

Certified Copy of a Report of the Committee of the Privy Council approved by His Excellency the Governor General on the 11th December, 1918.

P.C. 3043.

The Committee of the Privy Council have had before them a report, dated 6th December, 1918, from the Minister of Militia and Defence, stating that it is expedient that immediate and proper provision should be made for the security and preservation of the records, official correspondence and all other documents relating to the participation of the Dominion of Canada, during the European War, 1914-18, together with such other records and papers respecting the organization development and services of the Military Forces of Canada, as may be collected in Canada and from Overseas, and also that suitable measures should be taken for the establishment of a Memorial War Museum, wherein war trophies, historical paintings and other objects of interest relating to the participation of Canada in the War, may be suitably preserved and displayed.

The Minister, therefore, recommends as follows:-

- (1) That a Commission hereafter to be termed "The Commission on War Records and Trophies" be appointed to report on the provision of suitable accommodation for such records and trophies, and further to collect information and report upon the proper policy to be adopted for the distribution of a certain proportion of such trophies to Provinces, Municipalities, Educational Institutions, Patriotic Societies, etc. as may in future be deemed advisable.
- (2) That the following be invited to serve on the Commission:-

Sir Edmund Walker, C.V.O. of the City of Toronto.
A. G. Doughty, Esq., C.M.G., L.L.D. of the City of Ottawa, Dominion Archivist.
Brig.-General E. A. Cruikshank, of the City of Ottawa, Director of Historical Section, General Staff.
- (3) It may be advisable later on, to add to the proposed Commission; (a) a representative of each Province,
- (b) Representatives of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces.
- (4) That the members, (those resident in Ottawa excepted) be paid ten dollars (\$10.00 per day for personal expenses in addition to actual railroad fare expenses while attending the meetings of the Commission, or while otherwise specially engaged in the conduct of its affairs.
- (5) That the Commission be empowered to appoint a Secretary (who may be one of its members, serving without remuneration) and to obtain clerical and other necessary assistance as may be needed.
- (6) That the Commission report to the Governor in Council, through the Secretary of State from time to time as to the general plan of scheme which it recommends for adoption.

The Committee concur in the foregoing recommendation and submit the same for approval.

R. Boudreau.

Clerk of the Privy Council.