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Coronation; seats in Westminster Abbey

8. The Prime Minister said that, out of 400 seats available for Canadians in Westminster Abbey, 232 had been taken up. He recommended that additional invitations be sent out.

(Memorandum, Feb. 25, 1953, and attached lists)

9. The Cabinet, after discussion, agreed that invitations to occupy seats in Westminster Abbey for the Coronation be sent to the mayors and their wives of cities having a population between 10,000, and 20,000, as submitted, and that the Coronation Committee be asked to consider having invitations sent to the heads of national associations and organizations, on the understanding that, where it would be appropriate, invitations also be extended to the heads of other associations and organizations that had been omitted from the list already drawn up.

Coronation; film coverage

10. The Minister of Resources and Development reported on probable film coverage of the Coronation and submitted recommendations for special coverage by the National Film Board.

An explanatory memorandum had been circulated.

(Minister's memorandum, Feb. 23, 1953- Cab. Doc. 54-53)

11. The Cabinet, after discussion, agreed that the National Film Board undertake supplementary film coverage on Canadian participation in the Coronation and of Coronation Day celebrations in Canada along the lines recommended by the Minister of Resources and Development in the document circulated (Cab. Doc. 54-53).

Haines-Fairbanks Military Pipeline Project

12. The Minister of National Defence, as Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs, referring to discussion at the meeting of August 20th, 1952, recommended that there be an exchange of notes with the United States covering conditions for the construction of an oil pipeline from Haines, Alaska, to Fairbanks, Alaska, through British Columbia and the Yukon Territory. The recommendation was concurred in by the Minister of Resources and Development.

An explanatory memorandum had been circulated.

(Acting Minister's memorandum, Feb. 23, 1953, and attached draft of exchange of notes, Orders in Council, etc.- Cab. Doc. 52-53).

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