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OMINOUS RECORD OF AGGRESSION AND APPEAL TO FORCE, 1935-1939  
AND CANADIAN GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO PRESERVE PEACE AND TO  
PREPARE FOR FAILURE OF PEACE (SINCE OCT. 1935)

World conditions  
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	<u>World</u>	<u>Canada</u>
<u>1935</u>	- War in Abyssinia - Invasion of Ethiopia  Imposition of sanctions against Italy.	Lack of defence pre- parations in Canada.  Faith in League--sanction of expenditures, es- pecially air.
<u>1936</u>	- Rhineland remilitarized (March 1936)  Outbreak of Spanish War (July 1936)	Restoration of defences to pre-depression level undertaken.
<u>1937</u>	- Revival of Japanese intervention in China (July 1937)  Spanish war threatened to embroil all Europe.	Greatly increased defence estimates.
<u>1938</u>	- Seizure of Austria by Hitler (March 1938)  <u>Sudeten Crisis</u> Campaign for annexation of Sudetenland culminated in Munich Pact (Sept. 1938) followed by fleeting hope of peace.	1937 defence level raised; priority to coastal defences.
<u>1939</u>	- Seizure of Bohemia and Moravia (March 1939) by Germany. Seizure of Memel - March 1939. Seizure of Albania - by Italy - April. Invasion of Poland - September 1. Wars on all sides - a record of combined and continuous aggression. May well ask to what source they owe their inspiration. Upon what secret understanding they may be based.	Greatly increased Canadian defence estimates, 1939