

Ottawa, December 8th, 1948.

CABINET CONCLUSIONS

Meetings of the Cabinet were held in the Privy Council Chamber on Wednesday, December 8th, 1948, at 11.30 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.

Present:

The Prime Minister (Mr. St. Laurent),
in the Chair,
The Minister of Trade and Commerce
(Mr. Howe),
The Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Gardiner)
(for paras. 30 to 60),
The Minister of Mines and Resources
(Mr. MacKinnon),
The Minister of Public Works (Mr. Fournier),
The Postmaster General (Mr. Bertrand),
The Minister of National Defence
(Mr. Claxton) (for paras. 1 to 16),
The Solicitor General (Mr. Jean),
The Minister of Transport (Mr. Chevrier),
The Minister of Finance (Mr. Abbott),
The Minister of National Revenue (Dr. McCann),
The Minister of Veterans Affairs (Mr. Gregg).

The Secretary to the Cabinet (Mr. Heeney),
The Assistant Secretary (Mr. Baldwin)
(for paras. 1 - 6),
Mr. E. W. T. Gill, Privy Council Office.

Acting Minister of Justice

1. The Prime Minister said that it would be necessary to appoint an Acting Minister of Justice pro tem, since the Solicitor General would be away from Ottawa a good deal in the immediate future.

2. The Cabinet approved Mr. St. Laurent's recommendation for the appointment of Mr. Fournier as Acting Minister of Justice in Mr. Jean's absence.

(Order in Council, P.C. 5725, Dec. 8, 1948).

Newfoundland discussions; terms of union;
progress report; Admiralty buildings

3. The Prime Minister, referring to discussion at the meeting of December 1st, submitted a printed copy of draft terms of union, and reported that the negotiations were close to conclusion. It was hoped that final signature would be possible on Saturday, December 11th.

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