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CABINET CONCLUSIONS

A meeting of the Cabinet was held in the Privy Council Chamber on Monday, August 21st, 1950, at 8.00 p.m.

Present:

The Prime Minister (Mr. St-Laurent),
in the Chair,
The Honourable J.A. MacKinnon,
The Minister of National Defence
(Mr. Claxton),
The Minister of Transport (Mr. Chevrier),
The Minister of National Health and Welfare
(Mr. Martin),
The Minister of Finance (Mr. Abbott),
The Minister of National Revenue and
Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys
(Dr. McCann),
The Leader of the Government in the Senate
(Senator Robertson),
The Minister of Labour (Mr. Gregg),
The Minister of Justice (Mr. Garson),
The Minister of Veterans Affairs (Mr. Lapointe),
The Minister of Citizenship and Immigration
(Mr. Harris).

The Secretary to the Cabinet (Mr. Robertson),
Mr. Paul Pelletier, Privy Council Office.

Railway dispute

1. The Prime Minister said that he had hoped to have had, by now, definite information as to the results of the mediation currently being conducted by Dr. W.A. Mackintosh in the railway dispute. However, negotiations were still proceeding and there was no indication as to when they might be concluded.

It was understood that several proposals and counter-proposals had been advanced by both parties to the dispute but there was yet no prospect of early agreement on a compromise.

The railways' most recent offer was for an increase of 4¢ an hour; the establishment of a 40-hour week effective October 1st, 1951 (with

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