

Dr. Mackintosh explained that the ultimate direction of the study would come from the Joint Economic Committees and would, therefore, be international. Choice of Mr. Rettie, as director, had been made because he could be obtained on loan, whereas no Canadian of the desired training or experience, not otherwise engaged in war work, was available.

The government of British Columbia had been informed of the proposed study and had undertaken to facilitate it in every way and to designate certain officials to assist the director. The draft press release had been revised in order to emphasize the international nature of the project.

(Letter, Dr. Mackintosh to Mr. Heeney, December 30, 1942).

23. The Prime Minister expressed the opinion that the proposed arrangement was still not satisfactory. If joint planning of the kind proposed were to be carried on by Canada and the United States, it should be on a basis of equal participation.

This was one example of a general situation. The Canadian public would expect the government to safeguard Canadian interests and to avoid even the appearance of American control where Canada was directly concerned.

24. The Minister of Mines and Resources agreed with Mr. King, and emphasized the great importance of having clear agreement upon the postwar position in respect of all U.S. undertakings in Canadian territory. Every care should be taken to provide for protection of Canadian rights.

25. The War Committee, after further discussion, agreed that it was desirable that a qualified Canadian be appointed co-director of the proposed study.

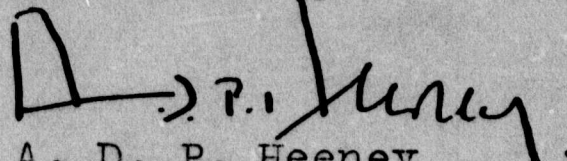
Appointment of evacuation officer, East Coast

26. The Minister of Finance said that the Minister of Pensions and National Health had mentioned the desire of the Director of Civil Air Raid Precautions to appoint an evacuation officer for the East Coast.

27. The Minister of National Defence for Naval Services expressed the opinion that there was no need for a full-time appointment of this kind.

28. The War Committee, after discussion, agreed that the Minister of Finance confer with the Minister of Pensions and National Health, on the subject.

The meeting adjourned at 5.35 p.m.


A. D. P. Heeney
Secretary.