

conductive to uniformity in such matters, and upon other related problems such as depreciation accounting, the segregation of assets, revenues and other incomes, etc., as between railway and non-railway items;

(v) to review and report on the results achieved under the Canadian National-Canadian Pacific Act, 1933, and amendments thereto, making such recommendations as the present situation warrants; and,

(vi) to report upon any feature of the Railway Act (or railway legislation generally) that might advantageously be revised or amended in view of present-day conditions;

(b) noted the Minister's report regarding membership and remuneration.

Transfer of duties; Reconstruction and Supply - Trade and Commerce

23. The Prime Minister, referring to the discussion at the meeting of November 15th, submitted a recommendation to Council for the transfer of certain powers, duties and functions from the Minister of Reconstruction and Supply to the Minister of Trade and Commerce.

At the time Mr. Winters had assumed the portfolio of Reconstruction and Supply, it had been understood that certain functions would be retained under Mr. Howe's responsibility. These related principally to: Trans-Canada Air Lines, Canadian Arsenals Limited, Polymer Corporation, Eldorado Mining and Refining Limited and War Assets Corporation; the Dominion Coal Board, residual functions of the Minister of Munitions and Supply, the National Research Council, Atomic Energy Control Board and the administration of certain bonuses and subsidies; and engine and aircraft research.

These transfers would involve control and supervision of the administrative branches concerned, including the Economic Research Branch and the Emergency Import Control Division.

The recommendation submitted had been prepared in consultation with Trade and Commerce and Justice.

24. The Cabinet, after discussion, approved the Prime Minister's recommendation and agreed that an Order in Council be passed accordingly.

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