

Defence would be, hereafter, three departments, each presided over by a separate minister of the Crown, all however, co-operating in closest relationship with each other. These are the Department of National Defence, Department of National Defence for Air and Department of National Defence for Naval Services.

As to the Department of National War Services, it was instituted for more than the co-ordination of voluntary war organizations and services the Prime Minister intimated. It would be entrusted with the duty of mobilizing and guiding the activities of thousands of citizens who were seeking practical outlets for their enthusiasm and patriotism. The Minister in charge would be expected to establish a nationwide organization for voluntary service immediately. In addition the Department would undertake problems dealing with refugees, evacuated children, interned aliens and enemy prisoners.

The direction and supervision of the national registration would also be among the undertakings of the Department, and in addition the co-ordination of existing government information and publicity services connected with the war. "Generally speaking," said the Prime Minister in summarizing the work before it, "the Department will have the function of helping Canadians to help Canada in the effective prosecution of the national effort."