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In accordance with the opinion of the government that, at this time of gravest crisis, the administration, subject only to its responsibility to Parliament, should possess complete freedom with respect to the method of raising men for military service, irrespective of any previous commitments, legislative provision was made to seek from the people, by means of a plebiscite, release from any obligation arising out of any past commitments restricting the methods of raising men for military service.

The plebiscite was duly held and by a decisive vote the people indicated that the government should be accorded complete freedom to act in accordance with its judgment of the needs of the situation as they might arise.

As a logical consequence of the plebiscite, the National Resources Mobilization Act of 1940 was amended in order to give to the administration complete freedom of action with respect to the methods of raising men for military service.

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The policy of national selective service has been extended to effect the orderly and efficient mobilization of the men and women of Canada for the varied purposes of war. Drastic measures have also been taken as required to <sup>ensure</sup> effect as complete <sup>as possible</sup> ~~a~~ mobilization of the material resources of the country in direct furtherance of a total national effort.

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