

General Eisenhower. It was hoped that a solution could be found within the next few days.

24. The Cabinet, after discussion, noted the reports by the Minister of National Defence and the Secretary of State for External Affairs on the legal status of the 27th Canadian Infantry Brigade in Germany and deferred decision pending consideration at a subsequent meeting.

Board of Transport Commissioners; appointment of Chief Commissioner

25. The Prime Minister, referring to discussion at the meeting of October 5th, 1951, said that it had now been ascertained that Mr. Kearney would be in a position to assume his new functions as Chief Commissioner of the Board of Transport Commissioners on November 1st. It was proposed, therefore, to issue a press release immediately, announcing the retirement of Mr. Justice Archibald for reasons of health and the appointment in his stead of Mr. John D. Kearney as Chief Commissioner.

A draft press communique was submitted and read.

(Draft press release, October 13, 1951.)

26. The Cabinet, after discussion, noted with approval the press release as submitted by the Prime Minister announcing the retirement of Mr. Justice Archibald as Chief Commissioner of the Board of Transport Commissioners and the appointment in his stead of Mr. John D. Kearney, effective November 1st, 1951.

Old Age Security bill; recovery of over-payments

27. The Prime Minister, referring to discussion at the meeting of September 26th, 1951, said that the question of including some provision in the old age security bill for recovering, from payments made under the new legislation, over-payments which may have been made previously under the Old Age Assistance Act, had now been further considered. The Department of Finance were of the view that this should be done, on the understanding that, if such recoveries were made, an appropriate percentage would be turned over to the provincial governments concerned.

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