

Emergency powers; legislation; Canadian
Wheat Board, etc.

8. The Minister of Trade and Commerce, referring to the decisions taken at the meeting of November 26th, reported that consideration had been given to the legislation required to replace emergency powers relating to the Board of Grain Commissioners, export controls, the Canadian Commercial Corporation and amendments to the Canadian Wheat Board Act. Bills for these purposes were being prepared and would be submitted shortly.

9. The Cabinet noted with approval the Minister's report.

Emergency powers; legislation; National
Defence (Army)

10. The Minister of National Defence, referring to the decisions taken at the meeting of November 26th, reported that it was proposed that the Orders affecting disposition of monies received from snow removal operations, etc., be considered by the special Parliamentary Committee which would be established to look into disposition of other regimental funds, canteen profits, etc.

As to the regulations affecting prisoners of war, it was not anticipated that these would be required after March 31st, 1947. Prisoners of war remaining after that date would no longer have status as such.

(Deputy Minister's memorandum to the Minister, Dec. 9, 1946).

11. The Cabinet noted with approval the Minister's report.

Civil aviation; agreement with the United States

12. The Secretary reported that the Minister of Reconstruction and Supply, with appropriate advisers, had left for Washington to negotiate a revised bilateral agreement with the United States. The present agreement (January, 1945) covered trans-border routes only. It was anticipated that a new agreement would also include international air services and would deal with customs and immigration problems.

In due course a submission to Council would be made for full powers to Mr. Howe to sign the agreement which was expected to result from the current discussions.

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