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A balanced effort in the prosecution of the war has resulted in a steady increase in the proportion of the nation's ~~resources~~ ^{manpower and material} devoted to the purposes of war. ~~Canadian weapons and supplies have added in growing volume to the strength of the United Nations.~~

The policy of national selective service has been extended to effect the orderly and efficient mobilization of the men and women of Canada for the varied purposes of war. Drastic measures have also been taken, as required, to ensure as complete use as possible of the material resources of the country in direct furtherance of a total national effort.

The conclusion of agreements with the provinces has facilitated ^{an} ~~the~~ orderly and equitable mobilization of the financial resources of the country, ~~to the utmost limit of the capacity.~~ *add a Victory Loan*

The armed forces have grown steadily in numbers, in strength and in trained efficiency. The production of the machines and munitions of war and of foodstuffs has risen to new heights. In addition to our own forces, Canada has made a vast direct material contribution of ^{weapons,} munitions and foodstuffs to Britain and other of the United Nations. *add re farmers, workers (war effort)*

Provision has been made for war risk insurance and for compensation for war damage. Measures have been enacted to provide for the re-instatement in civil employment of members of the armed forces, and to assist war veterans to settle upon the land.

The control of the cost of living has been rigorously maintained and strengthened ^{where} ~~where~~ required, a more equitable distribution of the necessities of life has been ensured by the rationing of supplies to consumers. ^{the} Measures have been taken to curtail ^{the} production and ~~the~~ consumption of alcoholic beverages.

The basic rate of pay in the Army has been increased to a level comparable to the basic rate in the Navy & the Air Force. Increased provisions have been made for allowances to dependents of those serving in the armed forces.