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Ottawa, November 15th, 1948.

CABINET CONCLUSIONS

A meeting of the Cabinet was held in the Privy Council Chamber on Monday, November 15th, 1948, at 5.30 p.m.

Present:

The Prime Minister (Mr.St.Laurent), in the Chair,
The Minister of Trade and Commerce (Mr.Howe),
The Minister of Agriculture (Mr.Gardiner),
The Minister of Mines and Resources (Mr.MacKinnon),
The Secretary of State (Mr.Gibson),
The Minister of Labour (Mr.Mitchell),
The Minister of Public Works (Mr.Fournier),
The Postmaster General (Mr.Bertrand),
The Minister of National Defence (Mr.Claxton),
The Solicitor General (Mr.Jean),
The Minister of Transport (Mr.Chevrier),
The Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr.Martin),
The Minister of Finance (Mr.Abbott),
The Minister of National Revenue (Dr.McCann),
The Minister of Veterans Affairs (Mr.Gregg),
The Minister of Fisheries (Mr.Mayhew),
The Minister of Justice (Mr.Garson),
The Minister of Reconstruction and Supply (Mr.Winters).

The Secretary to the Cabinet (Mr.Heeney),
The Assistant Secretary (Mr.Baldwin).

The new Ministry

1. The Prime Minister expressed his thanks to his colleagues who had agreed to remain on in the new Ministry and welcomed to the Council table the new Minister of Justice (Mr.Garson) and the new Minister of Reconstruction and Supply (Mr.Winters).

Because of their necessary absence overseas, Senator Robertson and Mr.Pearson had been unable to be present at Government House earlier that afternoon when the new Ministry had taken office. They had, however, expressed their willingness to remain as Leader of the Government in the Senate and

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