

A Commission of Civil Servants

To Inquire into the Cost of Living

A commission to inquire into the operating causes of the high cost of living, but one composed of departmental officers in place of outsiders was appointed at yesterday's sitting of the cabinet.

Its personnel consists of Mr. John McDougald, Commissioner of Customs, Mr. R. H. Coats, Statistician of the Labour Department and Mr. C. C. James, Commissioner of Agriculture.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

The official announcement regarding the matter states:

"Representations have been made to the Government by the councils of several Canadian cities and by other representative bodies and persons urging that an inquiry be made into the increase of the cost of living in Canada and into the causes which have occasioned or contributed to such result.

"The Government considers that very important information on the subject may be obtained speedily and effectively by utilizing the services of permanent officials of the Government whose training and experience have made them familiar with the matters in question. Accordingly, they have directed that an effective inquiry shall be made immediately by John McDougald, Commissioner of Customs, C. C. James, Agricultural Commissioner and Robert H. Coats, Statistician of the Department of Labour. These gentlemen have been instructed accordingly and will enter upon their investigation with the least possible delay."