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The third point he wished to deal with was in paragraph 7, from the last sentence of which it would be seen that His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom commended the principle that their relations in this matter should be with the Government of a Dominion and not with individual firms. He had however received an intimation from the Canadian authorities that for internal reasons they would prefer that orders should be placed direct with private firms.

Continuing he said that the Dominions, India and the United Kingdom had their own requirements. It seemed to him that it might be useful for the United Kingdom to place orders in the Dominions or India to facilitate production in those countries along the lines of their own requirements, thus helping to fulfil their own needs and at the same time to assist in meeting the needs of the United Kingdom. In reply to a question by Mr. Nash he explained that it was the intention to confine this morning's deliberations to the question of supply of armaments and munitions and to deal with raw materials and food at a later meeting.

THE COMMITTEE agreed to confine their discussions at this morning's meeting to the supply of armaments and munitions.

MR. MACKENZIE said that the importance of an assured and continuous supply of armaments and munitions was well appreciated in Canada. Indeed, in Ottawa, the problem had been given careful attention this last year. Canada was now increasing the equipment and ammunition required for training purposes, and commencing to build up modest reserves.

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