

(h) that any necessary instructions to departments be issued regarding suitable precautions against damage.

B. that the Under-Secretary of State be directed to proceed accordingly.

Prince Rupert-Hazelton Highway; maintenance

22. The Minister of Mines and Resources, referring to the discussion at the meeting of March 22nd, emphasized the need for an early decision upon responsibility for future maintenance of the Highway.

The Minister of National Defence had reported that there was no further military necessity for the road.

23. The War Committee, after discussion, agreed that the Minister of Mines and Resources communicate with the Premier of British Columbia to the effect that, since maintenance of the highway was no longer required for military purposes, the Federal government was assuming no further financial responsibility in this respect, and the Province was free to take over the road as part of the Provincial highway system.

Army; promotions

24. The Minister of National Defence reported that Lieutenant-Colonel Allard, D.S.O., commanding the Royal 22nd Regiment had been promoted to command the 6th Infantry Brigade, with the rank of Brigadier.

25. The War Committee noted with approval the Minister's report.

The meeting adjourned at 2.05 p.m.

A. D. P. Heeney
Secretary.

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