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that Parliament be convened on that day. It would, of course, be possible to meet earlier in the day on Friday, January 7th, it being understood that an opportunity would be given the same day to the mover and the seconder to be heard, and that then the House would adjourn until the following Monday.

5. The Cabinet agreed,-

(a) that a proclamation be issued summoning Parliament to meet on Friday, January 7th, 1955, at 2:00 p.m.; it being understood that the mover and the seconder would be heard that day and that the House would then adjourn until the following Monday; and,

(b) that the mover and the seconder of the Speech from the Throne be respectively Mr. Yves Leduc and Mr. Donald B. Carrick.

Flood damage in Toronto area, October 1954

6. The Minister of Finance referred to the decision taken at the meeting of November 9th, as to the basis on which the Federal government would be prepared to share with the government of Ontario the cost of providing assistance to persons having suffered damage to their private dwellings during the floods that occurred in the Toronto area on October 15th and 16th, 1954.

The damaged houses could be placed in four general categories. There were those dwellings that had been damaged beyond repair. A second category were those houses that had suffered serious damage but where services had not been disrupted. Thirdly, there were the houses that had been seriously damaged and where services had been disrupted. Finally, there were those houses, including trailers, which had been flooded but which had not suffered serious damage.

It was understood that the provincial and local authorities were planning to remove damaged houses, particularly those where services had been disrupted, from the areas where flooding was likely to recur rather than to attempt to protect the houses by the erection of dykes. The provincial authorities were apparently prepared to assist the owners of houses so removed up to the maximum of \$5,000 per dwelling and an enquiry had been received as to whether the Federal government would be prepared to share on a fifty-fifty basis the cost of providing the maximum allowable assistance in such cases.

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