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effect that "in the event of the United Kingdom becoming engaged in war to resist aggression, the Government of Canada have decided unanimously, as soon as Parliament meets, to seek its authority for effective co-operation by Canada at the side of Britain." At the same time, measures for the defence of Canada were taken in view of the existence of a state of apprehended war.

The Prime Minister of Britain, on September 2nd, expressed his "deepest appreciation" of the Canadian government's statement.

A state of war having been declared by Great Britain on September 3rd, the Prime Minister of Canada informed the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, on that same day, that the Canadian government will recommend further action in addition to the defence of Canada. Suggestions were made by the Canadian government that it might help in the defence of the West Atlantic Region, particularly in Newfoundland and the West Indies. The Canadian government also asked for advice as to "the probable theatre and character of British and allied military operations, in order that we may consider the