

2 (a) & (b):

Defence Council is not an executive, but an advisory body. Its duties, as prescribed by Order in Council, P.C. 1252, of the 20th June, 1922 are: "To advise the Minister on all matters of Defence, including or relating to the Militia, the Military, Naval and Air Services of Canada, and on all matters referred to it by the Minister."

2 (c) & (d) Nil.

3. There were two meetings of the Defence Council as such, in each of the years 1937 and 1938, and in addition, the following meetings of advisory bodies were held:-

| | <u>Joint Staff Committee</u> | <u>Military Members of Defence Council</u> |
|------|------------------------------|--|
| 1937 | 11 | 20 |
| 1938 | 20 | 50 |

The Joint Staff Committee - now the Chiefs of Staff Committee, co-ordinates efforts in pursuit of a common policy, especially to insure the co-operation of the sea, land and air forces in the event of an emergency.

The Committee advises the Minister on questions relating to organization, administration, combined training, preparation for defence, and such other questions as may be referred to it.

The Military Members of Defence Council Committee consists of the Chief of the General Staff, Master General of the Ordnance, Adjutant General, and the Quartermaster General. They meet to consider and advise on purely military matters.

4. No.

5. As to contracts, none; as to sources of supply, to the extent that technical advice may be desired by the Minister.

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