

Secretary of State for External Affairs respectively; messages had been exchanged with them to this effect.

2. The Cabinet noted the Prime Minister's observations.

Parliamentary Assistants

3. The Prime Minister stated that it was proposed that Mr. Walter Harris (who had been Parliamentary Assistant to Mr. St. Laurent when he was Secretary of State for External Affairs) be now appointed Parliamentary Assistant to the Prime Minister.

Mr. McIlraith would remain as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. With the appointment of the new Minister of Reconstruction and Supply, however, he would now cease to act as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister holding that portfolio.

4. The Cabinet approved the Prime Minister's proposals respecting Parliamentary Assistants and agreed that the necessary Orders in Council be passed accordingly.

(Orders in Council P.C. 5302, 5303 and 5304, Nov. 15, 1948).

Transfers of duties; Travel Bureau;
National Film Board

5. The Prime Minister submitted recommendations for the transfer of administration of the Travel Bureau from the Minister of Trade and Commerce to the Minister of Reconstruction and Supply, also for the transfer of responsibility for the National Film Board from Dr. McCann to Mr. Winters (Mr. Winters to become Chairman of the Board and Dr. McCann the second Ministerial representative, vice Mr. Claxton).

One of Mr. Winters' principal functions as Minister of Reconstruction and Supply would relate to housing; he was assuming responsibility for Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

6. The Cabinet, after discussion, approved the Prime Minister's proposals for transfers of duties and agreed that Orders in Council be passed accordingly.

(Orders in Council P.C. 5305, 5306, and 5307, Nov. 15, 1948).

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