

Donald S. Macdonald,
President of the Privy Council

John Carr Munro,
Minister of National Health and Welfare

G rard Pelletier,
Secretary of State of Canada

Jack Davis,
Minister of Fisheries

H.A. (Bud) Olson,
Minister of Agriculture

Jean-Eudes Dub ,
Minister of Veterans Affairs

Ronald Basford,
Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs

Donald Jamieson,
Minister of Defence Production

Eric Kierans,
Postmaster General

Robert Andras,
Minister without Portfolio

James Richardson,
Minister without Portfolio

Otto E. Lang,
Minister without Portfolio

RESHAPING OF DEPARTMENTS

Mr. Trudeau said that significant changes would be announced soon regarding the content and actual reshaping of some of the Ministries.

Although the number of departments had not increased he said that the Ministry had been made somewhat larger. This increased participation in the steadily growing work of Government was made possible by the effectiveness of the revised Cabinet committee system announced on April 30. To ensure that the system continued to operate in a well-coordinated manner Mr. Trudeau said that the Cabinet Committee on Planning and Priorities would be given a larger role in the content of long-range planning, the setting of priorities, and the co-ordination of the Government's policies generally.

The enlarged Ministry would provide for additional ministers without portfolio, designated to assist certain ministers with portfolios in areas where special attention was required.

CAPITAL AREA DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Trudeau said that he attached special importance to the development of the national capital region as an area which would be truly representative of the country's two cultural groups. The body that is charged with the development of this region is the

National Capital Commission and it will be the responsibility of Mr. Marchand, who is to become the Minister responsible for regional development. Other Ministers who will eventually assume increased responsibilities are: Mr. Pepin, who is to become Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce; Mr. Davis, to become Minister of Fisheries and Forestry; Mr. Jamieson, to become Minister of Supply and Services; and Mr. Kierans to become Minister of Communications.

ROLE OF PRIVY COUNCIL CHIEF

In announcing the much-enlarged responsibilities of the President of the Privy Council, the Prime Minister said that he had been very concerned about the need to institute some major changes to permit Parliament to function more effectively and to enable greater participation by all Members of Parliament.

To accomplish such changes and at the same time to ensure that Parliament remained as the effective expression of the Canadian people, a great deal of study and effort must be applied. This would require, Mr. Trudeau said, the attention of a senior Minister with no departmental responsibilities, and this role had therefore been assigned to the President of the Privy Council. He will be the Government House Leader and as such will perform all the duties that had been associated with that position. In addition, he would immediately assume direction of special studies and projects relating to procedural reform; reform of the Elections Act, particularly regarding electoral expenses; provisions of adequate research facilities and modernization of the Parliamentary Library; and introduction of appropriate techniques for the review of subordinate legislation and statutory instruments.

The President of the Privy Council will also be responsible for initiating talks with the Opposition with a view to finding ways whereby its members could be assisted by the Government in the provision of staff and organization that would enable them better to meet the growing complexity of the problems facing Parliament. With increased facilities at its disposal, the Opposition could greatly increase the effectiveness of Parliament and thereby of Government in the broad sense.

Mr. Trudeau added that there would also be announcements in the near future of further proposals which he intended to implement to carry out his intention to improve the functioning of Parliament.

BESAN ON ART EXHIBIT

A selection of masterpieces from the Museum of Besan on, France, will be exhibited during the next few months in Canada. With the collaboration of the Quebec Minister of Cultural Affairs and the City of Montreal, the exhibition will be on view at the pavilion of France for the duration of Man and his World in Montreal and later at the Quebec Museum until the end of November.

Masterpieces from the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries form a large part of the exhibit.