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Ottawa, December 30th, 1942.

CABINET WAR COMMITTEE

A meeting of the War Committee of the Cabinet was held in the Privy Council Chamber on Wednesday, December the 30th, at 3 p.m.

There were present the following members:

The Prime Minister (Mr. King), in the Chair,
The Minister of Mines and Resources (Mr. Crerar),
The Minister of National Defence for Air
(Mr. Power),
The Minister of Finance (Mr. Ilsley),
The Minister of Transport (Mr. Michaud),
The Minister of National Defence for
Naval Services (Mr. Macdonald),
The Minister of Justice (Mr. St. Laurent).

The Under-Secretary of State for External
Affairs (Mr. Robertson),
The Secretary (Mr. Heeney).

Mr. J. R. Baldwin, Privy Council Office.

There was also present for the discussion
of the item dealt with in paragraphs 6 to 9:

The Minister of Public Works (Mr. Fournier),

for the discussion of the item dealt with in
paragraphs 10 to 13:

Squadron Leader Bonell, R.C.A.F.,

and for the discussion of the item dealt with in
paragraphs 14 to 17:

Air Vice Marshal Leckie, Air Member for
Training.

Boom defences - Atlantic Coast

1. The Minister of National Defence for
Naval Services submitted a recommendation, copies
of which had been circulated.

The Naval Staff proposed that boom defences
be provided for the harbours at Wabana, Newfoundland,
at Louisburg, Nova Scotia, and in the narrow waters
of the Strait of Canso, Nova Scotia. Estimated
cost involved was \$1,945,000.

(Departmental memorandum, December 29, 1942 -
C.W.C. document 376).

2. Mr. Macdonald explained the value of such
provision for anti-submarine defence at these strategic

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