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policy to be adopted by Canada."

A similar inquiry was made as to the nature and extent of British and allied requirements as regards supplies.

On September 6th, the Prime Minister of Britain after expressing his appreciation of Canada's attitude said:

"We realize that.....the immediate task of the Canadian Government will be the defence of Canada."

The offer of assistance in the Western Atlantic region was warmly welcomed especially participation in protection of Newfoundland "in view of the importance of the Bell Island ore mines."

After stating that an appreciation of the probable theatre of war and the character of the main British and allied operations would be sent later, this communication then said that "so far as immediate steps are concerned, provision of naval vessels and