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Ottawa, December 18th, 1946.

CABINET CONCLUSIONS

A meeting of the Cabinet was held in the Privy Council Chamber on Wednesday, December 18th, 1946, at 3 p.m.

Present:

The Prime Minister (Mr. King), in the Chair,  
The Minister of Justice (Mr. Ilesley),  
The Minister of Reconstruction and Supply (Mr. Howe),  
The Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Gardiner),  
The Minister of Trade and Commerce (Mr. MacKinnon),  
The Secretary of State (Mr. Gibson),  
The Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. St. Laurent),  
The Minister of Public Works (Mr. Fournier),  
The Postmaster General (Mr. Bertrand),  
The Minister of National Defence (Mr. Claxton),  
The Minister of Mines and Resources (Mr. Glen),  
The Solicitor General (Mr. Jean),  
The Minister of Transport (Mr. Chevrier),  
The Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Martin),  
The Minister of Finance (Mr. Abbott),  
The Minister of National Revenue and Minister of National War Services (Dr. McCann),  
The Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Bridges),  
The Honourable W. McL. Robertson.

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The Secretary to the Cabinet (Mr. Heeney),  
The Assistant Secretary (Mr. Baldwin).  
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Dominion-Provincial relations; discussions with Provinces

1. The Prime Minister, referring to the discussion at the meeting of December 13th, read a telegram from the Premier of New Brunswick reviewing the course of discussions after presentation of the budget proposals and stating that, in view of the special arrangements recently offered to British Columbia (which did not involve comparable adjustments for other Provinces), the New Brunswick government found it necessary to suspend current negotiations for a tax agreement.

(Telegram, Premier of New Brunswick to Prime Minister, Dec. 17, 1946).

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