

(b) agreed that consideration be given to the desirability of amending the Act establishing the International Joint Commission at the next Session of Parliament in order to provide a definite term for appointments to the Commission; consideration also to be given to the provision of a term of appointment on a similar basis for Canadian members of international boards and commissions generally.

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20. The Minister of National Revenue as Acting Minister of Resources and Development, referring to discussion at the meeting of June 28th reported that discussions had now taken place between officers of the Department of Resources and Development and members of the Canadian section of the International Joint Commission on the method of carrying out long term engineering studies of measures to prevent flooding in the Red River basin. It was agreed that, for the purpose, it was necessary to employ technical and administrative personnel headed by an outstanding engineer on a temporary basis for a term not exceeding two years. Total cost was estimated at from \$500,000 to \$600,000, of which approximately one half would be expended in the current fiscal year.

The Canadian section of the Commission had suggested the formation of an advisory committee, to be established by the Minister of Resources and Development and composed of federal, provincial and municipal representatives, to work with the engineering group. An alternative would be to have the Premier of Manitoba establish a committee consisting of representatives of the province and municipalities to meet with the engineering staff from time to time. The engineering staff could also consult officers of the Departments of Public Works and Agriculture, the Greater Winnipeg Dyking Board and other federal agencies.

An explanatory memorandum was circulated.

(Memorandum, Acting Minister of Resources and Development, July 12, 1950 - Cab. Doc. 179-50).

21. The Minister of Fisheries suggested that it might be desirable to adopt the second alternative for appointment of the Committee and, in addition, to request the Premier of Manitoba to appoint an engineer as one of the engineering group.

22. The Cabinet, after discussion, approved the recommendation of the Acting Minister of Resources and Development for establishment of an engineering

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