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59. The Cabinet approved the recommendation of the Secretary of State for External Affairs and agreed that the Canadian Charge d'Affaires in Warsaw be instructed to inform the Polish authorities of the unwillingness of the Canadian government to consider the extension of credit to cover wheat purchased by Poland in Canada, but, at the same time, to express orally Canada's readiness to agree that other problems relating to Polish-Canada trade be examined with Polish officials in Ottawa; it being understood that, in the event the Poles indicated they would like to engage in trade talks the Cabinet would be consulted again on the substance of the discussions.

Appointments

60. The Minister of Justice submitted recommendations for two judicial appointments.

61. The Cabinet approved the recommendations of the Minister of Justice and agreed:

(a) that the Honourable Walter E. Darby of Summerside, P.E.I., be appointed Judge of the County Court of Prince in Prince Edward Island; and,

(b) that Frank Fingland, Esq., of Clinton, Ontario, be appointed Judge of the County Court of Huron and a local Judge of the High Court of Justice for Ontario;

Orders in Council to be passed accordingly.

(Orders in Council P.C. 1954-1896, -1895, Dec. 1).

National Gallery; selection of site

62. The Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, referring to discussion at the meeting of March 4th, 1954, said a new building for the National Gallery was required as soon as possible. Although the competition to select the architect for the building had been based on the assumption that the Cartier Square site would be used and, failing that, a site on Sussex Street, he and the Board of Trustees were unanimously of the opinion that a site in the park behind the Chateau Laurier should be seriously considered. Neither the Cartier Square site nor the Sussex Street site would be available for some time and, in any event, he and the Board did not consider the latter as desirable as one in Major's Hill Park. Mr. Greber had agreed that there would be no objection to constructing the Gallery there, although he thought the building should be no larger than that which had been already planned, and there would, therefore,

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