

Royal visit; train accommodation

14. The Minister of Transport, referring to the discussion at the meeting of October 5th, 1951, said there had been complaints about the inadequacy of the sitting-room accommodation on the Royal train for Ministers and their wives, leading to the suggestion that a private car be added for their use. The President of the Canadian National Railways had indicated that this could not be done, without risk of breakdowns, unless a car were specially shopped. The President of the Canadian Pacific Railways, the company now responsible for the train, had stated that he would be prepared to have a car added if the government accepted responsibility for any difficulties that might arise. Arrangements made for station receptions along the route were based on the present measurements of the train. On balance, he thought it best not to ask for an additional car.

15. The Cabinet, after discussion, noted the report of the Minister of Transport and agreed that:

(a) the Canadian Pacific Railways be not asked to add a private car to the Royal train for the use of Ministers and their wives; and,

(b) it would not be feasible to alter the present accommodation arrangements on the train.

U.N. General Assembly; Canadian delegation

16. The Secretary of State for External Affairs, referring to discussion at the meeting of October 5th, 1951, said that he had encountered difficulties in finding a French-speaking Senator to serve on the Canadian delegation to the forthcoming session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. He was now proposing to approach Senator Hurtubise.

17. The Cabinet, after discussion, noted the report of the Secretary of State for External Affairs and agreed that he invite Senator Hurtubise to serve on the Canadian delegation to the forthcoming session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

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