

16. The Cabinet, after discussion, agreed that there was no object to be served by conversations on the subject with U.S. officials at present and that U.S. authorities be invited to supply information in support of their request along the lines recommended.

The meeting adjourned at 1.30 p.m. and resumed at 3.00 p.m.

Immigration; admission from France

17. The Minister of Mines and Resources submitted recommendations to Council to clarify the decision taken at the meeting of November 16th so that the new regulations governing admission of French citizens would apply only to those born in France. This would require amendment of Order in Council P.C. 4186 of September 16, 1948.

An explanatory note had been circulated.

(Secretary's memorandum, Dec. 6 - Cabinet Document 813; Minister's submissions to Council, Nov. 24, 1948 - P.C. 5593 and 5594).

18. The Prime Minister explained that this proposal resulted from further consideration of the administrative problems connected with the implementing of the new government policy with respect to French immigration.

It was considered desirable in the interests of security to restrict the scope of the new regulations to native born French citizens.

While neither passports nor visas would be required under the new regulations, in fact admission would be facilitated by possession of such documents and it was expected that the amendment proposed would permit of reasonably adequate scrutiny of intending immigrants.

(External Affairs memorandum, Dec. 7, and attached memorandum, Oct. 28, 1948).

19. The Cabinet, after discussion, approved the Minister's recommendation and agreed that Orders in Council be passed to amend the regulations accordingly.

Royal Commission on Transportation; terms of reference; membership

20. The Minister of Transport, referring to discussion at the meeting of November 24th, submitted and read a memorandum containing draft terms of reference for the proposed Royal Commission on Transportation.

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