

available for veterans' re-establishment. Authority was sought to award a contract for a storage dam at an estimated cost of \$168,000 to be shared by the recommending departments.

These projects had been referred for consideration by the Minister of Finance. Mr. Abbott had now reported that from the financial point of view there was no objection to proceeding with them.

(Recommendation, Acting Minister of Agriculture, Sept. 14, P.C. 4183; recommendation, Acting Minister of Agriculture and Acting Minister of Veterans Affairs, Sept. 1, P.C. 4184; letter, Assistant Deputy Minister of Finance to Secretary, Cabinet Committee on Economic and Industrial Development, Oct. 29, 1948).

2. The Cabinet, after discussion, approved the Ministers' recommendations for authorizations of contracts in connection with the two land reclamation projects in British Columbia and agreed that Orders in Council be passed accordingly.

Civil Service holidays

3. The Secretary of State said that the Civil Service Commission had reported on established and proposed Civil Service holidays for the balance of the year.

Armistice Day, November 11th, and Christmas Day were statutory. Government offices had been closed at noon on December 24th and December 31st last year by Cabinet direction; it was suggested that the same course be followed this year.

In view of the fact that Christmas and New Years Days would fall on Saturdays, no special arrangements for Boxing Day would be necessary this year.

It was proposed to follow the normal practice with regard to time for religious obligations in November and December and for shopping leave.

An explanatory note had been circulated.

(Secretary's note, Nov. 1, 1948 - Cabinet Document 773).

4. Mr. Gibson said that a full report upon Civil Service holidays proposed for the year 1949 would be submitted at a later date.

5. The Cabinet, after discussion, noted the Minister's report and agreed that the course proposed by the Commission for the remainder of 1948 be approved.

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