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in case of war was envisaged by the Minister of Finance when the Defence Purchasing Act was under discussion in the House. Mr. Dunning said: (Hansard, March 29, 1939, p. 2591) "And of course if - God forbid - war

should come and we have to consider the results of war inflation of one kind and another, outside of this measure altogether we shall have to evolve schemes for profit control which will apply not only on purchases by the Department of National Defence. I think

there is no doubt we would come to that." (H-)

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~~But~~ The Government are faced at the ~~same~~ ^{this} time with the necessity of providing speedier and more comprehensive machinery for coping with the problem of defence requirements in war time. This problem is no longer confined to the purchase of armaments and munitions on a comparatively limited scale. Under war conditions, the problem is broadened to include the whole question of the supply of materials of all kinds, directly or indirectly necessary for the prosecution of the struggle. The Defence Purchasing Act is not broad enough in its terms, and the Board has not sufficient powers to deal with the whole problem.