

not think that any action should be taken to withdraw the exemption under the Canada Shipping Act until the matter had been discussed further during the course of the week with Mr. Wang.

5. The Cabinet, after discussion, deferred decision on what further action, if any, should be taken in respect of the default by the Ming Sung Industrial Company on the loan granted to it by Canadian banks pending a further report on the matter by the Minister of Finance at a later meeting.

Ontario provincial election; voting by Service personnel

6. The Minister of National Defence reported that Ontario government representatives, officials of the Department of National Defence, and the Chief Electoral Officer had discussed recently the problem of affording Service personnel the opportunity of exercising their franchise during the forthcoming provincial elections in Ontario. It had first been thought that a system of balloting through the mails might be put into effect. This idea, however, had been abandoned after it had been ascertained that it could not be done under existing provincial legislation.

It was now suggested by Ontario that polls be established in all Service camps where Ontario residents were stationed. It was estimated that approximately 35,000 Service personnel might be concerned.

7. The Prime Minister felt that complete responsibility for procedures to be followed in this connection should be assumed by the Province of Ontario, but that the Department of National Defence should make every effort to meet reasonable requests in this matter.

8. The Cabinet, after discussion, noted the report by the Minister of National Defence with respect to the exercise of the franchise by Service personnel during the forthcoming provincial elections in Ontario, and agreed that the Department of National Defence make every effort to meet reasonable requests made by Ontario in this connection.

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