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defence. Canada's particular geographical situation especially fits her to make a tremendous material and technical contribution to the joint effort.

Furthermore, the Defence Purchasing Board was concerned only with purchases to meet Canadian defence requirements. Now that purchases on a large scale by the British Government, and probably by other governments associated with Great Britain in the struggle, are likely to be made in Canada, it is advisable that there should be an authority with power to co-ordinate the purchases of the Canadian Government with those made for other governments, ^{stop} if that should be desired by the governments concerned. The government intend, therefore, to set up an agency with wider and more flexible powers than ^{was} they felt justified, in peace time, in giving to the Defence Purchasing Board.

It will be evident to the House that there would be substantial advantage in setting up an agency, the scope of whose activities is so broad as to afford the fullest facilities either to insure the procuring of munitions and supplies for the Canadian and other allied Governments, through one agency, or to provide for co-ordination with any agency representing other governments. This is highly desirable, not only to

And this joint effort raises another problem, namely the distribution of available materials as between us and our allies.

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to act not only as agents for other governments if they should desire it, and in any case the powers of the Defence Purchasing Board are

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