

(ii) if the requisition involves an estimated expenditure exceeding five thousand dollars, but not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, the requisition shall be signed by the Minister or the Deputy Minister or an Acting Deputy Minister of the Department concerned;

(iii) if the requisition involves an estimated expenditure exceeding fifty thousand dollars, the requisition shall be signed by the Minister of the Department concerned;

(d) in cases where the amount involved in any proposed contract exceeds five thousand dollars, the proposed contract shall not be entered into until authority to do so has been granted by the Governor in Council;

(e) in cases where the amount involved in any proposed contract does not exceed five thousand dollars, the Minister may enter into such proposed contract without authority from the Governor in Council;

(f) in case of extras or other allowance or of variations, alterations or modifications to or of any contract by reason of which the total amount of the expenditure involved will exceed the amount of expenditure involved in the original contract, the foregoing provisions of this section shall apply "mutatis mutandis", having regard to the amount of such excess".

The continuous increase in the volume and scope of the work of the Department, and the attendant increase in the number of contracts for which authority had to be obtained before execution, created a danger that the efficient functioning of the Department would be impaired by the requirements set forth in paragraph (d) of section eight, and to avoid such danger:

(a) Order in Council P.C. 6036 was passed on the 19th of August 1941, amending paragraphs (d) and (e) of section eight to read as follows:—

"(d) in cases where the amount involved in any proposed contract exceeds fifteen thousand dollars, the proposed contract shall not be entered into until authority to do so has been granted by the Governor in Council;

(e) in cases where the amount involved in any proposed contract does not exceed fifteen thousand dollars, the Minister may enter into such proposed contract without authority from the Governor in Council, provided, however, that the Minister shall report all such contracts so entered into involving amounts exceeding five thousand dollars to the Governor in Council as soon after their execution as may be practicable."