

Ottawa, December 19th, 1946.

CABINET CONCLUSIONS

A meeting of the Cabinet was held in the Privy Council Chamber on Thursday, December 19th, 1946, at 3 p.m.

Present:

The Prime Minister (Mr. King), in the Chair,  
The Minister of Justice (Mr. Ilsley),  
The Minister of Reconstruction and Supply (Mr. Howe),  
The Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Gardiner),  
The Minister of Trade and Commerce (Mr. MacKinnon),  
The Secretary of State (Mr. Gibson),  
The Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. St. Laurent),  
The Minister of Public Works (Mr. Fournier),  
The Postmaster General (Mr. Bertrand),  
The Minister of National Defence (Mr. Claxton),  
The Minister of Mines and Resources (Mr. Glen),  
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 and Minister of National War Services (Dr. McCann),  
The Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Bridges),  
The Honourable W. McL. Robertson.

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

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Use of enemy patents; international agreement

1. The Secretary of State, referring to discussion at the meeting of August 26th, reported that the interdepartmental committee set up to review German patents held by the Custodian of Enemy Property had now submitted their report after consultation with government departments and agencies and private industry. The report recommended that Canada become a party to the international agreement ("London Accord"), on disposal of former German patents in allied countries which was open for signature until December 31st.

Under the basic principles of the Accord, German-owned patents would be placed in the public domain or continuously offered for licensing without royalty to the nationals of all participating

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