

National War Memorial; reference to recent war

14. The Minister of Public Works, referring to discussions at the meetings of November 12th and 15th, reported that the Department of Public Works and Mr. Greber had gone into the question of having suitable reference to the recent war made on the National War Memorial.

They suggested that the dates "1914-1918" be chiselled off and the same dates cut into the face of the stone, and that the dates "1939-1945" be added immediately below in the same manner.

(Minister's letter to the Secretary, Nov. 23, 1946).

15. The Cabinet, after discussion, noted the Minister's report with approval, it being agreed that Public Works submit a sketch on the basis proposed.

Reductions in the Civil Service; Gordon Commission

16. The Prime Minister, referring to the discussion at the meeting of November 20th, said that the Auditor General was prepared to assist the government in effecting the desired reductions. He had suggested that, for this purpose, he undertake a survey with one or two senior colleagues of the public service.

17. The Cabinet, after discussion, agreed that Mr. Sellar's proposals be referred for immediate consideration to the special Cabinet Committee.

Army; arrangements for command

18. The Minister of Finance (as Minister of National Defence) requested decision upon the proposals put forward at the meeting of December 10th for reduction of the number of military districts and their absorption in existing command headquarters. An objection previously made to this proposal had now been withdrawn.

19. The Cabinet, after discussion, approved the Minister's proposals as put forward at the previous meeting.

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