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Wartime Labour Relations Regulations, P.C.1003 of February 17, 1944, P.C. 4020 of June 6, 1941 as amended, and the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act, Chapter 112, RSC 1927 as amended.

In the opinion of this Department, it is essential that the provisions of P.C. 1003 as amended and P.C.4020 be continued in effect until such time as administrative arrangements can be completed to put into operation the new legislation. The Department has also received representations from some provinces, who have applied P.C.1003 to their own industries that they consider it important that the provisions of P.C.1003 be continued in effect until the new Dominion legislation has been enacted and the province has the opportunity to enact new legislation in place of P.C.1003 in respect of its own industries, in such form as will provide for a reasonable measure of uniformity between the Dominion and provincial legislation.

In view of the foregoing, the Department is of the opinion that provision should be made for continuing in effect beyond the 31st of March, 1947, the provisions of P.C.1003 and the supplementary Orders in Council relating thereto and P.C. 4020.

3. The Department will also forward for consideration of Cabinet a very short bill to amend the Labour Department Act, to enable the Department to carry on activities relating to the recruiting of agricultural labour and the transfer of workers to places of employment which have heretofore been carried on under emergency legislation.

4. The Sub-Committee of the Cabinet on Japanese is meeting on the 10th instant to determine what recommendations should be made to Cabinet, with reference to the continuance of controls over movement of Japanese in Canada and future deportation policy. If controls are to be continued beyond the 31st of March, this will involve either carrying forward the existing emergency Orders in Council or new legislation in place thereof.

Yours sincerely,

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