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Ottawa, November 12th, 1948.

CABINET CONCLUSIONS

A meeting of the Cabinet was held in the Privy Council Chamber on Friday, November 12th, 1948, at 4 o'clock.

Present:

The Prime Minister (Mr. King), in the Chair,
The Minister of Trade and Commerce and
Minister of Reconstruction and Supply
(Mr. Howe),
The Minister of Mines and Resources
(Mr. MacKinnon),
The Secretary of State (Mr. Gibson),
The Minister of Justice (Mr. St. Laurent),
The Minister of Labour (Mr. Mitchell),
The Minister of Public Works (Mr. Fournier),
The Postmaster General (Mr. Bertrand),
The Minister of National Defence
(Mr. Claxton),
The Solicitor General (Mr. Jean),
The Minister of Transport (Mr. Chevrier),
The Minister of Finance (Mr. Abbott),
The Minister of National Revenue
(Dr. McCann),
The Minister of Veterans Affairs (Mr. Gregg),
The Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Mayhew).

The Secretary to the Cabinet (Mr. Heeney),
The Assistant Secretary (Mr. Baldwin).

The Prime Minister's retirement

1. The Prime Minister spoke of his intention to submit his resignation to the Governor General the following Monday, November 15th. This would be in accordance with arrangements planned over some time.

2. Mr. King expressed his appreciation of the friendship and support of his colleagues in the present Ministry over the years they had been together.

His recent indisposition had been a consequence of the strain of office over many years. Happily, this condition was temporary and would, it was expected, respond to the rest which would now be possible.

He felt that his task relating to the administration of public affairs had now been fulfilled. He was grateful to his colleagues who

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