

CHAPTER XXVII.—DEFENCE OF CANADA

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PART I.—THE ARMED SERVICES AND DEFENCE RESEARCH*

Section 1.—The Department of National Defence

The Minister of National Defence exercises control over and management of the Canadian Armed Forces, the Defence Research Board and other matters relating to National Defence. Under his direction the Services are commanded by their respective Chiefs of Staff and the Defence Research Board by its Chairman. A Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee, appointed in 1951, is responsible for the co-ordination of the training and operation of the Canadian Forces.

The civilian administrative organization, headed by the Deputy Minister, is constituted on a functional basis. The Deputy Minister maintains a continuing review and control over the financial aspects of operational policy, logistics and personnel and administration.

To achieve a common approach to problems, a number of committees within the Department meet at regular intervals to consider and advise on joint issues:—

- (1) **Defence Council.**—Composed of the Minister of National Defence (Chairman), the Parliamentary Assistants to the Minister, the Deputy Minister, the three Chiefs of Staff and the Chairman of the Defence Research Board, the purpose of the Defence Council is to advise the Minister on administrative matters.
- (2) **Chiefs of Staff Committee.**—This Committee is composed of the Chairman of Chiefs of Staff, the three Chiefs of Staff of the Services, and the Chairman of the Defence Research Board; its meetings are attended also by the Deputy Minister, the Secretary to the Cabinet and the Under Secretary

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