

Mr. De Gasperi had agreed with the Prime Minister that steps be taken to effect an early settlement in the matter with the result that an agreement, providing for the satisfaction of Canadian claims, the settlement of pre-war commercial debts to Canada and the release of Italian assets, had been entered into by an exchange of notes on September 20th, 1951.

With the concurrence of the Minister of Finance and the Secretary of State, he recommended that this agreement be approved.

An explanatory memorandum was circulated.

(Minister's memorandum, Oct. 11, 1951 - Cab. Doc. 265-51).

5. The Cabinet, after discussion, noted the report of the Secretary of State for External Affairs and approved the agreement entered into with Italy by an exchange of notes on September 20th, 1951, providing for the satisfaction of Canadian war claims, the payment of pre-war commercial debts to Canada, and the release of Italian assets in Canada.

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6. The Prime Minister pointed out that during the week commencing October 15th, 1951 the House of Commons would experiment with sittings from 1.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. It would be necessary, therefore, for the Cabinet to meet in the mornings during that week.

7. The Cabinet, after discussion, noted the report of the Prime Minister and agreed that, in so far as the week commencing October 15th, 1951 was concerned, the Cabinet would meet in the Privy Council Chamber at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, October 15th, at 11.00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 17th, and at 11.00 a.m. on any subsequent dates at which a meeting was required.

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8. The Minister of Fisheries, referring to the discussion at the meeting of September 12th, 1951,

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