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10. The Cabinet agreed,-

(a) that invitations be extended to the provinces to have their representatives attend the inaugural meeting of the Provisional National Committee on the Centennial in Ottawa on February 8th, 1960;

(b) that it would be inadvisable for the Federal Government to circulate a checklist of suggestions on the content of the centennial celebrations but that at the outset proposals should be invited from the delegations; the draft agenda to be amended accordingly; and,

(c) that it would be desirable for the inaugural meeting to be held in public at the start when opening statements were made and thereafter the meeting would decide whether or not it would meet in camera.

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11. The Prime Minister said there had been a leak to the press on the matter of a replacement aircraft for the CF-100. This problem was being actively studied at the official level and in December it had been on the Cabinet agenda but not discussed. The press story would undoubtedly give rise to questions which would be embarrassing.

12. During the discussion the form of a possible answer was discussed briefly. There had been several stories over the past few weeks and months. It would be desirable for the government to reach a decision on the matter soon.

13. The Cabinet agreed to consider next week the question of a replacement aircraft for the CF-100 for R.C.A.F. air defence operations in Canada.

Appointment; Auditor General
(Previous reference Jan.25)

14. The Cabinet approved the appointment of Mr. Andrew Maxwell Henderson as Auditor General of Canada, effective March 1st, 1960.

(An order in council was passed accordingly; P.C. 1960-114, Jan. 29.)

United Nations; Presidency

15. The Cabinet agreed that Canada should support the representative of Ireland at the United Nations, Mr. Boland, for the Presidency of that organization.

R.B. Bryce,
Secretary to the Cabinet.