

15. The Cabinet approved the recommendation of the Minister of Agriculture and agreed that price support for butter be continued on the present basis, at a price of 58 cents per pound for deliveries Halifax, Saint John, Montreal and Toronto, from May 1st, 1953 to April 30th, 1955; an Order in Council to be passed accordingly.

(Order in Council P.C. 1953-470, March 26).

Death of Queen Mary; municipal observance; civil service

16. The Prime Minister said the Mayor of Ottawa had asked for government co-operation in connection with plans by the municipal authorities on the day of the funeral of Queen Mary.

17. The Secretary of State said the question had been raised whether a half-day holiday ought to be granted to civil servants.

18. The Cabinet agreed:

(a) that arrangements be made by the Minister of National Defence or the Minister of Public Works, as required, to facilitate plans of the Ottawa municipal authorities for observance of a two minutes' silence on the day of the funeral of Queen Mary; and,

(b) that no half-holiday be granted to civil servants on that day.

Legislation; Canadian Forces bill

19. The Minister of National Defence, referring to the discussion at the meeting of February 19th, submitted a draft resolution and bill respecting the Canadian Forces. Copies of the draft measure had been circulated.

20. The Cabinet approved for introduction in the House of Commons the Resolution and bill entitled "Canadian Forces Act, 1953".

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