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TUESDAY, 22 DECEMBER, 1953

Westminster, 18th December, 1953.

This day, the Lords being met, a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them that *The Lords authorised by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by Her Majesty, for declaring Her Royal Assent to the Acts agreed upon by both Houses, to desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read, and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to:—*

Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Act, 1953.
 Armed Forces (Housing Loans) Act, 1953.
 Post Office and Telegraph (Money) Act, 1953.
 Statute Law Revision Act, 1953.
 Public Works Loans Act, 1953.
 Air Corporations Act, 1953.
 Electoral Registers Act, 1953.
 Expiring Laws Continuance Act, 1953.
 Glasgow Corporation (Water &c.) Order Confirmation Act, 1953.
 Inverness Harbour Order Confirmation Act, 1953.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
 22nd December, 1953.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Her Majesty's Canadian Ministers, to approve the undermentioned awards of the George Medal.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Albert Richard DECUYPER, Comox, British Columbia.

Robert Thomas WATERS, Comox, British Columbia.

A Lancaster aircraft which was returning from an instrument practice flight crashed and caught fire near the R.C.A.F. Station at Comox. Mr. Decuyper, who had been working on a farm nearby, immediately ran to the scene. A fourteen year old boy, Robert Waters, saw the crash and having summoned assistance, joined Decuyper. In order to reach the aircraft, it was necessary for them to fight their way through heavy bush and swamp. On reaching the burning machine Decuyper saw one of the occupants endeavouring to free himself and immediately went to his aid. As he reached the port wing of the aircraft he was hurled into the air by the force of an explosion but was uninjured. Undaunted by his narrow escape from serious injury, Decuyper unhesitatingly approached the now blazing machine and was successful in removing the injured man. Waters

meanwhile was attempting to rescue another of the occupants. Despite the intense heat and the danger of explosions, and with complete disregard of his own safety, he entered the flaming wreckage and dragged the dazed and injured man away. By their unselfish acts of heroism, during which they hazarded their own lives, Decuyper and Waters were responsible for saving the lives of two members of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Crown Office, House of Lords, S.W.1.

21st December, 1953.

The QUEEN has been pleased by Warrant under the hands of the Counsellors of State dated the 21st day of December, 1953, to appoint Henry Elam, Esquire, to be a Deputy Chairman of the Court of Quarter Sessions for the County of London on the 1st day of January, 1954, in succession to Archibald William Cockburn, Esquire, Q.C., appointed to be Chairman of the said Court on that day.

Treasury Chambers, S.W.1.

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that They have made an Order under Section 9 of the Finance Act, 1932, as applied by Section 1 (5) (b) of, and Part III of the Second Schedule to, the Ottawa Agreements Act, 1932, and Section 1 of the Import Duties (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, viz.:—

The Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 15) Order, 1953, which reduces from £20 to £11 7s. 6d. per ton the rate of drawback of customs duty allowable in respect of imported linseed oil used in the manufacture of linseed oil fatty acids which are exported or shipped as stores.

The Order comes into operation on the 27th December, 1953, and has been published as Statutory Instruments 1953, No. 1865.

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Treasury Chambers, S.W.1.

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that They have made an Order under Section 9 of the Finance Act, 1932, and Section 1 of the Import Duties (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939, viz.:—

The Import Duties (Drawback) (No. 14) Order, 1953, which reduces from £6 to £3 13s. 0d. per ton the drawback of customs duty allowed in