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CONDUITE DES RELATIONS EXTÉRIEURES
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PREMIÈRE PARTIE/PART 1

MODIFICATIONS APPORTÉES À LA CONSTITUTION DU CANADA
AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION OF CANADA

1. DEA/8508-40

Extrait du procès-verbal de la réunion des chefs de direction
Extract from Minutes of Meeting of Heads of Divisions

SECRET

Ottawa, November 14, 1949

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF CANADA

20. *Mr. [K.T.] Burbridge* reported that a resolution approving the Address to the King requesting the latest amendment to the British North America Act, 1867, was adopted by the House of Commons on October 27 and by the Senate on November 9. The formal engrossed Address was signed by the Speakers of both Houses on Thursday morning, November 10. It was immediately presented by them to the Governor General, who on the same day transmitted it by air to the King's Secretary in London. The United Kingdom High Commissioner's Office, the Secretary to the Governor General and the Canadian High Commissioner in London were informed in advance of the text of the Address and of the proposed amendment, with the result that on November 10 the Government and the Department were informed by the Private Secretary to the King (through the Office of the Governor General) and His Majesty was pleased to approve the Petition and that steps were being taken to introduce the necessary legislation in the United Kingdom Parliament.¹

21. The text of the proposed amendment reads:

"1. Section ninety-one of the British North America Act, 1867, is amended by renumbering Class 1 thereof as Class 1A and by inserting therein immediately before that Class the following as Class 1:

"1. The amendment from time to time of the Constitution of Canada, except as regards matters coming within the classes of subjects by this Act assigned exclusively to the Legislatures of the Provinces, or as regards rights or privileges by this or any other constitutional Act granted or secured to the Legislature or the Government of a Province, or to any class of persons with respect to schools or

¹ Ce projet de loi fut sanctionné le 16 décembre 1949.

The legislation received Royal Assent on December 16, 1949.