

13. The Cabinet, after discussion, agreed that the Minister be authorized to carry on these conversations with the United States and to sign, on behalf of the government, such agreement as might result, subject to subsequent report to the Cabinet and ratification.

Lieutenant-Governors; increased remuneration

14. The Secretary, referring to the decision taken at the meeting of October 30th, submitted a report from the Secretary of State upon present salaries and allowances of Lieutenant-Governors, including allowances from Provincial sources.

It would be recalled that it had been agreed that the question of increased remuneration would be considered when the estimates for the next fiscal year were under discussion.

Copies of Mr. Martin's report had been circulated.

(Minister's report, Nov. 25, 1946 - Cabinet Document 345).

15. The Cabinet, after discussion, noted submission of the Minister's report and agreed that action thereon be deferred for the present.

German prisoners of war; retention in Canada

16. The Secretary, referring to the decision taken at the meeting of December 3rd, submitted a report from the Department of External Affairs in which it was requested that consideration be given to permitting the retention of additional prisoners of war beyond the total of 200.

Officials of the departments concerned had drawn up lists of those considered politically reliable and whose retention would have economic utility in the country. Of an estimated total of some 745 in this category, some 738 had volunteered to remain. The Department of Labour felt that prisoners of war who were retained should stay on projects designated by the department on a contract basis. It was also felt that, if these proposals were accepted, a suitable press statement should be issued.

Copies of the report had been circulated.

(External Affairs memorandum, Dec. 9, 1946 - Cabinet Document 346).

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