

there in view of the high U.S. floor price which, in effect, provided a subsidy to the Canadian exporter. Discussions on the subject were to take place in Washington in the near future. It was suggested, therefore, that consideration of the problem be deferred until the outcome of these discussions was known.

(Memorandum, Chairman, Agricultural Prices Support Board, Oct.27, 1948).

26. The Cabinet, after discussion, deferred decision upon the questions involved.

Finland; extension of most-favoured-nation customs tariff treatment

27. The Secretary of State for External Affairs reported that Finland had expressed its intention of acceding to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and taking part in tariff negotiations in this connection in the spring of 1949.

In the interim period it would be desirable from the political point of view for Canada to extend most-favoured-nation treatment to Finland; no substantial economic advantage or disadvantage would result from this step.

An explanatory note had been circulated.

(Minister's memorandum, undated - Cabinet Document 763).

28. The Cabinet, after discussion, approved the extension of most-favoured-nation treatment to Finland and agreed that an Order in Council be passed accordingly.

Civil Service Federation; meeting with government

29. The Acting Prime Minister reported that the Civil Service Federation had formally requested an interview with members of the Cabinet for discussion of the Federation's proposals regarding cost of living bonus.

(Letter, Civil Service Federation to Acting Prime Minister, Oct.15, 1948).

30. The Minister of Finance pointed out that the question of Civil Service remuneration was presently under review by officials of Treasury Board and the Civil Service Commission, who would

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