

CHAPTER XXVI.—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 three Chiefs of Staff are responsible for the control and administration of their respective Services and the Chairman of the Defence Research Board is responsible for research and development in defence matters. The Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee, appointed in 1951, is responsible to the Minister for ensuring that all matters of joint defence and defence policy, in its widest sense, are carefully examined and co-ordinated before decisions are made.

The civilian administration of the Department is organized under the Deputy Minister and 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. The Deputy Minister is assisted by an Associate Deputy Minister and four Assistant Deputy Ministers each of whom administers a division of the Deputy Minister's branch responsible for matters of: administration and personnel; construction, engineering and properties; finance; and supply. Also responsible to the Deputy Minister are: the Controller General of Inspection Services, the Judge Advocate General, the Chief Secretary and, where staff matters are concerned, the Director of Public Relations.

A number of committees meet at regular intervals to consider and advise on joint issues. These include:—

- (1) **Defence Council.**—Composed of the Minister of National Defence (Chairman), the Deputy Minister, the Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee, the three Chiefs of Staff, the Chairman of the Defence Research Board and the Associate Deputy Minister; its purpose is to advise the Minister on administrative and other matters.
- (2) **Chiefs of Staff Committee.**—Composed of the Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff, the three Chiefs of Staff and the Chairman of the Defence Research Board. The Deputy Minister of National Defence attends regularly and the Secretary to the Cabinet and the Under Secretary of State for External Affairs attend when required. The purpose of the Committee is to maintain a continuous review of all operational problems; sub-committees consider various aspects of these problems and report to the parent committee.

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