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Ottawa, December 13th, 1944.

CABINET WAR COMMITTEE

A meeting of the War Committee of the Cabinet was held in the Privy Council Chamber on Wednesday, December 13th, 1944, at 3.00 p.m.

Present:

The Prime Minister (Mr. King), in the Chair,
The Minister of Finance (Mr. Ilsley),
The Minister of Munitions and Supply (Mr. Howe),
The Minister of National Defence for Naval Services and Acting Minister of National Defence for Air (Mr. Macdonald),
The Minister of Justice (Mr. St. Laurent),
The Minister of National Defence (General McNaughton).

The Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Robertson),
The Secretary to the Cabinet (Mr. Heeney),
The Military Secretary (Major-General Pope).

Navy; radar and associated equipment;
additional programme

1. The Minister of National Defence for Naval Services pointed out that, on September 22nd, the War Committee had approved procurement of thirty Type S.U. radar sets, for installation in twenty-five R.C.N. ships, and for training purposes.

The termination of hostilities in both the European and Pacific theatres did not appear to be as close at hand as it had some three months ago, and there had been a noticeable improvement in the operation and tactics of enemy submarines. Since it was essential to ensure that modern classes of ships be fitted with the most efficient equipment the position had been reviewed.

As a result, it was now recommended that an additional forty-five sets be acquired to equip the remaining frigates in commission and to provide a sufficient number for training, maintenance and replacements. The estimated cost involved would amount to \$6,871,470.

An explanatory memorandum had been circulated.

(Minister's memorandum, Dec. 11, 1944 - C.W.C. document 909).

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