

Décret du Conseil
Order in Council

P.C. 4077

August 21, 1940

The Committee of the Privy Council have had before them a report, dated August 20th, 1940, from the Right Honourable W. L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, representing:

That on August 17th, 1940, at the invitation of the President of the United States, he proceeded to the United States to Ogdensburg in the State of New York, to meet Mr. Roosevelt for the purpose of discussing mutual problems of defense in relation to the safety of Canada and the United States;

That conversations on this subject between the Prime Minister and the President of the United States, accompanied by the Secretary of State for War of the United States (Mr. Stimson), took place on August 17th, and the following joint statement with respect to agreement which had been reached was, on August 18th, released for publication by the Prime Minister and the President:

The Prime Minister and the President have discussed the mutual problems of defense in relation to the safety of Canada and the United States.

It has been agreed that a Permanent Joint Board on Defense shall be set up at once by the two countries.

This Permanent Joint Board on Defense shall commence immediate studies relating to sea, land and air problems including personnel and material.

It will consider in the broad sense the defense of the north half of the Western Hemisphere.

The Permanent Joint Board on Defense will consist of four or five members from each country, most of them from the services. It will meet shortly.

That the actions of the Prime Minister in conducting the said conversations and in agreeing, on the part of Canada, to the establishment of a Permanent Joint Board on Defense for the consideration of the defense of the north half of the Western Hemisphere, are in accord with the policy of the Government as approved on many occasions by the War Committee of the Cabinet and the Cabinet itself.

The Prime Minister, therefore, recommends that his actions in conducting the said conversations and in agreeing to the establishment of the said Permanent Joint Board on Defense be ratified and confirmed.

The Committee concur in the foregoing recommendation and submit the same for approval.

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Clerk of the Privy Council