

statutes were being discarded and the inclusion of a new disciplinary code would eliminate objectionable legislation by reference to U.K. legislation.

The enactment of this bill would involve the repeal of the Militia Act, the Department of National Defence Act, the Royal Military College Act, the Royal Canadian Air Force Act and the Naval Service Act.

An explanatory memorandum had been circulated.

(National Defence memorandum, undated - Cabinet Document 766).

2. Mr. Claxton said that, if it were proceeded with, this bill would be introduced and dealt with in detail in the Senate.

3. The Cabinet, after discussion, approved in principle preparation of the National Defence Act as proposed by the Minister but deferred decision regarding its introduction at the next session of Parliament.

Legislation; Militia Pension Act
amendment

4. The Minister of National Defence reported on a proposed bill to amend the Militia Pension Act.

Amendments proposed were largely technical in nature, involving such matters as coverage of "subordinate officers", adjustment of arrangements regarding pension and salary position of former military personnel employed in the Public Service, conditions relating to liability for pension reductions, and other matters.

An explanatory memorandum had been circulated.

(National Defence memorandum, undated - Cabinet Document 767).

5. The Acting Prime Minister referred to difficulties which would result if military pensioners employed in the Public Service received both full pension and salary.

6. The Cabinet, after discussion, deferred decision upon the proposed measure pending review by the Minister of the element referred to by the Acting Prime Minister.

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