

Having regard to the enlistment requirements to maintain necessary reinforcements for the existing military establishment, our surplus of man-power at the end of the next year would be reduced to less than 260,000.

The requirements of war industry have been estimated only up to the end of December, 1942, and these are expanding, if not as rapidly as the requirements of the armed forces, at least at a very rapid rate.

Competent authorities in the field of man-power statistics estimate that Canada's man-power reserve is fast approaching the point of exhaustion and that the maintenance of our war effort in the future depends upon our ability to divert individuals from less important to more important tasks. This includes, of course, the utilization of large numbers of women in industrial and commercial tasks, even to some extent in semi-military activities which would ordinarily be carried on by men.