24. <u>The Cabinet</u>, after considerable further discussion:

(a) approved in principle the general policy of decontrol of commercial accommodation and upward revision of the ceilings on rentals on domestic dwellings along the lines indicated by the Minister of Finance;

(b) agreed that the date of giving effect to these modifications be considered at a later meeting; and,

(c) agreed that, meanwhile, the Minister of Finance would consider modification of the proposals submitted in the light of the discussion, specifically in respect of the percentage increase to be allowed and the stipulation of longer periods of notice in favour of lessees.

<u>Government purchasing; transfer of functions</u>

25. <u>The Prime Minister</u> reported that a proposal had been received from the Minister of Reconstruction and Supply for the transfer of the purchasing functions presently performed for the Armed Services to the Canadian Commercial Corporation (Trade and Commerce).

(Letter, Minister of Reconstruction and Supply to the Prime Minister, Dec.17, 1946 and enclosed draft submission.)

26. <u>The Cabinet</u>, after further discussion, agreed that the propriety of proceeding in the manner suggested be examined particularly from the legal viewpoint.

<u>Dominion-Provincial relations; discussions with Provinces</u>

27. <u>The Prime Minister</u>, referring to the discussion at the meeting of December 13th, read a further letter received from the Premier of Nova Scotia, protesting against the refusal of the government to commit itself to annual conferences with the Provinces, and requesting that a general re-statement of revised Federal proposals be made to all Provinces.

(Letter, Premier of Nova Scotia to Prime Minister,

28. <u>The Minister of Finance</u> reported that a letter had been sent to the Premier of Manitoba explaining the proposals made to the Premier of British Columbia, and the attitude of the Federal government thereon in relation to agreements with Saskatchewan, Manitoba and New Brunswick.