

In this connection, a memorandum was submitted indicating that Caron was in reality a resident of Quebec City and that his connection with the locality was not sufficient. Rejection of the appointment would be made under Section 24 of the Civil Service Act.

(Minister's memorandum, Dec.4, 1946 and attached notes.)

2. The Cabinet, after discussion, noted with approval the Minister's intention in this respect.

Bacon contract with the United Kingdom;
revision of prices

3. The Minister of Agriculture, referring to the discussion at the meeting of November 27th, stated that, during the recent Dominion-Provincial agricultural conference, it had been noted that hog production had fallen substantially below the levels of the past few years. Attention had been given to means whereby larger quantities of feed could be obtained.

The head of the U.K. Food Mission had been present at these meetings. He had now received from the U.K. Ministry of Food an enquiry whether the Canadian government would consider increased prices under the bacon contract with a view to obtaining larger quantities to help meet their severe shortage. It had been suggested that a Canadian official might accompany Sir Andrew Jones to London to discuss this proposal with the U.K. Ministry.

It would be proposed that contract prices be revised upward so as to increase the return to the farmer by some \$1.50 per hundred pounds up to the autumn of 1947 and by \$3.50 per hundred pounds later on. This would involve increased pork prices of approximately \$1.75 to \$4.50 over the period.

If the Cabinet agreed to have these proposals discussed, the Secretary-Manager of the Meat Board (Mr. Pearshall) would proceed to London at once. The result of his negotiations there would be reported before any final commitment were made.

4. The Minister of Finance said that the Wartime Prices and Trade Board had considered the effects of such price revisions upon the maintenance of the price ceiling policy.

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