his widow, the former Winifred Dawson, a daughter, Mrs. G.A. Campbell, and a son, Lieut.-Col. John Bower Lewis, all of Montreal.

heavy industry, was publicly spanked by the Russian newspaper Tselliche Rundschau.

Combinat West, started last August, isn't anywhere near the wall-and-roof stage because of a reported error by the surveying engineers. Information from eastern engineers reaching West Berlin explained that the original survey team failed to realize the Calbe lowland is almost impossible to drain. Construction has been stopped.

By the end of this year, the East Zone had counted on having 500,000 tons of steel from the two "Combinats" and by the end of the five-year plan (1955) a total of 2,000,000 tons.

The Oder ovens were ruined by congealed iron ore after two ventilators exploded. Details of other errors have been kept secret.

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