

points. Wabana was an important ore port; ships had already been lost there. Movement across the Strait of Canso was essential to the Canadian steel and coal industries. It was anticipated that anti-submarine defences could be installed by next spring.

3. The War Committee, after discussion, approved in principle the Minister's recommendation.

Proposed national nutrition campaign

4. The Minister of Finance reported that it had been learned that the Department of Pensions and National Health were proposing to launch, in the near future, a promotional campaign concerning food and national standards of nutrition. Apparently the proposed campaign was to be conducted by advertising to be contributed by private concerns throughout the country.

Advertising made available in this way would presumably not be taxable, at least in large part; consequently such a campaign would, in fact, be financed at public expense. Further, it would directly affect the production and supply programmes of the Department of Agriculture and the Food Administration of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

For these reasons there should be opportunity for the proposed campaign to be reviewed by the other departments concerned. It was suggested, therefore, that action be suspended until the proposals of the Department of Pensions and National Health had been considered by the Food Requirements Committee.

Unfortunately, the Minister of Pensions and National Health was not presently available for consultation.

5. The War Committee, after discussion, agreed:

(a) that the Department of Pensions and National Health be represented on the Food Requirements Committee; and

(b) that the Minister of Finance request the Acting Minister of Pensions and National Health to suspend action on the proposed nutrition campaign, pending its consideration by the Food Requirements Committee.

Government office accommodation in Ottawa

6. The Minister of Public Works, in accordance with the decision of the Cabinet War Committee on November the 11th, 1942, submitted a report on government office accommodation. Copies of the report had been circulated.

Examination had been made of the possibility