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ROYAL COMMISSION ON ENERGY

Prime Minister John Diefenbaker announced in the House of Commons October 15 that the Governor in Council had that day established a Royal Commission to inquire into, and to make recommendations concerning, a number of matters relating to energy and sources of energy that fall within the jurisdiction of Parliament.

The Prime Minister said that the Commissioners—Mr. Henry Borden, Q.C., of Toronto; Mr. J. Louis Levesque, of Montreal; Mr. George Britnell, of Saskatoon; Mr. Gordon Cushing, of Ottawa; Mr. Robert Howland, of Halifax, and Mr. Leon Ladner, of Vancouver, —had been empowered to enquire into and make recommendations concerning:

- (a) the policies which will best serve the national interest in relation to the export of energy and sources of energy from Canada;
- (b) the problems involved in, and the policies which ought to be applied to, the regulation of the transmission of oil and natural gas between provinces or from Canada to another country, including, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the regulation of prices or rates to be charged or paid, the financial structure and control of pipe line corporations in relation to the setting of proper prices or charges, and all such other matters as it is necessary to in-

quire into and report upon, in order to ensure the efficient and economical operation of pipe lines in the national interest;

- (c) the extent of authority that might best be conferred on a national energy board to administer, subject to the control and authority of Parliament, such aspects of energy policy coming within the jurisdiction of Parliament, as it may be desirable to entrust to such a board, together with the character of administration and procedure that might best be established for such a board;
- (d) whether, in view of its special relationship to the Northern Ontario Pipeline Crown Corporation and the nature of its financing and control, any special measures need be taken in relation to Trans-Canada Pipe Lines Limited, in order to safeguard the interests of Canadian producers or consumers of gas; and
- (e) such other related matters as the commissioners consider it necessary to include in reporting upon the powers that I have already specified.

Mr. Diefenbaker said there was a special clause in the Order in Council appointing a Commission to ensure that the establishment of it and the conduct of its inquiries shall not in any way delay the negotiations relating to waters crossing the International Boundary.

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