

33. The War Committee, after discussion, referred the proposal for decision to the Ministers of Finance and Munitions and Supply.

Canada-United States Permanent Joint Board on Defence - Report of meetings, December 14 and 15, 1942

34. The Secretary submitted the Board's Journal covering meetings held in Montreal on December the 14th and 15th. This report had been submitted to the Prime Minister on December the 18th, and, in accordance with usual practice, copies had been sent immediately to the Ministers of National Defence, and the Minister of Munitions and Supply.

(P.J.B.D. Journal, December 14 and 15, 1942).

35. Mr. Heeney said that, apart from the American request for permission to survey a possible road to connect the Mackenzie and Yukon rivers which had already been dealt with, the Journal contained no recommendations requiring action on the part of the government.

The attention of the Minister of Justice might, however, be drawn to the reference to port security control in paragraph 7 of the Journal.

36. The War Committee noted submission of the Board's Journal.

Housing shortage in Halifax

37. The Prime Minister reported that he had received a letter from a government employee in Halifax drawing attention to a most disturbing situation in housing in that city. Purchases of property by the government for housing members of the Armed forces, added to the difficulties of the civilian population. An explanatory note had been circulated.

(Secretary's memorandum, December 22, 1942 - C.W.C. document 372).

38. The Minister of National Defence pointed out that purchase of existing accommodation was a definite policy made necessary by the shortage of materials for construction.

Book of Remembrance - reproduction and custody

39. The Minister of National Defence reported the receipt of a communication from the Chairman of the Book of Remembrance Committee, containing the following proposals for which authority was sought:

- (a) printing and binding of photostatic reproductions for distribution to the various Provinces through the appropriate department;
- (b) circulation of these copies to the respective Lieutenant-Governors for deposit in provincial libraries;