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Legislation; Historic Sites and Monuments Act amendment

10. The Secretary submitted a resolution and bill to amend the Historic Sites and Monuments Act. The main purposes of the measure were to amplify the definition of "historic place", to alter slightly the representation on the Board, and to provide for a change in the method and amount of payment to members of the Board.

11. The Cabinet approved for introduction a resolution and bill to amend the Historic Sites and Monuments Act as submitted

Legislation; Territorial Lands Act amendment

12. The Secretary submitted a bill to amend the Territorial Lands Act. The purpose of the amendment was to permit sales of territorial lands to be made prior to survey, thus permitting the price to be fixed when an application to purchase was accepted.

13. The Cabinet approved for introduction a bill to amend the Territorial Lands Act as submitted.

Legislation; Foreign Aircraft Third Party Damage Act

14. The Minister of Transport referring to discussion at the meeting of December 1st, reported that the signatures of plenipotentiaries appearing at the end of the Convention, as printed in the bill, were those of representatives of countries who actually signed the Convention when it was opened for signature at Rome on October 7th, 1952. The Convention would not come into force until five signatory states had deposited their instruments of ratification. To date, only one country, Egypt, had done so. As, under article 31, the Convention was to remain open for signature until it came into force, any country that had signed it since October 7th, 1952, was considered an original signatory. This last group included Canada whose plenipotentiary, the Minister of Transport, had signed the Convention at Montreal on May 26th, 1954. Other countries which signed after October 7th, 1952, included the United Kingdom (April 23rd, 1953) and Australia (October 20th, 1953).

15. The Cabinet agreed that the bill entitled the "Foreign Aircraft Third Party Damage Act" be reprinted in such a manner as to remove the implication that the Convention had been signed only by those countries whose plenipotentiaries had affixed their signatures on October 7th, 1952.

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