(Order in Council P.C.3307, July 5, 1950)

(g) to be King's Counsel:

Honourable Hugues Lapointe, Solicitor General of Canada H.E.B. Coyne, Esquire, Robert E. Curran, Esquire, W.Gordon Gunn, Esquire, Kenneth W. Wright, Esquire

(Orders in Council P.C.3309, P.C.3049, P.C.3050, P.C.3051 and P.C.3052, July 5, 1950)

Appointment of temporary Acting Ministers

40. The Prime Minister said it appeared that, during the absence of certain Ministers from Ottawa, the Acting Ministers of their departments would also be away. In the circumstances, it was desirable to appoint temporary Acting Ministers who would function during the period when both the Minister and the Acting Minister were absent.

41. The Cabinet, after discussion, agreed that, during such time as a Minister and his Acting Minister were both absent from Ottawa, the following should act in the temporary capacity of Acting Ministers for the departments indicated:

Department of Agriculture - Dr. McCann; Department of Trade and Commerce - Mr. Mayhew; Department of National Defence - Mr. Pearson; Department of Citizenship and Immigration - Mr. Garson; Orders in Council to be passed accordingly.

(Orders in Council P.C.3310, P.C.3311, P.C.3312 and P.C.3313, July 5, 1950)

Public Works; lease of accommodation at London, Ontario

42. The Prime Minister reported that the Committee of Council had withheld for reference to Cabinet a recommendation for the leasing of space to accommodate the Department of National Revenue in London, Ontario. Order in Council P.C.5877 of December 21st, 1948, had authorized the leasing of a twostorey building at \$70,000 a year for ten years, with an option to purchase for \$550,000. To provide additional accommodation, the lessor, at the request of the Department of Public Works, had agreed to construct a three-storey building, with passenger elevator service, and was increasing the rent to \$83,797.50 a year without any purchase option. Authorization was sought to enter into a new lease on these terms.

43. The Minister of National Revenue said the Committee felt that a new lease of the building would be contrary to the Government's policy of erecting buildings rather than leasing. It was also felt that the terms proposed were not satisfactory.

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