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INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY FUND; SECOND CANADIAN CONTRIBUTION

14. *The Secretary of State for External Affairs* reported that officials of the International Children's Emergency Fund were presently making special efforts to secure additional contributions, first, in order to call out by matching grants the full \$75 million appropriated by the United States Congress, and, second, in order to encourage Congress, at this session, to appropriate the remaining \$25 million of the \$100 million originally authorized. It was apparent that Congress might be difficult to persuade unless there were further substantial contributions from other countries, particularly Canada.

It was pointed out that in the past Australian and New Zealand grants represented over \$1.00 per capita of the population, whereas Canadian grants represented slightly over 40 cents per capita.

At its meeting of May 18th, 1949, Cabinet had authorized the Agricultural Prices Support Board to buy Canadian dried skim milk powder to a total of \$1 million, the milk to be transferred to the Fund in the event Parliament authorized a further contribution. Recent surveys of the Department of Agriculture indicated that substantial surpluses of other foodstuffs would probably remain over and above any commodities which might be required in connection with fulfilment of United Kingdom and other contracts.

It was therefore recommended that \$1 million worth of dried skim milk powder be transferred to the International Children's Emergency Fund, and that a further contribution of \$3 million be authorized, provided the total amount would be spent in Canada and the items to be purchased would be a matter of negotiation between representatives of the Department of Agriculture or the Agricultural Prices Support Board and representatives of the International Children's Emergency Fund.

An explanatory memorandum had been circulated.

(Minister's memorandum, Aug. 8, 1949—Cabinet Document 1004).†

15. *The Prime Minister* said that, before recommending a second Canadian contribution to the Fund, careful consideration should be given to the relative merits of international relief grants and domestic relief measures that might be required. In the circumstances, it might be preferable to withhold decision in this matter until the forthcoming financial discussions had been concluded in Washington and Canada's general financial position had been reviewed in the light of those discussions.

16. *The Cabinet*, after discussion, noted the recommendation of the Secretary of State for External Affairs respecting a second Canadian contribution to the International Children's Emergency Fund and deferred decision pending further consideration following the tripartite discussions to be held in Washington.