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~~The Defence Purchasing Board was confined to purchasing. The Government are now faced with the necessity of setting up an authority which will have power to organize the resources of the nation, affecting the provision of munitions and supplies for the prosecution of the war.~~ ²⁴ This involves the investigation of sources of supply of many commodities: not only those produced in Canada, but those which must be obtained abroad - also the working out of measures to conserve essential supplies here, which otherwise might be exported, and the ascertaining of capacities and capabilities of plants and businesses for producing or supplying essential needs. Equally important is the endeavour which must be made to ascertain and forecast not only present but prospective needs, and to take steps to see that supplies will be conserved or obtained to fill these needs from time to time. The experience of the last war revealed clearly that staying-power, the effective use of economic resources, was the decisive factor.

~~Profiting from this experience, the Government are determined, as far as they are able, to organize Canada's war effort by proper co-ordination on the economic side.~~ It is but a commonplace to say that in modern war, economic defence is as vital as military

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