

In addition, a full exchange of views on the policy to be pursued in each country regarding private and non-scheduled flying across the border had taken place and would, in due course, be confirmed by an exchange of notes.

Considerable discussion had taken place on revisions in present trans-border routes and on international through routes which both countries wished to operate. This discussion had been adjourned at the request of the United States and would be continued early in the New Year, at which time it was hoped that a new bilateral agreement with the United States might be concluded.

10. The Cabinet, after discussion, noted with approval the Minister's report.

War Veterans Allowance Act; definition of "veteran"
in Part III

11. The Secretary of State (as Acting Minister of Veterans Affairs) submitted a recommendation for authority under the National Emergency Transitional Powers Act to substitute new definitions in Part III of the War Veterans Allowance Act, in order to clarify the qualifications of a veteran applying for assistance.

Re-definition was made necessary in order to limit allowances to veterans and widows of veterans who had been on active service in both world wars and in order to prevent claims from persons who had served in the Non-Permanent Active Militia and world war II.

An explanatory note had been circulated.

(Secretary's note, Dec.17, 1946 - Cabinet Document 349).

12. The Minister of Finance pointed out that there might be some difficulty in giving precise meaning to the term "active service" and suggested that further consideration be given to the proposed definition in order to make sure that no loop-holes existed.

In addition, the Department should consider the desirability of implementing this change in due course by permanent legislation.

13. The Cabinet, after further discussion, approved the principle of the recommendation submitted, but agreed that prior to the passing of an Order in Council, the Department of Veterans Affairs consider further the wording of the necessary submission in relation to "active service" with a view to a

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