12. The Cabinet, after discussion, noted the reports of the Prime Minister and the Minister of National Defence.

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13. The Prime Minister proposed that, for the present, Ministers continue to act in the absence of colleagues in the portfolios in which they had been authorized to act under the former administration.

Mr. Howe might act as Minister of Reconstruction and Supply in Mr. Winters' absence.

14. The Cabinet, after discussion, agreed that any necessary Orders in Council be passed as of that date giving effect to the Prime Minister's proposals.

A.D.P. Heeney, Secretary to the Cabinet.

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