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Ottawa, October 27th, 1948.

CABINET CONCLUSIONS

A meeting of the Cabinet was held in the Privy Council Chamber on Wednesday, October 27th, 1948, at 11.30 a.m.

Present:

The Minister of Justice and Acting Prime Minister (Mr. St.Laurent), in the Chair,
The Minister of Trade and Commerce and Minister of Reconstruction and Supply (Mr.Howe),
The Secretary of State (Mr.Gibson),
The Minister of Labour (Mr.Mitchell),
The Minister of Public Works (Mr.Fournier),
The Postmaster General (Mr.Bertrand),
The Minister of National Defence (Mr.Claxton),
The Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr.Martin),
The Minister of Finance (Mr.Abbott),
The Minister of National Revenue (Dr.McCann),
The Minister of Veterans Affairs (Mr.Gregg),
The Minister of Fisheries (Mr.Mayhew),
The Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr.Pearson).

The Secretary to the Cabinet (Mr.Heeney),
The Assistant Secretary (Mr.Baldwin).

Prime Ministers' meetings, London

1. The Acting Prime Minister made a preliminary report upon the Commonwealth meetings which had concluded the preceding week with the issue of an agreed communique. The full report of proceedings would be reviewed and considered by the Cabinet at a later stage.

Meantime, it was to be noted that it was being proposed that meetings of Commonwealth Prime Ministers be held every two years and meetings on foreign affairs annually at the Ministerial level.

2. Mr. St.Laurent said that, at the meetings, he had taken the general line which had been agreed upon by Cabinet at the meeting of October 12th.

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