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Ottawa, November 5th, 1948.

CABINET CONCLUSIONS

A meeting of the Cabinet was held in the Privy Council Chamber on Friday, November 5th, 1948, at 12.30 p.m.

Present:

The Minister of Justice and Acting Prime Minister (Mr. St. Laurent),
The Minister of Trade and Commerce and Minister of Reconstruction and Supply (Mr. Howe),
The Secretary of State (Mr. Gibson),
The Minister of Labour (Mr. Mitchell),
The Minister of Public Works (Mr. Fournier),
The Minister of National Defence (Mr. Claxton),
The Minister of Transport (Mr. Chevrier),
The Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Martin),
The Minister of National Revenue (Dr. McCann),
The Minister of Veterans Affairs (Mr. Gregg),
The Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Mayhew).

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

Commonwealth Prime Ministers' meeting;
recommendations on consultation

1. The Acting Prime Minister submitted and read a draft circular telegram to Commonwealth governments prepared by the Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs following the discussion at the previous meeting.

(Text of proposed circular telegram, Nov. 5, 1948).

2. The Cabinet, after considerable discussion approved (with certain revisions), for immediate despatch, the draft circular message as submitted by the Acting Prime Minister, subject to final settlement of the terms of paragraph 7 by Mr. St. Laurent and Mr. Claxton.

A. D. P. Heeney
Secretary to the Cabinet.

Note - Attached is a copy of the text of the message as finally settled by Mr. St. Laurent and Mr. Claxton.

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