

from the Minister of Veterans Affairs regarding an additional government contribution to reduce the cost of certain veterans' small holdings. \$3 million had already been authorized by previous Orders in Council.

The Director of the Veterans Land Act, following careful survey, had reported that an additional \$75,000 would be required to complete remedial work on subdivision homes. (This additional amount made no provision for the Boucherville subdivision in Quebec, currently under litigation).

An explanatory note had been circulated.

(Secretary's memorandum, Nov. 8, 1948 - Cabinet Document 791).

10. The Cabinet, after discussion,

(a) agreed that an additional amount of \$75,000 be provided as recommended, an Order in Council to be passed accordingly;

(b) agreed that, within the limitation of this amount, a committee comprising the Deputy Minister of Veterans Affairs and the Director of the Veterans Land Act be authorized to approve adjustments in cost; and,

(c) noted that the additional amount specified above made no provision for any payment in connection with the Boucherville subdivision in the Province of Quebec currently under litigation.

Shipping subsidies; St. Lawrence River services

11. The Minister of Transport submitted a recommendation of the Maritime Commission to provide increased subsidies for the operation of north and south shore steamship services in the St. Lawrence.

For the fiscal year 1948-49, recommended subsidies for the Clarke Steamship Company Limited totalled \$448,000 for the north shore and \$156,500 for the south shore. These amounts represented increases of \$115,298 for the former and \$9,043 for the latter.

For the Lower St. Lawrence Transportation Company Limited, a total subsidy recommended for this year was \$125,500 or an increase of \$31,657;

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