

For many years the militia have been required to march in their own boots. This year an issue of boots was provided, a substantial portion of the issue being made to the men before they went into camp.

Modern weapons for the militia are now in process of being manufactured.

The most essential weapons for the infantry - machine guns - are being produced in Canada for the first time in history. 7,000 Bren guns, the last word in modern light machine guns, just recently adopted by the British Army, are being made in the famous old war-time munitions plant of the John Inglis Company in Toronto. Production of parts has now begun and the first delivery of completed weapons is scheduled for early 1940. The rate of progress in developing this new manufacturing art in Canada has been more rapid than in either Britain or Australia, where they are also being produced.

Gas masks, never before made in Canada, are now being turned out by the thousands through co-operation between the Dominion Arsenal and private industry.

A beginning has been made in the manufacture of powerful modern searchlights for anti-aircraft defence. This is also a new process never before attempted by Canadian industry.

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