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AT THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE AT OTTAWA

WEDNESDAY, the 11th day of DECEMBER, 1940.

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PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL:

WHEREAS the Associate Minister of National Defence reports, -

That an Estates Branch of the Department of National Defence was established, effective 1st April 1940, under the direction of an Administrator of Estates, for the administration of the service estates of deceased members of the Naval, Military and Air Forces of Canada on Active Service in the present War;

That by Order-in-Council of 19th March, 1940, (P.C. 1065) Regulations entitled "Regulations for the Administration and Distribution of Naval, Military and Air Force Estates, 1940" were made, effective said 1st April 1940;

That said Regulations have not provided for the collection of small bank balances of deceased members and the distribution thereof with their service estates by the Estates Branch;

That in respect to the pay and allowances of an officer of the Forces of Canada serving Overseas, the total amount thereof, converted into sterling, is, by the Treasury Officer (Overseas), deposited monthly to the credit of his account in the bank or other approved financial institution (hereinafter referred to as bank), designated by the officer, and it is frequently found that at his death there is a small balance at credit therein;

That small amounts at credit of all ranks in the Forces are also found at their death in banks in Canada as well as Overseas;

That it is not unusual that the amount of such balance is so small as not to justify the persons entitled to the estate of the deceased making the expenditure necessary to obtain administration thereof;

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