

# Chief Justice of P.E.I. To Judge War Claims

Ottawa, Oct. 24 (CP).—The job of judging claims for 1939-45 war losses by Canadians was assigned today to Chief Justice Thane A. Campbell of Prince Edward Island, a former Liberal Premier of the island province.

Prime Minister St. Laurent announced that Chief Justice Campbell, 57, has been appointed Chief War Claims Commissioner "to inquire into and report upon claims made by Canadians generally arising out of the Second World War.

A \$10,000,000 fund that is still growing is available for payments

and claims running well into millions are already in or are expected. The money comes from reparations and from enemy assets seized in Canada. The claimants include people involved in such disasters as the 1939 torpedoing



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of the liner Athenia, people and firms whose goods were lost in numerous countries when the Germans or Japanese struck, people who have had to undergo long and costly hospital care because of enemy imprisonment and other groups.

The government already has announced automatic awards of \$1 a day for about 2,000 Canadian servicemen and civilians for every day they were prisoners of the Japanese or certain German organizations such as the SS or Gestapo. This mainly benefits 1,400 military veterans of the Hong Kong expedition of 1941. The awards are described as reimbursement for maltreatment and will absorb at least \$2,000,000 of the fund.

Other awards will have to be approved by Chief Justice Campbell's commission — other commissioners will be named to assist him—and

then approved again by the government.

The new commission will be guided by a lengthy report on war claims submitted by Rt. Hon. J. L. Hilsley, Chief Justice of Nova Scotia and former federal finance minister who made a thorough study of the situation at the government's request. His report has been largely adopted by the cabinet.

Chief Justice Campbell will also act in the capacity of advisory commissioner on claims under the treaty of peace with Italy. He is empowered to report and make recommendations on such other classes of claims by Canadians as may be referred by the government.

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Mr. Alistair Napier,  
Director, War Claims Branch,  
Office of the Custodian,  
Department of the Secretary of State,  
Victoria Building, 7 O'Connor Street,  
Ottawa 4, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

May I request copy of the order-in-council outlining  
the terms of reference of the appointment of Chief Justice Thane A.  
Campbell as Chief War Claims Commissioner.

Yours very truly,

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Kunio Hidaka.