

Legislation; extension of transitional
measures

7. The Solicitor General, referring to discussion at the meeting of October 20th, submitted a report on behalf of the Committee on Emergency Powers concerning the Orders in Council in the schedule to the Continuation of Transitional Measures Act which it would be necessary to retain beyond the date of the Act's expiry.

Final decisions had not been made in departments with respect to certain Orders but, from information now available, the situation appeared (in summary) as follows:

Finance

It was likely that Orders respecting certain tariff items (coke and well drilling machinery) could be revoked immediately.

Wartime Prices and Trade Board

It would be necessary for the Wartime Leasehold Regulations to be continued beyond March 31st, 1949. This would probably require continuation of the Wartime Prices and Trade Regulations. The latter Regulations would also be required to complete certain outstanding administrative matters.

The Board and the Minister had under consideration the extent to which it might be necessary to ask for continuation of the group of Orders now remaining under the Board's administration.

Fisheries

The Pelagic Sealing Regulations would be revoked immediately.

Justice

Certain Orders respecting legal proceedings would be required as long as other emergency Orders remained in force.

Labour

The Order dealing with relocation of persons of Japanese race had been revoked. The Order providing for financial assistance to voluntary repatriates to Japan and for liquidation and transfer of their assets was under consideration by the Custodian of Enemy Property.

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