

3. We feel that, in accordance with your desire, it would be possible to defer Parliamentary action on this programme until late September or October (when you will have to meet to get supply) if an adequate programme is announced promptly within the next few days.

4. We believe that a positive programme along the general lines which we have described, with some kind of endorsement by Parliament, either through support or abstention on the part of other parties, will be necessary to meet our emergency dollar problem over the next six to nine months.

5. It would be possible to make some changes in emphasis in the programme suggested as long as the general effect on confidence in the financial markets at home and abroad is retained. It must be recognized, however, that confidence of the financial markets cannot be secured under present conditions with a programme that is an easy and comfortable one or one that is confined solely to import measures.

6. We feel that we should not try to borrow abroad whether from the International Monetary Fund or public authorities in other countries or from the market without having an adequate programme to announce along with the announcement of such borrowing.

7. If it is not going to be possible to have an adequate programme that will restore confidence we believe it would be pointless and imprudent to dissipate our reserves in defence of a fixed exchange rate which we would be forced to abandon very shortly.

8. I should again emphasize the extreme urgency of action on this matter.

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[Ottawa], June 20-24, 1962

Eight meetings of the Cabinet were held between noon on Wednesday, June 20th, 1962, and noon on Sunday, June 24th, without Secretaries in attendance. With the exception of the meeting on the Sunday at the Prime Minister's official residence, 24 Sussex Street, the meetings were held in the Privy Council Chamber.

*Present*

1. At the meeting held at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 20th:

The Prime Minister (Mr. Diefenbaker) in the Chair,  
 The Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Green),  
 The Minister of Finance (Mr. Fleming),  
 The Minister of Trade and Commerce (Mr. Hees),  
 The Minister of Transport (Mr. Balcer),  
 The Minister of Veterans Affairs (Mr. Churchill),  
 The Minister of Citizenship and Immigration (Mrs. Fairclough),  
 The Minister of Fisheries (Mr. MacLean),  
 The Minister of Labour (Mr. Starr),  
 The Postmaster General (Mr. William Hamilton),  
 The Solicitor General (Mr. Browne),  
 The Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Monteith),  
 The Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Alvin Hamilton),