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Appointment of Financial Comptroller

Office of the Canadian High Commissioner, London

The Civil Service Commission states that on June 1st a report in connection with the appointment of Colonel J.R. Hyde as Comptroller of Finance was forwarded to the Prime Minister for submission to Council if he concurs in the recommendations.

This Report follows the lines suggested after consideration of Mr. Larkin's proposals, and after a discussion with the Civil Service Commission as to various methods of making such an arrangement.

Before an Order-in-Council is drawn up there are several points which might be considered. First; what salary should be prescribed? Second, does the expression "all overseas expenditure" imply right of control over Paris, Geneva and other offices as well as offices in the United Kingdom? Third, What precisely is the measure of control exercised by the High Commissioner over the various Dominion Government offices in England (Immigration, Trade and Commerce, Archives, Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment, etc.)?

Attached is P.C. 330, dated the 10th February, 1922, which authorized the High Commissioner to exercise certain supervision over these Departments. Apparently, however, no definite plan of control has ever been drawn up, and there has been no report, so far as I am aware, from the High Commissioner.

Before appointing a Financial Comptroller it would be highly desirable to have a definite understanding on these points. *Probably a report should be asked for from the High Commissioner.*

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