

of the order, however, make it clear that the measures of compulsion do not apply to a person who, while in Canada, has been called up for service under the law of a foreign power and who has failed to comply with such call or to be enrolled in its service.

5. *CHANGE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL WAR SERVICES, STATEMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER, JUNE 11, 1941.*

Mr. Speaker, I intimated some few days ago that before parliament adjourned I would have an announcement to make with respect to one or more changes in, or additions to, the ministry. I wish to state that the Hon. Mr. Gardiner has resigned as Minister of National War Services, in order that he may give his time exclusively to the work of the Department of Agriculture, of which for some years past he has also been the head.

This morning His Excellency the Governor General has approved of the appointment of Mr. Joseph T. Thorson as a member of His Majesty's Privy Council for Canada and as Minister of National War Services. Mr. Thorson will be sworn into office some time this morning. I need not remind the house that not in point of years but in time of service, the hon. member for Selkirk is one of the oldest members of the House of Commons, having been returned to parliament first in 1926, and again at the elections of 1935 and 1940. Hon. members, I believe, are also aware that in the last war Mr. Thorson served with the British expeditionary force overseas. He was in France for some time, and distinguished himself in service in that country.

The Department of National War Services Act, 1940, provides that the minister may, with the consent of the Governor in Council, coordinate the existing public information services of the government, and originate or employ other means in order that the same may be used in the most efficient way for the obtaining of the utmost aid from the people of Canada in the national emergency which has arisen.

An order in council has been passed under the act I have just mentioned, setting forth that it is expedient to provide for more effective coordination of radio broadcasting, film activities, and the promotion of tourist business in Canada, with other public information services of the government. Therefore, with the concurrence of the Minister of Munitions and Supply (Mr. Howe), the Minister of Trade and Commerce (Mr. MacKinnon), and the Minister of Transport (Mr. Cardin),