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TO HIS EXCELLENCY



Victor Christian William, Duke of Devonshire, Marquis
of Hartington, Earl of Devonshire, Earl of Burlington,
Baron Cavendish of Hardwicke, Baron Cavendish
of Keighley, K. G., P. C., G. C. M. G., G. C. V. O.,
etc., etc.

GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA

Report of a Committee of the Privy Council ON
MATTERS OF STATE.

PRESENT:

The RIGHT HONOURABLE

SIR GEORGE E. FOSTER

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May it please Your Excellency.

Report of Gold

See P.C. 1490, 30th June 1920
Amended by P.C. 1541, 6th July 1920.

To H. W. Powell	Dec. 22,	1919.
To Justice,	" "	" " " "
In Dep. Trade Commux	" "	" " " "
To War Purchasing Com.	" "	" " " "
To Finance	" "	" " " "
To J. G. W. M. Police,	Dec. 22,	1919.
R.A. Brindle	" "	" " " "
To Customs	" "	" " " "
To Hon. A.T. Maclean	" "	" " " "
To Prime Minister	" "	" " " "
To Secretary of State	" "	" " " "

A. D. W. Police Dec. 22, 1919.

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termination of the war. The members of the Committee stated in their report that "In our opinion the true construction of the section is that the regulations so issued can operate only during the continuance of the war. The purpose expressed is for securing the public safety and the defence of the realm, which we think mean the public safety so far as threatened by our enemies in the present war and the defence of the realm against those enemies. The powers are given by reason of the national emergency and vest the Executive with an authority so wide that we think it must have been intended only to exist during the existence of the emergency."

The provisions of the Defence of the Realm (Con.)

Act, 1914, of the United Kingdom, and of the War Measures Act, 1914, of Canada, vary considerably, but so far as affects the question under consideration they were enacted for the same purpose, and the consideration upon which the opinion of the Committee proceeds are very pertinent to the question as to the operation of the Canadian Orders and Regulations.

It must be realized that although no proclamation has yet been issued declaring that the war no longer exists actual war conditions have in fact long ago ceased to exist, and consequently existence of war can no longer be urged as a reason in fact for maintaining these extraordinary regulations as necessary or advisable for the security, defence, peace, order, and welfare of Canada.

The armistice which concluded hostilities became effective on 11th November, 1918, the Expeditionary Force has since been withdrawn and demobilized and the country generally is devoting its energies to re-establishment in the ordinary avocations of peace.

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In these circumstances the Minister considers that the time has arrived when the emergency Government legislation should cease to operate.

THEREFORE His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the recommendation of the Minister of Justice is pleased to repeal all Orders and Regulations of the Governor-in-Council which depend for their sanction upon Section 6 of the War Measures Act, 1914, and the same are hereby repealed as from the First day of January, 1920, with the exception of the Orders and Regulations enumerated and included in the annexed schedule, which latter Orders and Regulations shall continue in force until the last day of the next Session of Parliament,

Genl. Foster

Approved

Dominion

20. 12. '19.