

Each Minister should keep in mind the vital importance of maintaining Cabinet secrecy and take the necessary steps to ensure that such officials as required to be informed of Cabinet business did not permit communication of such information to unauthorized persons.

21. The Cabinet, after discussion, noted with approval the Prime Minister's observations.

Broadcasting; commercial licence

22. The Secretary submitted a recommendation to Council from the Minister of Reconstruction and Supply approved by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation that a commercial broadcasting licence be granted to a private company for the establishment and operation of a frequency modulated broadcasting station in Montreal. It was understood that the station would be, to a large extent, experimental.

(Minister's submission, Nov.29, 1946
(P.C.4965).)

23. The Cabinet, after discussion, approved the Minister's recommendation and agreed that an Order in Council be passed accordingly.

Public Service; Christmas and New Year's leave

24. The Minister of National Revenue, as Acting Secretary of State, pointed out that, prior to the war when the Christmas and New Year's holidays fell on a Wednesday, a full half holiday had been granted before each of these holidays to all members of the Public Service. During the war years, however, this practice had been curtailed and one-half the Public Service had been granted a half holiday before Christmas and the other half before New Year's.

25. The Cabinet, after discussion, agreed that the pre-war practice be resumed and that all members of the Public Service be granted a half holiday on the day preceding Christmas and on the day preceding New Year's.

Dominion-Provincial relations; old age pensions

26. The Minister of National Health and Welfare reported on discussions which had recently been held with Provincial representatives on the administration of old age pensions.

As a result of these discussions, recommendations for modification of administrative

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