

4. Mr. St-Laurent said he proposed to announce the nature of the bequests to the nation made by Mr. King and suggested that an Order in Council be passed, duly recording and authorizing acceptance of the necessary transfers and trust deeds from the executors.

(Letter, Executors to Prime Minister,
Aug.7, 1950)

5. The Cabinet, after discussion, noted the Prime Minister's report on the bequests to the nation made by the late Right Honourable W.L. Mackenzie King and agreed that an Order in Council be passed acknowledging the bequests and authorizing acceptance of the necessary transfers and trust deeds from the executors.

(Order in Council P.C.3856, Aug.7, 1950)

Joint U.S.-Canada Industrial Mobilization Planning
Committee; statement of principles

6. The Minister of Trade and Commerce reported that the Joint U.S.-Canada Industrial Mobilization Planning Committee would meet in Ottawa the following day. In an effort to avoid the difficulties which had arisen at the beginning of the last war, and prior to the Hyde Park Declaration, a statement of principles had been prepared at the official level and would be submitted for consideration at the Committee meetings. If accepted, the statement of principles would be recommended to both Governments to be given effect by an exchange of notes. There was some thought that, if and when approval were given by both Governments, the statement might be held for use in an emergency. On the other hand, it might be more advantageous to issue it as soon as possible in order to avoid delays and difficulties in the event of any emergency.

The main features of the statement of principles were:

(a) the development by both countries of a coordinated programme of requirements, production and procurement;

(b) the institution of coordinated controls over the distribution of scarce raw materials and supplies;

(c) United States and Canadian emergency controls to be mutually consistent in their objectives;

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