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TO HIS EXCELLENCY



Major-General the Right Honourable the Earl of Athlone, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Grand Master of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, one of His Majesty's Personal Aides-de-Camp.

GOVERNOR GENERAL AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF
OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA

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

PRESENT

The RIGHT HONOURABLE

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APPROVED.
10 MAY 1943

May it please Your Excellency



*The Proceedings of a Meeting of the Committee
of the Privy Council held on the **tenth** day of
May, 194 , contained in this Report, comprising
items numbered:*

P.C. 2326	P.C. 3830	P.C. 3862
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are submitted for Your Excellency's approval.

Approved
[Signature]

DEPUTY GOVERNOR GENERAL

MAY 10 1943

*See OC 5864 - 24-7-43
 Amended by OC 9793 - 24-12-43
 Revoked by P.M. 6495 - 18-8-44*

AT THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE AT OTTAWA

MONDAY, the 10th day of MAY, 1943.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL:

WHEREAS the Minister of Labour, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State for External Affairs and the Minister of National Defence, reports that it is expedient that provision be made to utilize as fully as possible, consistent with necessary provision for security, the services of prisoners of war in agricultural and other labour; and

THAT the Director of National Selective Service reports there is a considerable number of prisoners of war whose services could be so employed under arrangements which would provide for the transfer of selected prisoners of war who volunteer for employment from internment camps to labour projects in various parts of Canada and which will involve the use of labour camp facilities now available and the possible establishment of further labour camps for the accommodation of such prisoners of war while so employed, as well as provision for security while so employed.

NOW, THEREFORE, His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the recommendation of the Minister of Labour, concurred in by the Secretary of State for External Affairs and the Minister of National Defence, and under the authority of the War Measures Act, is pleased to make and doth hereby make the following order,-

- ORDER -

1. In this Order 'prisoner of war' includes members, who are interned in Canada, of the Armed Forces or Mercantile Marine of any Powers at war with Canada, and civilian internees as defined in P.C. 36/500 of January 20, 1943.

2. The Minister of Labour is hereby authorized to make necessary arrangements for the use of the services of prisoners of war in essential employment in Canada and for this purpose is further authorized to establish labour camps for the accommodation of labour

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detachments which shall be attached to internment camps and to make the necessary arrangements with the Minister of National Defence for the selection of prisoners of war who agree to undertake labour in such labour detachments and to transfer them to such labour detachments.

3. The Minister of Labour is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with any person or with the Government of any Province or to make necessary arrangements with any other Department of the Government of Canada for the employment of the services of prisoners of war so transferred upon such labour projects and upon such terms as the Minister of Labour deems advisable.

4. The Department of Labour shall be responsible for the employment, security and welfare of prisoners of war so transferred to labour camps and for the establishment, maintenance, administration and provision of supplies for such labour camps as the Minister of Labour may consider necessary in the employment of such prisoners of war.

5. The Minister of Labour is hereby authorized to make, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, for External Affairs and the Minister of National Defence, such regulations and issue such orders and directions as he may deem necessary or advisable for the proper carrying out of the duties and functions hereby assigned to the Department of Labour and for the accounting of amounts payable to the Crown in respect of the use of the services of prisoners of war on labour projects under the provisions of this Order and in respect of matters of pay for prisoners of war for such employment.

6. The Minister of Labour may employ the necessary officers and employees for the organization and operation of camps established under the provisions of this Order and may with the approval of the Governor in Council fix their remuneration.

7. (i) Each labour camp should be regarded as an annex to a main Prisoner of War Camp, but from the time Prisoners of War are delivered to such annex until their return to the main camp the responsibility for security shall devolve upon the Minister of Labour.
- (ii) To assist the Minister of Labour in determining the security measures necessary, the Minister of National Defence will make available to the Minister of Labour the services of Officers of the Department of National Defence for consultation and advice.
- (iii) To assist the Minister of Labour in the conduct of the camp and the maintenance of discipline, and in the arrest and escort of Prisoners of War, the Minister of National Defence will make available, to be stationed at such annex Army personnel to a maximum (in view of the

heavy commitments for main camps) of 6 per 100 Prisoners of War.

8. The Department of National Defence shall continue to be responsible for the discipline of prisoners of war engaged in agriculture and other labour under this Order, and shall be consulted from time to time by the Department of Labour in order to ensure, in so far as may be practicable, uniformity of practice in security, welfare and like matters.

9. The Department of External Affairs shall be consulted, from time to time, by the Department of Labour, in order to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Prisoners of War Convention (concluded at Geneva, July 27, 1929).

10. All expenses and costs incurred by the Minister of Labour or any Department or agency of Canada in connection with the employment, care, maintenance and security of such prisoners of war shall be paid out of monies appropriated by Parliament to carry out measures deemed necessary in consequence of the existence of a state of war and immediate initial appropriation of \$25,000 is hereby made and placed at the disposal of the Minister of Labour for such purposes.

W. Maclean

Approved
H. T. Duff

DEPUTY GOVERNOR GENERAL

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