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NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD

Prime Minister Diefenbaker has announced that the Governor-General-in-Council has appointed Mr. Ian N. McKinnon to act as Chairman of the National Energy Board for a period of two years, on leave of absence from the Alberta Covernment. The other members of the Board will be: Dr. Robert D. Howland, who will act as Vice-Chairman, Mr. Jules A. Archambault, Mr. H. Lee Briggs, and Mr. Douglas M. Fraser, all of whom have been appointed for a period

of seven years.

During the last session, Parliament passed legislation to establish a National Energy Board. This Board is being established in order to assure the best use of energy re-Sources in this country; to regulate in the Public interest the construction and operation of oil and gas pipe lines subject to the Jurisdiction of Parliament, the tolls charged for transmission by such pipe lines, the export and import of gas, the export of electric power and the construction of those lines over which such power is exported. The Board is also to study and keep under review all matters relating to energy within the Jurisdiction of Parliament, and is to recommend to the Minister of Trade and Commerce Such measures as it may consider necessary or advisable to the public interest with regard to such matters.

Mr. Ian N. McKinnon has served in various Capacities as a Civil Servant in the Alberta Government for some thirty years. At the inception of the Alberta Oil and Cas Conservation Board, Mr. McKinnon was made its chairman. His very wide experience in the oil industry will be a most important asset to the Board. The Alberta Government has consented to release Mr. McKinnon for a two-year period to enable him to serve as Chairman of the Energy Board during its initial phase.

Dr. Robert D. Howland, who has his doctorate in economics, has been serving as Economic Adviser to the Nova Scotia Government with leave of absence to the Royal Commission on Canada's Economic Prospects and, more recently, the Royal Commission on Energy. He has also served as a Director of Cossor (Canada) Limited, and the Nova Scotia Centre for Geological Science, Special Assistant to the Deputy Minister of Labour, Ottawa (1943 -47), Secretary to the Royal Commission on Coal (1944 - 46), member of the Royal Commission on the Saskatchewan Coal Mining Industry, Vice-President of the Nova Scotia Research Foundation and Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry of Nova Scotia.

Mr. Jules A. Archambault, a citizen of Montreal, has had a broad engineering experience with the Aluminium Company of Canada (Arvida), the Bell Telephone Company, and as Chief Engineer of the Montreal Tramways Company, now the Montreal Transportation Commission. During the Second World War, Mr. Archambault served with the Federal Government Department of Munitions and Supply, War-

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