

Reconstruction and Supply

Regulations respecting construction materials, steel and timber and the Wartime Industries Control Regulations were presently under consideration. The present intention of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation was to have the Emergency Housing Regulations revoked prior to March 31st.

Secretary of State

The Custodian had under review with the Japanese Claims Commission Orders relating to persons of Japanese race. These could probably be revoked.

Transport

Remaining Orders under this department would be revoked by March 31st.

In the circumstances the Committee recommended:

(1) that attention be given immediately to deciding whether or not it was necessary to continue controls respecting construction materials, steel and timber; and,

(2) that departments concerned be requested to reach decisions immediately with respect to other emergency orders.

A final report would be made by the Committee to Cabinet when word from the departments had been received.

(Committee's report, Nov. 2, 1948).

8. The Minister of Trade and Commerce (and Minister of Reconstruction and Supply) stated that the controls referred to respecting construction materials, steel and timber, were presently under active review by his officials. It was possible that these controls could be continued so far as necessary under the Reconstruction and Supply Act. A report would be available shortly.

9. The Cabinet, after discussion, noted the Committee's report and agreed that departments concerned be requested to reach final decisions at once respecting continuation of emergency orders and report thereon to the Committee.

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