

Office awards some 10,000 contracts across Canada. We rely on the competence and efficiency of our contractors, or we change them. As administrator of public funds, I cannot do otherwise.

The new contracts take effect on April 1. They have been signed and are binding on the government. It remains therefore for you and me to work out three problems. How can we assure the best service for the people of Montreal between now and March 31, secondly, how can we ensure the continued employ-

ment of the greatest number of present employees, with priority being given to the 162 men with more than five years service; thirdly, what are the best arrangements that can be made with Manpower to admit the remainder to paid retraining programs.

I will welcome your cooperation in resolving these problems.

Yours sincerely,

Eric Kierans.

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